



9TH ANNUAL INTEGRATIVE HEALTH SYMPOSIUM

**Brain-Gut Axis: Aligning the Mind, Body
and Spirit Towards Health and Wellness**

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

9am – 5:15pm Hybrid Symposium

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Course Overview

The Brain-Gut Axis plays a vital role in overall health, affecting everything from our physical and mental health to emotional balance and well-being. This unique conference brings together leading experts in the fields of neuroscience, nutrition, microbiome, mental health and integrative medicine to explore the intricate relationship between the brain, gut and overall wellness. Whether you're a pediatric healthcare professional, therapist, nutritionist, or someone on a personal wellness journey, this conference will provide you with an in-depth understanding of the brain-gut connection and empower you with practical tools to cultivate greater health and vitality for you and your patients.

Course Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Describe the bidirectional communication between the brain and gut, including the role of the microbiome, vagus nerve and immune system
- Assess how conditions like anxiety, depression and digestive disorders are linked to brain-gut axis disruptions
- Examine integrative approaches for restoring brain-gut axis balance, including nutritional psychiatry, vagal nerve stimulation and gut-directed hypnotherapy
- Discuss the role of sleep, mindfulness and herbal medicine in promoting brain-gut health

General Information

The conference will be virtual with the option to watch the conference at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and meet the Integrative Health team. The registration fees, which include syllabus material and handouts, are as noted regardless of in-person or virtual attendance. If you sign up for in-person and wish to attend virtually, you **MUST** notify us by October 1, 2025.

MDs: \$175

RDs, RNs, NPs, fellows, residents and other allied health care professionals: \$125

Students: \$25

Optional Post-Conference Session

Reiki-Level 1 Training: In-person training will be offered on Thursday, October 16th, 2025, at the Roberts Building at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Space is limited.

Fee — \$200

Accreditation



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INTERPROFESSIONAL CONTINUING EDUCATION

In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

Designation of Credit

Physicians: Children's Hospital of Philadelphia designates this live activity for a maximum of 7.25 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Nurses: This program provides 7.25 ANCC contact hours.



If the activity is dietetics related but not targeted to RDs or DTRs, CPEUs may be claimed which are commensurate with participation in contact hours (1 hour/60 minutes = 1 CPEU).

RDs and DTRs are to select activity type 102 in their Activity Logs. Performance Indicator selection is at the learner's discretion.

RD/DTR: This activity awards 7.25 CPEUs.

American Psychological Association Statement



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Continuing Education (CE) credits for psychologists are provided through the co-sponsorship of the American Psychological Association (APA) Office of Continuing Education in Psychology (CEP). The APA CEP Office maintains responsibility for the content of the programs.

Psychologists: This activity provides 6.25 APA CE credit.

Joint Accreditation IPCE Credit Statement



IPCE CREDIT™

This activity was planned by and for the healthcare team, and learners will receive 7.25 Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) credit for learning and change.

Maintenance of Certification Statement

Successful completion of this CME activity, which includes participation in the activity, with individual assessments of the participant and feedback to the participant, enables the participant to earn 7.25 MOC points in the American Board of Pediatrics' (ABP) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. It is the CME activity provider's responsibility to submit participant completion information to ACCME for the purpose of granting ABP MOC credit. Completion of this RD/DTR profession-specific or IPCE activity awards CPEUs (1 IPCE credits = 1 CPEU).

Social Work Accreditation Statement

CHOP is a pre-approved provider of continuing education credits for Pennsylvania Licensed Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Professional Counselors. Participants licensed in Pennsylvania who attend the full workshop and complete the required evaluation are eligible for 7.0 Continuing Education Credits. Participants licensed in other states should check with local licensing boards to determine continuing education approval.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia reserves the right to cancel or postpone any course due to any unforeseen circumstances. In the event of cancellation or postponement, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia will refund any registration fees, less a \$40 service charge, but is not responsible for any related costs, charges, or expenses to participants, including cancellation charges assessed by airlines or travel agencies. To process refunds for course withdrawals, cancellation must be received in writing by October 1, 2025. No refunds will be issued thereafter.

Services for People with Disabilities

If special arrangements are required for an individual with a disability to attend this meeting, please contact the Continuing Medical Education Department at 215-590-5263.



PROGRAM

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9:00 a.m.	Welcome and Introduction
9:05 a.m.	Understanding the Brain-Gut Axis in Mood and Pain <i>Kara G. Margolis, MD</i>
9:45 a.m.	Leaky Gut: Navigating the Flood <i>Marcy Kingsbury, PhD</i>
10:20 a.m.	Unraveling the Brain- Gut-Immune System Axis: Current Insights and Future Outlook <i>Stanislaw Gabryszewski, MD, PhD</i>
10:55 a.m.	Break
11:10 a.m.	The Role of Yoga Therapy in the Management of Disorders of the Brain- Gut Interaction <i>Ina Stephens MD, e-RYT, C-IAYT</i>
11:45 a.m.	Impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences on the Brain-Gut Axis <i>Miranda van Tilburg, PhD</i>
12:20 p.m.	The Pillars of Nutritional Psychiatry <i>Uma Naidoo, MD</i>
12:55 p.m.	Lunch
1:25 p.m.	Culinary Medicine Demonstration: Cooking to Optimize Nutrient Content and Bioavailability <i>Amy Dean, MS, RD, LDN; Gabe Longo, MS, RD, LDN; Paige Mountain, MS, SLP-CCC, Chef</i>
2:25 p.m.	Gut Hypnotherapy with Children: And Won't THAT Feel Good! <i>Lisa Lombard, PhD</i>
3:05 p.m.	Break Out Sessions: <i>Please select only one.</i> 1. Vagal Nerve Stimulation: Bridging Ancient Practices and a New Frontier <i>Benjamin Sahn, MD, MS; Tonia D. Kulp, MS, C-IAYT, EOLD and Micah Bedrosian, RN, BSN, HNB-BC</i> 2. Gut Feelings: How Infant Sleep and Circadian Rhythms Shape Gut Microbiome Development <i>Megan Petrov, PhD and Corrie M. Whisner, PhD</i>

- 4:05 p.m. **Role of Herbs in the Management of Patients with Disorders of the Brain-Gut Axis**
Lise Alschuler, ND
- 4:35 p.m. **Wrapping it up: The Integrative Approach to Disorders of the Brain-Gut Interaction**
Ashish Chogle, MD, MPH
- 5:05 p.m. **Closing Remarks**
Maria R. Mascarenhas, MBBS



Unless otherwise noted, faculty is from the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and/or the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

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