

Current Concepts in Advanced Practice

Thursday, Dec. 4 and Friday, Dec. 5, 2025

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Course Overview

Celebrate five years of innovation, leadership, and impact at CHOP's nationally recognized Current Concepts in Advanced Practice Conference. This dynamic, fully virtual symposium is designed for providers across all specialties and career stages, with interactive sessions that energize, educate, and inspire.

With four tailored tracks — Acute Care, Ambulatory & Primary Care, Managing APPs and Informatics — attendees can customize their experience based on their clinical focus and professional goals. Each track offers concurrent sessions featuring expert-led presentations, case-based discussions, practical takeaways and networking opportunities. Whether you're seeking to deepen clinical expertise, explore data-driven care, or enhance leadership skills, the program provides valuable insights and strategies for every stage of advanced practice. Attendees can earn more than 50 continuing education hours, including pharmacology hours.

The conference is targeted to advanced practice providers, physician colleagues, nurses and students in all practice areas throughout the spectrum of advanced practice and pediatric healthcare.

Keynote/General Sessions Speakers

Bimal Desai, MD, MBI, FAAP, FAMIA

Dr. Bimal Desai is Vice President and Chief Health Informatics Officer at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Paul Offit, MD

Dr. Paul Offit is Director of the Vaccine Education Center and professor of pediatrics in the Division of Infectious Diseases at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. He is the Maurice R. Hilleman Professor of Vaccinology at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

Rebecca Ahrens-Nicklas, MD, PhD; Samantha Burke, CRNP; Brittany Hoyle, MMS, PA-C; Weilong Li, MMS, CGC, PA-C; Irma Payan-Walters, MSN, CRNP, PPCNP-BC

Explore the latest breakthroughs in human genetics as CHOP's Human Genetics Team shares innovative treatments that are reshaping the future of medicine.

Orien Barnes, SHRM-SCP

Orien Barnes is a Vice President, Org Development & Effectiveness at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

General Information

Choose the option that best fits your schedule and learning preferences:

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants should be able to:

- Describe current evidence-based practices for managing patients across the healthcare spectrum
- Identify opportunities for innovative approaches to caring for patients
- Explain the current state of practice for APPs across the nation
- Discuss management strategies to optimize team structure, leadership and professional development
- Equip providers with strategies to integrate informatics into practice, enhance care delivery, and support clinical innovation

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PROGRAM

Thursday, December 4, 2025

Time (EST)	Acute Care	Ambulatory/ Primary Care	Managing APPs	Informatics
8:00 a.m. - 8:05 a.m.	Welcome & Introductions			
8:05 a.m. - 9:05 a.m.	Keynote Session: AI and The Future of Healthcare <i>Bimal Desai</i>			
9:05 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Common Cardiac Pathologies in Acute Care <i>Aileen Walsh</i>	Dermatology <i>James Treat</i>	It Takes a Village: The Power of Collaboration in Advance Practice <i>Raji Koppolu</i>	Informatics 101 – How to Lead People Through Change <i>Patti Cuartas</i>
10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Break			
10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Tools & Techniques Breakouts (choose one): Point of Care Ultrasounds <i>Eric Will</i> Vascular Access Considerations <i>Mark Weber</i> Suicide Risk Assessment and Safety Planning in Acute Care <i>Nakia Rodriguez</i>	Breakouts (choose one): Pediatric Hip Issues Through the Ages for the PCP <i>Chris DeFrancesco</i> <i>Tanaya Pattnaik</i> Sleep Apnea <i>Kathleen Marquis</i> <i>Becca Hammonds</i> Autonomic Dysfunction: POTS and Beyond <i>Jodi Cohen</i> <i>Katelyn Lucas</i>	The Power of Professional Groups: Advancing Practice, Policy, and Presence <i>TBD</i>	Optimizing Clinical Decision Support (CDS): From Governance and Usability to Real-World Application in Pediatric Intensive Care <i>Kristina Haralambides</i> <i>Leanne Winslow</i>
11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Break			
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Esophageal and Airway Treatment Program <i>Kathryn Johanson</i>	Breakouts (choose one): Pharmacology Update & Interpreting an Antibigram <i>Kimberly Pough</i> <i>Nadia Hill</i> Ophthalmology for the Primary Care Provider <i>Ayesha Malik</i>	Evaluating Advanced Practice Providers: Developing and Implementing a Comprehensive Competency-Based Tool for Equitable Assessment <i>Katy Hines</i> <i>Martha Kennedy</i>	Clinical Decision Support Projects Panel: SmartBlock to Collect Data and Embed Clinical Decision Support in a Smart Way <i>Kayla Mays</i> <i>Katie Daniel</i> Do Not Turn (DNT) Order Panel <i>Jennifer Schwarz</i> Tiny Genes, Big Impact: Building Genetic Ordersets <i>Innovation Neonatal Informatics</i> <i>Kimberly Hillyer</i>

