



# Cutting-Edge Topics in Pediatric Airway

**Saturday, March 7, 2026**

**The HUB for Clinical Collaboration  
on CHOP's Main Campus**



## Course Overview

This comprehensive, multidisciplinary course offers airway training to a national and international audience. It provides participants with the essential evidenced-based knowledge and technical skills to manage anticipated and unanticipated pediatric difficult airways in the operating room, emergency department intensive care units and diverse clinical settings. The conference integrates a variety of educational formats including didactic lectures, extensive hands-on practice at the stations, immersive simulation workshops and expert panel discussions. The course is ideally suited for anesthesiology, critical care medicine, emergency medicine and ENT practitioners.

## General Information

The conference will be held in the HUB for Clinical Collaboration building on the main campus of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. The registration fee includes continental breakfast, breaks, lunch, and syllabus material.

**Registration fee:** \$250

## Course Objectives

- Incorporate into practice effective strategies and techniques for predicting and managing pediatric difficult airway, per the latest evidence-based data
- Recognize and safely plan for the physiologically difficult airway
- Formulate a plan for management of anesthetic depth and oxygenation when caring for a child with a difficult airway
- Acquire skills for alternative ventilation and oxygenation strategies using supraglottic airway devices (SGA), SGA-assisted fiberoptic intubation and front of neck access
- Enhance team communication and practical skills during crisis resource management

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## Designation of Credit

**Physicians:** Children's Hospital of Philadelphia designates this live activity for a maximum of 9.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

## AANA Accreditation

American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology is accredited as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

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Children's Hospital of Philadelphia HUB Clinical Collaboration Building

## PROGRAM

**Saturday, March 7, 2026**

7:15 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

7:45 a.m. Welcome to CHOP  
*John Fiadjo, MD, MBA*

7:55 a.m. Welcome and Introduction  
*Annery Garcia-Marcinkiewicz, MD, MSCE*

8:00 a.m. Caring for the Pediatric Airway: Quality, Safety, and Systems  
*Grace Hsu, MD*

8:15 a.m. Neonatal Airway Challenges  
*Janet Lioy, MD*

8:30 a.m. PeDI Registry Updates  
*Lina Sarmiento, MD, MSHS*

8:45 a.m. Lung Isolation  
*T. Wesley Templeton, MD*

9:00 a.m. Q & A Session

9:05 a.m. Seeing is Believing: Ultrasound-Guided Airway Management in Children (part 1)  
*Elainna Lin, MD*

9:20 a.m. Seeing is Believing: Ultrasound-Guided Airway Management in Children (part 2)  
*Elizabeth O'Brien, MD, MAS*

9:35 a.m. Limited Bronchoscopy to Limit Mortality  
*Dean Bruins, MD*

9:50 a.m. Airway Reconstruction  
*Conor Devine, MD*

10:05 a.m. Q & A Session

10:10 a.m. Break and Exhibits

10:25 a.m. Adult Airway Crisis  
*Gabriel Zuckerberg, MD  
Caoimhe Duffy, MD, MSc*

10:40 a.m. The Physiologically Difficult Airway  
*Amy Romer, MD*

10:55 a.m. Airway Management and Global Realities  
*Gabriel Soares De Sousa, MD*



11:10 a.m.	<b>LASO Peds</b> <i>Vinicius Caldeira Quintão, MD</i>
11:25 a.m.	<b>Q &amp; A Session</b>
11:30 a.m.	<b>Keynote Lecture: Airway AI</b> <i>Clyde Matava, MBChB</i>
Noon	<b>Lunch and Exhibits</b>
12:45 p.m.	<b>Concurrent Hands-On Session I</b> <b>Track A: Hands-On Skills Station Workshops</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>The Art of Direct Laryngoscopy</i></li><li>• <i>Standard and Hyperangulated Blade Video Laryngoscopy</i></li><li>• <i>Generations of Supraglottic Airways (SGA)</i></li><li>• <i>Fiberoptic Intubation: free hand, via SGA, combined, and SPLIT technique</i></li><li>• <i>Lung Isolation Techniques</i></li><li>• <i>FONA (Front of Neck Access)</i></li></ul> <b>Track B: Case-Based Learning - Moderate Fidelity Simulation Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Format: 4 cases</i></li><li>• <i>Interactive case discussions with expert faculty</i></li></ul>
1:50 p.m.	<b>Not Over: Planning for Difficult Extubation</b> <i>Leah Templeton, MD</i>
2:05 p.m.	<b>FONA Updates</b> <i>Barbara Spicher, MD</i>
2:20 p.m.	<b>Teaching Neonatal Airway</b> <i>Heidi Herrick, MD, MSCE</i>
2:35 p.m.	<b>SADly Awake: SGA Placement</b> <i>Mary Lyn Stein, MD</i>
2:50 p.m.	<b>Q&amp;A Session</b>
2:55 p.m.	<b>Break and Exhibits</b>
3:05 p.m.	<b>The Power of Prediction: Airway Assessment in the Unborn and Anesthesia Management at Delivery</b> <i>Olivia Nelson, MD</i>
3:20 p.m.	<b>Advanced Airway Management in Pediatric Emergency Medicine: What Matters When it Matters Most</b> <i>Monica Prieto, MD, MSHS</i>
3:35 p.m.	<b>What I Wish I Knew Then: Practical Wisdom for Pediatric Airway Management</b> <i>Chris Ward, MD</i>
3:50 p.m.	<b>Should Apneic Oxygenation Be the Standard of Care?</b> <i>Alexander Fuchs, MD</i>
4:05 p.m.	<b>Q&amp;A Session</b>
4:10 p.m.	<b>Weekend Airway Case? Think Again!</b> <i>Melissa Brooks Peterson, MD</i>

4:25 p.m.	<b>Tracheal Intubation Associated Cardiac Arrest: What Do We Know So Far? Management</b> <i>Febina Padiyath, MBBS</i>
4:40 p.m.	<b>SPLIT Technique</b> <i>Vanessa Mazandi, MD</i> <i>Rodrigo Daly Guris, MD</i>
4:55 p.m.	<b>Q&amp;A Session</b>
5:00 p.m.	<b>Concurrent Hands-On Session I</b> <b>Track A: Hands-On Skills Station Workshops</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>The Art of Direct Laryngoscopy</i></li><li>• <i>Standard and Hyperangulated Blade Video Laryngoscopy</i></li><li>• <i>Generations of Supraglottic Airways (SGA)</i></li><li>• <i>Fiberoptic Intubation: free hand, via SGA, combined, and SPLIT technique</i></li><li>• <i>Lung Isolation Techniques</i></li><li>• <i>FONA (Front of Neck Access)</i></li></ul> <b>Track B: Case-Based Learning - Moderate Fidelity Simulation Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Format: 4 cases</i></li><li>• <i>Interactive case discussions with expert faculty</i></li></ul>
6:00 p.m.	<b>Conference Adjourns</b>



*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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