

# 2024-2025 Traveling Grand Rounds

**SPEAKER BUREAU | SPEAKER BUREAU LECTURES** 





# Gyula Acsadi, MD, PhD, FAAN

Head, Division of Neurology, Connecticut Children's, Professor, Department of Pediatrics and Neurology, UConn School of Medicine

### Topic(s):

1. Neuromuscular Diseases



### Corey Baker, MD

Director, Center for Neurogastroenterology and Motility Disorders, Division of Digestive Diseases, Hepatology & Nutrition, Connecticut Children's, Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

### Topic(s):

- 1. Dysphagia
- 2. Functional abdominal pain syndromes
- 3. Gastroparesis
- 4. Esophageal Achalasia
- 5. Constipation
- 6. Disorders of the Gut-Brain Interaction (DGBIs)



### Natalie Bezler, MD

Attending, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology, Connecticut Children's; Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

# Topic(s):

- 1. Pediatric Leukemia
- 2. Pediatric Lymphoma
- 3. Quality Improvement
- 4. Various Basic Benign Hematology topics (Evaluation of neutropenia, iron-deficiency anemia, immune thrombocytopenic purpura)



# Kevin Borrup, DrPH, JD, MPA

Director, Injury Prevention Center, Connecticut Children's, Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine; Adjunct Professor, UConn School of Social Work

- 1. Preventing childhood and adolescent injury and violence
- 2. Intimate Partner Violence and its Impact on Children
- 3. Reducing Firearm Violence: Epidemiology, Community Programs, and Policy
- 4. Youth Suicide: Current Knowledge and Prevention
- 5. Promoting Teen Driver Safety: Your Role as a Pediatric Provider



### John Brancato, MD, FAAP, FACEP

Head, Division of Emergency Medicine, Connecticut Children's; Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Emergency Medicine, UConn School of Medicine

#### Topic(s):

1. Concussion



### Donna Boruchov, MD

Medical Director, Pediatric Sickle Cell Program & Hemophilia Treatment Center, Connecticut Children's; Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

### Topic(s):

- 1. Updates on sickle cell management
- 2. Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura: New Therapies



### Melanie Sue Collins, MD

Medical Director, Pediatric Pulmonary Medicine, Director, Cardiomyopathy Diagnostic Services, Program Director, Pediatric Pulmonology Fellowship, Co-Director, Asthma Center, Associate Director, Central Connecticut Cystic Fibrosis Center, Connecticut Children's; Associate Clinical Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

#### Topic(s):

- 1. Diagnosis of Cystic Fibrosis
- 2. Review history of Newborn Screening (NBS)
- 3. Immunoreactive Trypsinogen (IRT)
- 4. DNA testing
- 5. Current Methodology of NBS in CT
- 6. Sweat Testing
- 7. Abnormal/Normal Values
- 8. Indications/Contraindications
- 9. Cystic Fibrosis Screen Positive Inconclusive Diagnosis
- 10. Formerly known as CRMS
- 11. Symptomatic Diagnosis
- 12. Quality Improvement



# Hassan El Chebib, MD, FAAP

Attending, Division of Infectious Disease and Immunology, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics; Program Director, Pediatric Infectious Diseases Fellowship Program, UConn School of Medicine

- 1. Lyme Disease and Other Tick Borne Illnesses
- 2. Lymphadenopathy from an ID perspective
- 3. Sexually Transmitted Infections including HIV
- 4. Skin and Soft Tissue Infections
- 5. Approach to recurrent fever
- 6. Approach to fever of unknown origin



### Cem Demirci, MD

Head, Division of Endocrinology & Diabetes, Clinical Director, Endocrinology and Diabetes, Connecticut Children's; Chase Family Chair in Juvenile Diabetes, Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

### Topic(s):

- 1. Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus
- 2. Monogenic Forms of Diabetes Mellitus
- 3. Hypoglycemia in Infants and Children
- 4. Metabolic Syndrome



# Richelle deMayo, MD, CM, FAAP, FAMIA

Head, Medical Information Officer, Attending Physician, Division of Pain and Palliative Medicine, Connecticut Children's; Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Chair, Division of Biomedical Informatics, UConn School of Medicine **Topic(s)**:

