

# Pediatric Audiology: Today's Technology, Tomorrow's Transformations

Friday, March 13, 2026

Hybrid Conference

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## Overview

This one-day conference for hearing healthcare professionals will address current technologies that support children with hearing loss, while also looking ahead to emerging innovations. Presenters in audiology, otolaryngology, and hearing loss advocacy will share research, best practice guidelines, and community opportunities for improving quality of life and outcomes for this population, both in the clinic and the community. The course will conclude with case studies highlighting how hearing healthcare providers utilize today's technologies with an eye toward pioneering transformations.

## General Information

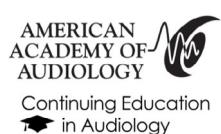
Attendees have the option of attending the hybrid conference at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia or virtually. In-person registration includes continental breakfast, lunch and parking.

**Professionals:** \$110    **Students:** \$75

## Course Objectives

- Describe the current options for hearing (re)habilitation for children with hearing loss, ranging from hearing aids, cochlear implants, and the future application of gene therapy
- Identify opportunities to implement AI-supported decision tools in pediatric audiology and vestibular care to enable personal intervention strategies and better long-term outcomes
- Assess the benefits and limitations of current medical evaluations for sensorineural hearing loss
- Recognize how to expand patient and family-centered care by building community and promoting advocacy in digital space

## Continuing Education



Children's Hospital of Philadelphia is approved by the American Academy of Audiology to offer Academy CEUs for this activity. The program is worth a maximum of 0.50 Tier 1 CEUs. Academy approval of this continuing education activity is based on course content only and does not imply endorsement of course content, specific products, or clinical procedure, or adherence of the event to the Academy's Code of Ethics. Any views that are presented are those of the presenter/CE Provider and not necessarily of the American Academy of Audiology.



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## **Instructional Personal Disclosure Statement**

Instructional personnel disclosures, financial and non-financial, can be found at <https://chop.cloud-cme.com/>

## **Course Completion Requirements**

Attendees are expected to be present for the entirety of the course as well as complete the course assessment/evaluation survey by March 27, 2026. Individuals who are not present for the full course and/or fail to complete the survey will not be eligible for a certificate of completion or continuing education units. No partial credit will be provided for this course.

## **Course Accommodation Requests**

In-person attendees are asked to contact the course organizer to request communication accommodations at least three weeks prior to course.

## **Hotel Accommodations**

Welcome to Philadelphia, a vibrant city bursting with history, culture and endless attractions. During your stay here, make sure to explore the iconic landmarks such as Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell and the Philadelphia Museum of Art, with its famous Rocky Steps. To plan your trip and find suitable accommodations, visit the website <https://www.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 reliable 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!

## **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 Monday, March 2, 2026. No refunds will be issued thereafter.



# PROGRAM

**Friday, March 13, 2026 (Eastern Standard Time)**

- 8 a.m. **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 9:15 a.m. **Welcome and Introduction**
- 9:30 a.m. ***The Judy Gravel Lecture***  
The Next Chapter in Pediatric Hearing Care:  
Cochlear Implant Advances and Emerging Technologies  
*René H. Gifford, PhD*
- 10:45 a.m. **Break**
- 11:00 a.m. **Personalized Balance and Hearing Healthcare for Children:  
Machine-Learning Approaches to Improve Access and Accuracy**  
*Devin L. McCaslin, PhD*
- Noon **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. **The Power of Connection: Advocacy in a Digital Age**  
*Marne Sullivan*
- 2:00 p.m. **Break**
- 2:15 p.m. **The Evolving Medical Management of Sensorineural Hearing Loss**  
*John A. Germiller, MD, PhD*
- 3:15 p.m. **Grand Rounds**  
*Nicklaus Arra, AuD*  
*Lauren Levine, AuD*  
*Laurie Mauro, AuD*  
*Kaitlyn Mulray, MS, CCC-SLP*
- 4:15 p.m. **Closing Remarks and 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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