Course Faculty Disclosure Information

Course Director:

Melissa Caine, AuD
Audiologist

Melissa L. Caine, Au.D., is a clinical specialist and audiologist at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). She received her B.A. in Communication Disorders and English Literature from Loyola College in Maryland in 2004 and her Au.D. from Salus University in 2008. Melissa currently provides diagnostic and rehabilitative services at CHOP. In addition to her clinical position, Melissa is the department's lead audiologist for the Balance & Vestibular Program and coordinator of professional development/continuing education. Her areas of clinical interest include pediatric vestibular assessment, electrophysiologic assessment in the NICU population, and adolescent focused rehabilitation.

Disclosures:
Melissa Caine is employed by Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and receives a salary for her position as an audiologist. She has no relevant non-financial relationships to disclose.

Course Faculty:

Tamar Gomes, AuD
Specialty Audiologist in Electrophysiology
Boston Children's Hospital

Tamar Gomes, AuD, is the Specialty Audiologist in Electrophysiology at Boston Children's Hospital (BCH). She provides diagnostic and amplification audiology services for pediatric patients and focuses on current trends in electrophysiology. She trains and supports students and staff in electrophysiology. After obtaining her bachelor's degree at UNC-Chapel Hill, she then attended Gallaudet University where she earned her AuD with an externship year at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). Dr. Gomes has been helping children and families at BCH since 2007.

Disclosures:
Tamar Gomes is an employee of Boston Children's Hospital and receives a salary for her position. Additionally, she received an honorarium for this presentation. Tamar Gomes is the founder and active member of the International Pediatric CAEP Action Potential Working Group. She has no additional relevant non-financial disclosures.

Dave Gordey, PhD
Director of Pediatric Audiology and Research
Oticon A/S

Dave Gordey, PhD, brings over 25 years of experience as a pediatric audiologist. He serves as the Director of Pediatric Audiology and Research at Oticon Global and holds an adjunct professorship at Western University. His research encompasses pediatric hearing aids, counseling, functional communication deficits in children with normal peripheral hearing, and parent hearing health literacy.

Disclosures:
Dave Gordey is employed by and receives a salary from Oticon A/S. He is the Co-Chair of the KiPA group.

Christina L. Master, MD
Professor of Pediatrics and Orthopedic Surgery
University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine
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Dr. Master is Professor of Pediatrics and Orthopedic Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine where she is a member of the Academy of Master Clinicians with over 33 years of pediatric experience. Dr. Master is board-certified in pediatrics, sports medicine, and brain injury medicine, and is the founding director of the Minds Matter Concussion Program at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, which provides clinical care, community outreach and education, as well as conducts cutting-edge translational clinical research in concussion. Her research focuses on visual deficits after concussion and identifying biomarkers of concussion, in order to target active interventions to improve outcomes for children with concussion. She has current or past research funding from the Centers for Disease Control, Pennsylvania Department of Health, Department of Defense, National Collegiate Athletic Association, and multiple institutes of the National Institutes of Health, (National Institute of Neurologic Diseases and Stroke, National Eye Institute, National Institute for Nursing Research). She currently serves on the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine Forum on Traumatic Brain Injury to accelerate progress in TBI research and care. She works with the US Olympic and Paralympic Committee and supported the Team USA delegation at the Junior Pan American Games in Paraguay in 2025 and the Youth Olympics in Senegal in 2026.

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Yvonne McHugh, AuD
Clinical Supervisor
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Yvonne McHugh, Au.D., CCC-A, is a clinical audiologist and supervisor at the Center for Childhood Communication at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), where she developed and implemented an auditory processing service delivery program. She serves as adjunct faculty at Drexel University's Osborne College of Audiology, teaching graduate students about auditory processing assessment and management. She previously taught undergraduate students at La Salle University.

Disclosures:
Yvonne McHugh is employed by Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and receives a salary for her position. Additionally, she does receive salary from Drexel University for her position as adjunct faculty. She has no relevant non-financial relationships to disclose.

Laura Simon, MD
Attending Physician
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Dr. Simon is a med-peds trained pediatric hospitalist with a special interest and expertise in Somatic Symptom and Related Disorders (SSRDs). She has expertise in diagnosis and treatment of patients through work in both the CHOP Amplified Musculoskeletal Pain Syndrome (AMPS) program and in the Functional Neurological Disorders (FND) Clinic. She is the creator and medical director of the FND Clinic, which continues to expand services to best meet the needs of children and adolescents with FND and related SSRDs. She is interested in improving medical and behavioral management for children and adolescents with SSRDs in general and FND in specific, coordinating high quality and evidence-based multidisciplinary care in conjunction with colleagues from Behavioral Health, Neurology and Rehab services. Current interests include transitional care to adulthood, FND overlap with neurodivergence, managing SSRD overlap syndromes, managing FND in adolescents with disordered eating, FND presentations in young children, and education about FND for patients, families, schools and health care providers.

Disclosures:
Laura Simon is employed by Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and receives a salary for her position. She has no relevant non-financial relationships to disclose.