 Pediatric Headache Management (interdisciplinary approaches and novel therapies)



### Francis DiMario, MD

Director, Tuberous Sclerosis and Neurofibromatosis Clinics, Associate Chair, Academic Affairs, Department Pediatrics, Medical Director, Human Research Protection Program, Division Head Emeritus, Pediatric Neurology, Connecticut Children's; Professor, Pediatrics and Neurology, UConn School of Medicine Topic(s):

- 1. Tuberous Sclerosis
- 2. Neurofibromatosis
- 3. Breath-holding Spells
- 4. Non-epileptic events in children



### Barbara Edelheit, MD

Head, Division of Rheumatology, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor; Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

- 1. Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis
- 2. Joint Pain in Children
- 3. Rheumatic Disease in Children
- 4. Rheumatology Lab Tests
- 5. Childhood Lupus



# Jennifer Haile, MD

Medical Director, Regional Lead Treatment Program, Attending, Primary Care, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

### Topic(s):

1. Lead Poisoning prevention and treatment



# Melissa Held, MD, FAAP

Attending, Division of Infectious Disease, Connecticut Children's; Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, UConn School of Medicine

### Topic(s):

- 1. Lyme Disease
- 2. COVID in children
- 3. Tuberculosis in children
- 4. Zoonotic in infants and children
- 5. Kawasaki Disease



### Jessica Hollenbach, PhD

Co-Director Asthma Center, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

#### Topic(s):

- 1. Implementing the 2020 Asthma Guidelines: Easy Breathing 2.0
- 2. School-Based Asthma Management
- 3. Adherence to Therapy among Youth with Asthma: The Role of Electronic Remote Monitoring



### Michael Isakoff, MD

Head, Division of Hematology-Oncology, Director, Sarcoma Program Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Program, Medical Director, Clinical Trials Unit, Connecticut Children's; Hartford Whalers' Endowed Chair in Children's Cancer, Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine Topic(s):

- 1. Hemangiomas
- 2. Bone Tumors (Osteosarcoma or Ewing Sarcoma)
- 3. Soft Tissue Sarcomas
- 4. Leukemia
- 5. Sickle Cell Disease



### Robert Keder, MD

Attending Physician, Division of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics, Core Faculty Leader/Rotation Director, Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

### Topic(s):

- 1. ADHD
- 2. Addressing issues of bias and discrimination with patients
- 3. Autism
- 4. Behavior management strategies for primary care
- 5. Bullying
- 6. Navigating media use with children
- 7. Navigating learning disabilities and special education
- 8. Supporting parents of children with special needs
- 9. Understanding trauma and promoting resilience
- 10. Using humanities to both teach and promote in healthcare education
- 11. Working with schools for children with special needs



# Isabella Knox, MD, EdM, FAAP, FABM

Attending Physician, Division of Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine, Connecticut Children's; Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine **Topic(s)**:

- 1. Tongue Tie
- 2. Breastfeeding & Use of Donor Human Milk
- 3. Milk Banking Update



### Shabnam Lainwala, MBBS, PhD

Director, Neonatal Neurodevelopmental Follow-up Program, Director Neonatal Transitional Medical Care Clinic, Connecticut Children's; Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

### Topic(s):

- 1. Newborn nutrition and growth
- 2. Newborn language nutrition
- 3. Long term outcomes of preterm infants



# Garry Lapidus, PA-C, MPH

Research Education & Development Liaison NE, Co-Director, Advanced Practice Providers, Connecticut Children's; Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics and Public Health, UConn School of Medicine

### Topic(s):

 Love and happiness: Building and sustaining a career at a pediatric academic medical center.



