



24th Annual Topics Explored: Pediatric Surgical and Trauma Nursing Conference

Thursday, Nov. 19 – Friday Nov. 20, 2026

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Course Overview

The format for this two-day program will be general lecture. The content options will be applicable to all levels of nursing expertise. Expert faculty will share the lessons they have learned from managing children who experience unexpected illness and traumatic injury. Rejuvenate your practice and learn how you can continue to make a difference at the hospital bedside, one family at a time.

General Information

The conference will be held on Thursday, November 19th and Friday, November 20th at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, CHOP HUB for Clinical Collaboration building. Registration will begin each day at 7:30 a.m.

Registration Fees

In-Person Only

Nurse Fee (Two Das): \$225

Nurse Fee (One Day): \$150

EMS Fee: \$50

Virtual Only

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Nurse Fee (One Day): \$150

EMS Fee: \$50

The registration fee includes registration materials, continental breakfast, lunch, and breaks.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this two-day course, participants will be able to:

- 80% of learners will apply current evidence-based protocols to the clinical management of pediatric trauma and surgical patients, as measured by post-activity evaluation
- 80% of learners will incorporate core multidisciplinary values—such as closed-loop communication and mutual support—into the coordination of pediatric surgical and trauma care
- 80% of learners will integrate current technological advances and evidence-based treatments into the clinical management of pediatric trauma to reduce long-term disability
- 80% of learners will assess the impact of trauma and surgical interventions on a child’s physical and emotional development to identify necessary psychosocial supports

Joint Accreditation



In support of improving patient care, 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: This program provides 11.5 ANCC contact hours.

The total number of hours for both days is 11.5.

Hotel Accommodations

A block of rooms with reduced rates has been reserved at The Study at University City, 20 S 33rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104. The group rates are \$249 single and double occupancy, plus a 16.37% percent state and local taxes. Participants are required to make their own reservations by calling The Study directly at 215-387-1400. Please mention the CHOP Surgical and Trauma Nursing Conference. The special room rate will be available until October 16, 2026. After that date, reservations will be accepted on a space and rate availability basis.

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 \$50 service fee, but is not responsible for any related costs, charges, or expenses to participants, including cancellation charges assessed by airlines/travel agencies. To process refunds for course withdrawals, cancellations must be received in writing by Monday, November 9, 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 Medical Education Department at 215-590-5263.



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Thursday, November 19, 2026

- 7:30 a.m. **Registration & Continental Breakfast**
- 7:55 a.m. **Welcome and Introductions**
Mary Jo Pedicino, MSN, RN
- 8:00 a.m. **Navigating Digital Harms****
Desmond Patton, PhD, MSW
- 9:00 a.m. **Hidden Toll of Youth Sports****
Jamie Shoop, PhD
- 9:45 a.m. **Break / Visit Exhibits**
- 10:00 a.m. **Blunt Abdominal Trauma: Managing Hollow Viscus Injuries****
Myron Allukian, III, MD
- 11:00 a.m. **What's Flowing - Pediatric Urology In-Patient Care**
Hamidah McCorkle, MSN, CRNP
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch / Visit Exhibits**
- 1:00 p.m. **E-Bike Crisis in Philadelphia: Injury Patterns & Clinical Reality****
Heather Kulp, MSN, CRNP
- 1:40 p.m. **Philly Infrastructure Gaps & Advocacy Solutions**
Julio Rodriguez and John Boyle
- 2:20 p.m. **Audience Q&A**
- 2:45 p.m. **Optimizing Implementing Serial Neuro Assessment in Clinical Practice****
Kenya Agarwal, MSN, RN
- 3:15 p.m. **Evaluation**

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PROGRAM

Friday, November 20, 2026

- 7:30 a.m. **Registration & Continental Breakfast**
- 7:55 a.m. **Welcome and Introductions**
Lauren Agzigian MSN, CRNP and Daniele Thurston, MSN, CRNP
- 8:00 a.m. **Managing MTP, Resuscitation, OR Teams****
Shyam Deshpande, MD and Maureen Banigan, MD
- 8:45 a.m. **Pediatric Operative Tumors**
Emily Onufer, MD
- 9:45 a.m. **Break / Visit Exhibits**
- 10:00 a.m. **Pilonidal Disease & Laser Therapy**
Caroline Lippold, CRNP
- 10:45 a.m. **Planning for the Unexpected****
Donna Titus, RN
- 11:30 a.m. **Lunch / Visit Exhibits**
- 12:30 p.m. **Beyond the Chart: How Trauma Registry Data Shapes Care****
Loreen Meyer, MSN, RN
- 1:00 p.m. **Navigating Pediatric Pelvic & Hip Injuries****
Christopher DeFrancisco, MD
- 2:00 p.m. **Non-Accidental Trauma: Intervention to Reduce Child Maltreatment****
Joanne Wood, MD
- 3:00 p.m. **Evaluation**

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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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