

Course Faculty Disclosure Information

Course Director:

Melissa Caine, AuD
Audiologist

Melissa L. Caine, AuD, is a clinical specialist and audiologist at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). She received her BA in Communication Disorders and English Literature from Loyola College in Maryland in 2004 and her AuD 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, coordinator of professional development/continuing education, and an adjunct instructor at Salus University - George S. Osborne College of Audiology. Her areas of clinical interest include electrophysiologic assessment in the NICU population, pediatric vestibular assessment, and adolescent focused rehabilitation.

Financial Relationship Disclosure:

Melissa Caine is employed by Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and receives a salary for her position as an audiologist.

Non-Financial Relationship Disclosure:

Melissa Caine has no relevant non-financial relationships to disclose.

Course Faculty:

Christina Bridge, AuD
Audiologist
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Christina Bridge earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Hearing and Speech Sciences from University of Maryland, College Park, MD She then obtained a Doctor of Audiology degree from University of Maryland, College Park. Christina then completed a year-long Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) fellowship and clinical Audiology externship at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, where she has remained for the last 18 years. Christina's interests at CHOP include newborn hearing screening and hearing targeted CMV screening. Christina holds a Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

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Lesley Franklin, AuD

Audiologist
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Lesley Franklin is a clinical audiologist at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). She received her doctorate in audiology from the University of Utah and completed her 4th year clinical externship at the Children's Hospital Colorado. Lesley currently provides inpatient and outpatient care at the Philadelphia campus and outpatient care in the Princeton at Plainsboro Specialty Care Center. Her areas of clinical interest include diagnostic evaluations in the pediatric population with particular focus of inpatient care.

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Non-Financial Relationship Disclosure:

Lesley Franklin has no relevant non-financial relationships to disclose.

Kristin Knight, M.S., CCC-A, FAAA
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Kristy Knight, M.S., CCC-A, FAAA, is a pediatric audiologist and a Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at Doernbecher Children's Hospital, Oregon Health and Science University, in Portland, Oregon. Ms. Knight's clinical research has focused on ototoxicity monitoring methods for young children, identifying treatment and patient-related risk factors for cisplatin ototoxicity, and classification systems for reporting hearing outcomes in pediatric multi-center clinical cancer trials. Ms. Knight is the study audiologist for three Children's Oncology Group clinical trials and she chairs the Ototoxicity of Pediatric Cancer working group of the International Ototoxicity Management Group (IOMG).

Financial Relationship Disclosure:

Kristy Knight is employed by Oregon Health and Science University and receives a salary for her position.

Non-Financial Relationship Disclosure:

Kristy Knight has no relevant non-financial relationships to disclose.

Dani Levine, PhD
Principal SPEAK Researcher
TMW Center for Early Learning + Public Health
The University of Chicago

Dani Levine, PhD, is a lead researcher at the University of Chicago's TMW Center for Early Learning + Public Health, founded and directed by Dana Suskind, MD. She leads a team working to build a scalable tool to assess and improve parent and caregiver knowledge of child development. She obtained her Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology at Temple University. Her research interests are focused on understanding processes of language development in children birth to 5 years and developing

technology-based assessments to inform the level of support that is needed to facilitate children's language learning.

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Megan Pesch, MD, MS

Clinical Assistant Professor

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Megan Pesch MD, MS, FAAP is a Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrician at the University of Michigan where she is also the Director of the Congenital CMV Collaborative, Congenital CMV Developmental Follow-up Clinic, and is the Michigan Chapter Champion for the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention program. Dr. Pesch's research focuses on developmental and behavioral outcomes of children born with congenital cytomegalovirus, which can cause hearing loss and other delays.

Financial Relationship Disclosure:

Megan Pesch is employed by University of Michigan and receives a salary for her position.

Non-Financial Relationship Disclosure:

Megan Pesch is President of the National CMV Foundation.

Makaela Somma, MS, CCC-SLP

Speech-Language Pathologist

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Makaela Somma, MS, CCC-SLP is a licensed speech-language pathologist within the Center for Childhood Communication at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Makaela received her master's degree from Teachers College, Columbia University and completed a Craniofacial Fellowship at Nationwide Children's Hospital. Areas of interest include speech and language considerations for children with cleft lip and/or palate, craniofacial disorders, and resonance disorders.

Financial Relationship Disclosure:

Makaela Somma is employed by Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and receives a salary for her position as a speech-language pathologist.

Non-Financial Relationship Disclosure:

Makaela Somma has no relevant non-financial relationships to disclose.

Jacob Squicciarini, MS, LCGC

Genetic Counselor
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Jacob Squicciarini, MS, LCGC is a genetic counselor within the Roberts Individualized Medical Genetics Center (RIMGC) at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. After obtaining his undergraduate degree in Molecular Genetics at the University of Rochester, Jacob went on to attend the University of Pennsylvania Genetic Counseling Graduate Program where he completed his thesis in discordant fetal sex predictions, graduated with his Masters in Genetic Counseling, and received the Distinguished Student Award for his Academic performance. Since starting with the RIMGC, Jacob has provided genetic counseling to patients and families in multiple clinical areas including Hematology, general genetics, and as one of the two main genetic counselors in the RIMGC Genetics of Hearing Loss clinic.

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