# W. Blaine Lapin, MD, FAAP

Attending Physician, Division of Rheumatology, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

- 1. Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis
- 2. Juvenile Dermatomyositis
- 3. Pediatric Systemic Lupus Erythematosus
- 4. Pediatric Vasculitis
- 5. Periodic Fever Syndromes/ Auto-inflammatory diseases



# Ray Lorenzoni, MD

Attending Physician, Pediatric Cardiology, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

#### Topic(s):

- 1. Pediatric and Fetal Cardiology
- 2. Advanced Cardiac Imaging
- 3. 3D Visualization
- 4. Preventative Cardiology
- 5. Kawasaki Disease
- 6. Innovation and Technology
- 7. Caregiver of Child with Cancer



### Jessica MacCormac, DO, MS

Attending Physician, Division of Adolescent Medicine, Connecticut Children's; Clerkship Director, Ambulatory Pediatrics; Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

#### Topic(s):

- 1. Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health
- 2. Evaluation and Management of Heavy Menstrual Bleeding in Adolescents
- The Transition from Pediatric to Adult Medical Care for Youth with Special Healthcare Needs



# Allyson McDermott, MD, MAcM, FAAP

Director, Hospital Medicine Education Series, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Assistant Clerkship Director of Inpatient Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

- 1. Navigating Difficult Conversations in the Clinical and Learning Environment
- 2. Writing Effective Evaluations for Learners



### Elliot Melendez, MD

Head, Division of Pediatric Critical Care Medicine; Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

#### Topic(s):

- 1. Sepsis/Septic Shock
- 2. Critical Asthma
- 3. Sepsis Quality Improvement
- 4. Quality Improvement



### Alaina Pyle, MD

Attending Physician, Division of Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

### Topic(s):

- 1. Complex end of life decision making
- 2. Life-limiting neonatal conditions & palliative care
- 3. Bioethics



# Juliann Reardon, MD, MHS

Attending Physician, Division of Nephrology, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

#### Topic(s):

- 1. Hypertension
- 2. Proteinuria, Hematuria
- 3. Chronic Kidney Disease, Acute Kidney Injury
- 4. Mental Health in Children with Chronic Medical Conditions



# Steven C. Rogers, MD, MS

Attending Physician, Division of Emergency Medicine, Connecticut Children's; Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Emergency Medicine; UConn School of Medicine

#### Topic(s):

1. Youth Suicide Identification and Prevention



### Melanie Rudnick, MD

Attending Physician, Division of Pediatric Hospital Medicine, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine; Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Frank H. Netter School of Medicine, Quinnipiac University

Topic(s):

 Creating a positive learning environment using the WISSE framework (welcoming, -inclusive, safe, stimulating, equitable)



### Melissa Santos, PhD

Associate Chair of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Head, Division of Pediatric Psychology, Clinical Director, Pediatric Obesity Center, Connecticut Children's; Associate Professor of Pediatrics; UConn School of Medicine

### Topic(s):

- 1. Mental Health
- 2. Pediatric Obesity
- 3. Transgender Care
- 4. Diversity



### Adam Silverman, MD

Director, Center for Global Health, Attending Physician, Divisions of Pediatric Critical Care and Pediatric Emergency Medicine, Connecticut Children's; Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Associate Professor, Department of Traumatology and Emergency Medicine, UConn School of Medicine Topic(s):

1 Global Health



### Sara Sanders, MD

Attending Physician, Division of Critical Care, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine **Topic(s)**:

- 1. Medical Education:
  - Setting the stage and building psychological safety for learners
  - Effective Clinical Teaching; managing multiple levels of learners in a clinical setting, giving effective feedback and managing implicit bias in evaluations of learners
- 2. Pediatric Critical Care:
  - a. Asthma
  - b. DKA
  - c. Shock
  - d. Airway management



Sharon Smith, MD

Research Director, Emergency Medicine; Medical Director PALS; Associate Program Director, Pediatric Residency Program, Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. Request/inquire topic(s) of interest for Specialty



Heather O. Tory, MD, MPH, CPPS

Associate Chief Quality and Patient Safety Officer, Attending Physician, Division of Rheumatology, Connecticut Children's; Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

- 1. Juvenile idiopathic arthritis
- 2. Juvenile Dermatomyositis
- 3. Vasculitis in Childhood



### Jennifer Twachtman-Bassett, MS, CCC-SLP, CCRP

Autism Clinical Specialist and Research Coordinator, Speech-Language Pathologist, Connecticut Children's

Topic(s):

- Autism Clinical Specialist and Research Coordinator. Some specifics include:
  - a) Developmental disabilities
  - b) Social, language, and communication aspects of ASD
  - c) Intervention strategies for ASD
  - d) Behavior prevention strategies
  - Helping adolescents and young adults to navigate transition to adult healthcare



