



9th Annual IBD and VEO-IBD Symposium: Advancing Precision Medicine in Pediatric Inflammatory Bowel Disease

Friday, April 17, 2026

**The Auditorium at the HUB
for Clinical Collaboration**

Course Overview

During this one-day live course hosted both in-person and virtually, experts from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, the Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition; Center for Pediatric Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD); and Very Early Onset (VEO) IBD Program will present:

- The latest developments and discoveries in research and clinical care for patients with pediatric IBD and VEO-IBD
- An in-depth look at today's cutting-edge diagnostic tools and therapeutics
- Interactive panel discussions and case presentations

This professional development activity is designed for pediatric gastroenterologists, general pediatricians, researchers, fellows, residents, advanced practice providers, nurses and other healthcare professionals.

Registration Information

There is a registration fee, which includes continental breakfast, lunch, parking and syllabus materials.

Physician In-person: \$150 (includes continental breakfast, lunch, parking and syllabus materials)

Nurse, trainee and other healthcare profession In-person: \$100 (includes continental breakfast, lunch, parking and syllabus material)

Physician Virtual: \$100 (includes syllabus materials)

Nurse, trainee and other healthcare profession Virtual: \$75 (includes syllabus materials)

Course Objectives

- Understand the indication for immunologic and genetic testing in patients with VEO-IBD based on patient history, clinical, endoscopic, histologic and biomarker criteria
- Develop individualized, evidence-based treatment plans incorporating the latest pharmacologic and nutritional therapies for pediatric IBD
- Evaluate recent advances in pediatric IBD research, including microbiome studies, precision medicine and novel therapeutic targets, and how to apply

Joint Accreditation Statement

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 5.5 *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 5.5 ANCC contact hours.

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. In order to process refunds for course withdrawals, cancellation must be received in writing by April 10, 2026. 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 Education Department at 215-590-5263.

Hotel Accommodations

Welcome to Philadelphia, a vibrant city bursting with history, culture and endless attractions! During your stay here, be sure to explore iconic landmarks such as Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell and the Philadelphia Art Museum, famous for its "Rocky Steps." To plan your trip and find suitable accommodations, visit the website visitphilly.com/hotels, where you'll discover inspiration and hotel suggestions tailored to your preferences. The conference location is conveniently situated in University City, which can be easily accessed via various transportation options. Whether you prefer a rideshare service like Uber or Lyft, the SEPTA bus network, or a traditional taxi, you'll have no trouble getting to the conference venue on CHOP's campus. Get ready for an unforgettable experience in the City of Brotherly Love!

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PROGRAM

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8:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
Robert N. Baldassano, MD

8:35 a.m. Keynote - Inflammatory Bowel Disease in Chronic Granulomatous Disease:
Bridging Microbial Dysbiosis and Immune Dysregulation
Jennifer Leiding, MD

Innovations and Challenges in VEO-IBD
Moderated by Brooke E. Boyer, MD

9:10 a.m. Precision Medicine in VEO-IBD: Decoding Genetic Etiologies
Judith R. Kelsen, MD

9:35 a.m. Epigenetics of Barrier Dysfunction in IBD
Kathleen E. Sullivan, MD, PhD

10:00 a.m. VEO-IBD Case Discussion
Alyssa Baccarella, MD, MS; Brooke E. Boyer, MD; Máire A. Conrad, MD, MS; Catherine Hartman, MSN, CPNP-AC; Judith R. Kelsen, MD; Kathleen E. Sullivan, MD, PhD; and Laura White, MMS, PA-C

10:40 a.m. Break

Clinical Collaborations for the IBD-ologist
Moderated by Máire A. Conrad, MD, MS

11:00 a.m. Hematology Problems in IBD Beyond Anemia
Michele P. Lambert, MD, MSTR

11:25 a.m. Cellular Therapy in VEO-IBD
Susan E. McClory, MD, PhD

11:50 a.m. Lunch

Advances in Translational Science
Moderated by Alyssa Baccarella, MD, MS

12:50 p.m. Translational Approaches to Understanding the Biology of Pediatric
Activated T-Cell Acute Liver Failure
Tamir Diamond, MD

1:15 p.m. Molecular Medicine for the Modern Practitioner
Edward M. Behrens, MD

IBD in 2026

Moderated by Elana B. Mitchel, MD, MSCE

1:40 p.m. **Acute Severe Ulcerative Colitis in 2026**
Trusha Patel, MD

2:05 p.m. **Gut Feelings and Rash Decisions: IBD Markers in the Skin**
James R. Treat, MD

2:30 p.m. **Crohn's and Colitis Chronicles: An IBD Case Series**
Lindsey G. Albenberg, DO; Hugo Gagnon, MD, FRCPC; Andrew B. Grossman, MD; Judith R. Kelsen, MD; Elana B. Mitchel, MD, MSCE; Trusha Patel, MD; Ronen Stein, MD; and James R. Treat, MD

3:15 p.m. **Closing Remarks**
Judith R. Kelsen, MD

3:30 p.m. **Adjourn**



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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