

Course Information

Registration

Registration deadline is February 27, 2026. Please note enrollment is limited. You may register by phone at **312.926.8400** (TTY: 711) or online at northwesternmedicine.nm.org/pem.

You are encouraged to bring a laptop or tablet to access the presentations during the event. A limited number of printed handouts will be available upon request.

Cost

\$75 for Northwestern Medicine employees and physicians as well as for non-affiliated physicians and clinicians. A light breakfast and lunch are included at no cost.

Location

Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital
25 North Winfield Road, Auditorium
Winfield, Illinois 60190

Parking

From Winfield Road, enter the hospital campus at Entry 2 or Entry 3. You have the option to valet park or self-park in Parking Lot 3.

Enter the hospital through the Inpatient Pavilion Entrance, as indicated on the map below.



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Event speakers and topics

Topics will be presented by clinicians who are part of the collaborative program between Northwestern Memorial HealthCare and Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago and its affiliated physician groups.

Aroop Kar, MD*

When It's More Than a Virus: Recognizing and Managing Pediatric Acute Leukemia in the Emergency Department

Aimee Brasher, MD*

Small Bones, Big Lessons: Mastering Common Pediatric Fractures

Grant Hahn, MD*

Pediatric Code Blue: Optimizing Critical Care Support in Children Presenting in Respiratory Distress

Michael Harries, MD, MPP**

Half Truths, Full Crisis: Managing Teen Emergencies

Michael DeCuyper, MD, PhD**

Pediatric Cervical Spine Injuries: Evaluation and Clearance Protocol

Vishal Naik, MD, MEd*

From Readiness to Response: Building Pediatric Emergency Systems Across the Continuum of Care

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**In the spirit of keeping you well informed, the identified physician is neither an employee nor agent of Northwestern Memorial HealthCare or any of its affiliated entities. This physician has selected our facilities as places where they want to treat and care for their patients.

Faculty



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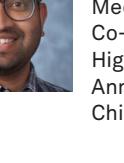
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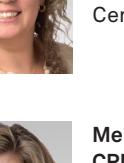
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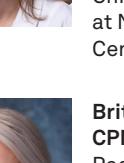
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Learning objectives

- › Recognize the common and subtle clinical presentations of pediatric acute leukemia and differentiate them from more common self-limited illnesses seen in the emergency setting.
- › Recognize and manage common teen emergencies.
- › Evaluate and initiate appropriate management strategies for common pediatric fractures.
- › Describe the various modalities of respiratory support utilized in pediatric critical care settings and explain their appropriate clinical applications.
- › Identify common cervical spine injuries in pediatric patients and recognize their clinical implications.
- › Analyze regional and national disparities in pediatric readiness and evaluate their impact on emergency care outcomes for children.

Accreditation Statement

The Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Credit Designation Statement

The Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 7.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

American Board of Pediatrics

Successful completion of this CME activity, which includes participation in the evaluation component, enables the learner to earn up to 5.25 MOC points in the American Board of Pediatrics' (ABP) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. It is the CME activity provider's responsibility to submit learner completion information to ACCME for the purpose of granting ABP MOC credit.

American Board of Surgery Accredited CME and Self-Assessment

Successful completion of this CME activity, which includes participation in the evaluation component, enables the learner to earn credit toward the CME and Self-Assessment requirements of the American Board of Surgery's Continuous Certification program. It is the CME activity provider's responsibility to submit learner completion information to ACCME for the purpose of granting ABS credit. ABS CME credits will be submitted to the boards within 3 months of the conclusion of the activity.



Agenda – Thursday, March 5, 2026

7:15 – 7:45 am	Sign-in and Continental Breakfast
7:45 – 8:00 am	Welcome and Introductions
8:00 – 11:40 am	Presentations
11:40 am – 12:30 pm	Lunch
12:30 – 4:15 pm	Presentations and Break-Out Sessions
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Arie Habis, MD*, Carol Tulley, RN, TNS, CEN, CPEN, TCRN	
8:00 – 8:50 am	When It's More Than a Virus: Recognizing and Managing Pediatric Acute Leukemia in the Emergency Department
Aroop Kar, MD*	
8:50 – 9:40 am	Small Bones, Big Lessons: Mastering Common Pediatric Fractures
Aimee Brasher, MD*	
9:40 – 10:00 am	Break
10:00 – 10:50 am	Pediatric Code Blue: Optimizing Critical Care Support in Children Presenting in Respiratory Distress
Grant Hahn, MD*	
10:50 – 11:40 am	Half Truths, Full Crisis: Managing Teen Emergencies
Michael Harries, MD, MPP**	
11:40 am – 12:30 pm	Lunch
12:30 – 1:20 pm	Pediatric Cervical Spine Injuries: Evaluation and Clearance Protocol
Michael DeCuyper, MD, PhD**	
1:20 – 2:10 pm	From Readiness to Response: Building Pediatric Emergency Systems Across the Continuum of Care
Vishal Naik, MD, MEd*	
2:10 – 2:15 pm	Break
Break-out sessions run simultaneously (choose one to attend)	
2:15 – 3:15 pm	NERT ALERT: Nurse Escape Response Team
Kella Fiore RN, BSN, TNS, ENPC, Brittany Homon, MSN, APRN, CPNP-PC, TNS, AA-SANE, CPN, Nicole Schwab, RN, MSN, APRN-BC, Randi Selep, DNP, APRN, CPNP-AC, Kathleen Zielinski, MSN, APRN, CPNP-PC	
3:15 – 4:15 pm	POCUS (Point-of-Care Ultrasound) Scavenger Hunt
Kristen Kester, MD, MPH*, Michael Harries, MD, MPP**, Hannah King, MD, MEd*, Arino Neto, MD**	
Repeat of above break-out sessions (Choose one to attend)	