# Shailendra Upadhyay, MD, CEPS, FHRS

Head, Division of Pediatric Cardiology, Co-Director, Cardiovascular Institute, Connecticut Children's; Program Director Pediatric Cardiology Fellowship, Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine Topic(s):

 Intervention Management of Arrhythmia in children & adults with Congenital Heart Disease



### Annette Vannilam, MD, FAAP

Attending Physician, Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Connecticut Children's, Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

1. Cyclical Vomiting Syndrome (CVS)



### Leonela Villegas, MD

Attending Physician, Division of Pediatric Nephrology, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine **Topic(s)**:

- 1. Chronic Kidney Disease
- 2. Childhood Hypertension



### Haviva Veler, MD, FAASM

Head, Division of Pulmonary Medicine & Sleep Center, Connecticut Children's; Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine **Topic(s)**:

- 1. Pediatric sleep; Normal sleep in children
- 2. Sleep Apnea



#### Emily Wakefield, PsyD

Pediatric Psychologist, Division of Pain and Palliative Medicine, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine Topic(s):

- 1. Multidisciplinary approaches to pediatric chronic pain management
- 2. The challenges of pain assessment in children and adolescents with chronic pain
- "Please Believe I have Pain": How the invisibility of pain symptoms leads to stigma in adolescents with chronic pain
- The impact of racial bias and stigma on health outcomes for adolescents and young adults with sickle cell disease



### Jessica Winters, MD

Attending Physician, Division of Critical Care Medicine, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine **Topic(s)**:

- Quality Improvement and Patient Safety relating to central lines, team communication, and situational awareness
- Common PICU diseases (Critical asthma, respiratory failure, DKA, status epilepticus, shock)



Keri Wallace, MD

Attending Physician, Primary Care, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine Topic(s):

 More than Skin Deep- Pediatric Dermatology Therapeutic Update 2024



### Lila Worden, MD, MPH

Director, Ketogenic Diet Program, Attending Physician, Division of Pediatric Neurology, Connecticut Children's Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

### Topic(s):

- 1. Epilepsy
- 2. Epilepsy mimics
- 3. Neonatal Seizures
- 4. Ketogenic Diet
- 5. General Pediatric Neurology



# Richard Young, MD, MPH

Attending Physician, Division of Neurology, Connecticut Children's; Associate Clinical Professor, Department of Pediatrics and Neurology, UConn School of Medicine; Associate Clinical Professor of Pediatrics (Neurology), Yale School of Medicine

#### Topic(s):

- 1. Seizures and seizure-like activity: how to distinguish
- 2. How to help the child with chronic headache
- 3. Help! I'm dizzy.



### Edwin Zalneraitis, MD

Professor Emeritus, Department of Pediatrics and Neurology, UConn School of Medicine

- 1. Medical Education
- 2. Neurologic assessment of the newborn
- 3. Congenital nerve injuries (Brachial Plexus Palsies)



### Markus Bookland, MD

Associate Director, Academic Affairs; Attending Physician, Division of Pediatric Neurosurgery, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery and Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

### Topic(s):

- 1. Brain Tumors
- 2. Hydrocephalus
- 3. Craniosynostosis
- 4. Traumatic Brain Injury Acute Management
- 5. Surgical Epilepsy



### Brendan Campbell, MD, MPH, FACS

Clinical Director of Pediatric Surgery, Director of Trauma, Donald Hight Endowed Chair in Pediatric Surgery, Connecticut Children's; Professor, Department of Pediatric Surgery, UConn School of Medicine

### Topic(s):

- 1. Making sense of common causes of pediatric abdominal pain
- 2. Injury Prevention
- 3. Priorities & Pitfalls in pediatric trauma



# Sonia Chaudhry, MD, FAAOS

Attending Physician, Division of Orthopedics, Center for Motion Analysis, Hand and Microvascular Surgery, Connecticut Children's; Associate Professor of Orthopedic Surgery, UConn School of Medicine

### Topic(s):

- 1. Pediatric Hand conditions/injuries
- 2. Pediatric Orthopedic Trauma
- 3. Brachial Plexus Injuries
- 4. Fractures
- 5. Nerve injuries