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12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch			
1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	Urgent Interventions in Pediatric Endocrinology: Strategies for Acute Care <i>Speaker TBD</i>	Panel-Hot topics: Having the Difficult Conversation: Antivax, Vit K & Fluoride <i>Lisa Gaffney Katherine Thompson Jennifer Keller</i>	Building from the Ground up: Launching New APP Teams for Sustainable Success <i>Jillian Hillman Katelyn Beam Teneisha Hunt Emily Moore</i>	Interprofessional Health IT Governance: A Few Examples <i>Natalie Plachter Alice Bass Hyelim (Esther) Park Kristina Haralambides Roseanne Krauter</i>
2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Break			
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Managing Multimorbidity: Strategies for Patients with Complex Chronic Illnesses <i>Speaker TBD</i>	What JIA May Present Like from the Primary Care Perspective <i>Kerry Hurlburt Jane Chung</i>	Power of Partnering: Leveraging Leadership Structure to Achieve Growth <i>David Kendrick</i>	From Insight to Implementation: Using QI and CDS to Improve Pediatric Lead Testing <i>Lauren Coogle</i>
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	General Session: RFK Jr.'s War on Vaccines: The Measles Story <i>Paul Offit</i>			

Friday, December 5, 2025

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8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	General Session: Innovations in Genetics <i>Rebecca Ahrens-Nicklas, Samantha Burke, Brittany Hoyle, Weilong Li, Irma Payan-Walters</i>			
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	SNAP Neurological Assessments <i>Katie Smith</i>	Functional Abdominal Pain <i>Kirsten Walaski Danielle Barber</i>	Power & Influence <i>Greg Hedler</i>	AI Won't Take Your Job – But It Might Help Save It <i>Helen Lu</i>
10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Break			
10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Beyond the Bedside Breakouts (choose one): Behind the Scenes of Child Life <i>Elana Breitenbucher</i> Trauma-informed Care <i>Caitlin Axtmayer</i> Tips for Clinical Preceptors: Creating a High-Impact Learning Experience <i>Caitlin Davenport</i>	Breakouts (choose one): PCOS <i>Cailin Mulvihill</i> Testicular Emergencies in Primary Care <i>Meghan Silich</i>	From Conflict to Clarity: Managing Difficult Conversations with Employees <i>Lauren Bisson Tiffany Williams</i>	Big Data <i>Gabriel Najarro</i>

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11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Break			
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	ICU Liberation <i>Amanda Manzi</i>	Hyperlipidemia <i>Lou Ann Fromuth</i>	Attracting Top Talent to Change Lives: How CHOP Built a Modern Recruitment Engine to Power World-Class Pediatric Care <i>Aimee DiMichele-Donsky</i>	Project Fusion “Patient First, Clinically Led” <i>Tom Davey</i>
12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch			
1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	Altered Mental Status: An Organized Approach <i>Meghan Young</i>	ADHD 101 <i>Joy Anderson</i> <i>Haley Pleskow</i> Substance Abuse <i>Sarah Knox</i> <i>Frank James</i>	Panel Discussion: Optimizing Impact: The Evolving Resource Roles of Advanced Practice Providers <i>Missy Duran</i> <i>Patrice Forcine</i> <i>Jillian Hillman</i> <i>Olivia Maira</i>	Epic Specialty Exemplars <i>Jeff Del Vecchio</i> <i>Spencer Merryfield</i>
2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Break			
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Practical Lab Interpretation for APPs <i>Jenna Jacobson</i> <i>Tricia Lopez</i>	Breakouts (choose one): Role of Maternal Identity in Shaping Child Development <i>Katelyn Clements</i> Birth Control - The Basics <i>Nellie Lazar</i>	EHR Training: Building Confidence and Competence <i>Kate Ammon</i> <i>Roseanne Krauter</i> <i>Hyelim (Esther) Park</i>	
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Closing Session: Leading and Engaging Teams Through Change <i>Orien Barnes</i>			

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