# Timothy Crombleholme, MD, FACS, FAAP

Director, Fetal Care Center; Division of Pediatric Surgery, Connecticut Children's; Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Surgery, & Obstetrics/Gynecology, UConn School of Medicine

- 1. Status of Fetal Surgery: Past Present and Future
- 2. EXIT Procedures
- 3. Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia
- 4. Twin-Twin Transfusion Syndrome
- 5. Sacrococcygeal Teratoma
- 6. Management of Fetal Renal Failure
- 7. Placental Gene Therapy for Severe Fetal Growth Restriction
- 8. Congenital Pulmonary Airway Malformations



Christine Finck, MD, FACS

Peter Deckers Endowed Chair of Pediatric Surgery, Surgeon-in-Chief, Executive Vice President, Connecticut Children's; Professor of Surgery, Pediatrics and Cell Biology, Vice Chair of Surgery, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

- 1. Neonatal Lung Disease and Congenital Anomalies
- 2. Esophageal Disorders in Children and Innovative Approaches
- 3. Weight Management and Surgery in Children



### Majida Gaffar, MD

Attending Physician, Division of Ophthalmology, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery, UConn School of Medicine Topic(s):

Request/inquire topic(s) of interest for Specialty



# Christopher Grindle, MD, FAAP

Medical Director and Attending Physician, Division of Otolaryngology, Connecticut Children's; Associate Professor of Surgery, UConn School of Medicine **Topic(s)**:

1. Pediatric ENT Topics



Nancy Grover, MD

Attending Physician, Division of Otolaryngology, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor of Surgery, UConn School of Medicine **Topic(s):** 

- 1. Snoring
- 2. Sleep Apnea
- 3. Tonsils
- 4. Adenoids



### James Healy, MD, MHS

Pediatric Surgeon, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

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### J. Leslie Knod, MD

Pediatric Surgeon, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

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#### Mark Lee, MD

Head, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, Site Director, Resident Education, Connecticut Children's; Associate Professor of Orthopedic Surgery, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

- 1. Scoliosis
- 2. Fracture Care
- 3. Pediatric Hip Pathology



### Nicole Murray, MD

President, Medical Staff Office, Director, Aerodigestive Medicine, Assistant Director, Pediatric Otolaryngology, Connecticut Children's; Professor of Otolaryngology, Department of Surgery, UConn School of Medicine Topic(s):

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#### Kristan Pierz. MD

Medical Director, Center for Motion Analysis, Site Director, Resident Education, Attending Physician, Division of Orthopedic Surgery, Connecticut Children's, Associate Professor of Orthopedic Surgery, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

- 1. Toe Walking
- 2. Limb Deformity
- 3. Gait disorders



### Christine Rader, MD, FACS

Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs, Department of Surgery, Director, Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation Program, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery, UConn School of Medicine **Topic(s)**:

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# Courtney Rowe, MD

Director, Reconstructive Urology Program, Co-Director, Connecticut Children's Continence Program, Attending Physician, Pediatric Urology, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

 Congenital and acquired differences in the kidneys, bladder, and genitals



# Scott R. Schoem, MD, MBA, FAAP

Head, Division of Otolaryngology, Associate Director of Surgical Clinical Affairs, Connecticut Children's; Professor of Surgery, UConn School of Medicine **Topic(s)**:

- 1. Evaluation of hearing loss and cochlear implants
- 2. Evaluation and treatment of neck masses
- 3. Complications of chronic ear disease
- 4. Tongue-tie: Facts v. Fiction
- 5. Complications of Acute and Chronic Otitis Media



### Richard Weiss, MD, FACS

Medical Director, Division of Pediatric Surgery, Connecticut Children's; Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Surgery, Traumatology and Emergency Medicine, UConn School of Medicine; Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics, Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine, Quinnipiac University

Topic(s):

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#### Jessica Williams, MD

Medical Director, Clinical Informatics, Pediatric Surgery, Obesity & Weight Management, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

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#### Janet Zahradnik, MD

Orthopedic Surgeon, Connecticut Children's; Assistant Professor, Department of Orthopedic Surgery, UConn School of Medicine

Topic(s):

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