Course Information

Registration

Registration deadline is February 19, 2027. 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.

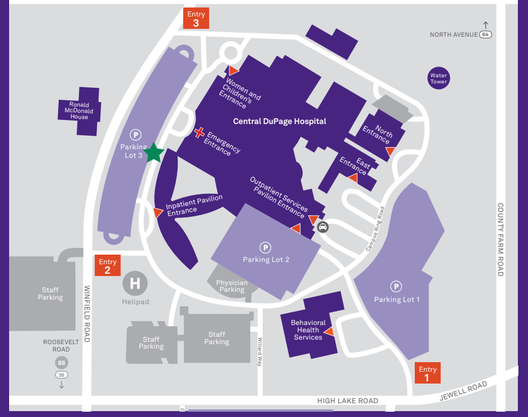
Location

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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This educational seminar is intended for physicians, nurses and other clinicians who want to learn about the latest interventions and advances in pediatric emergency medicine.

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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.

Lara Guzman, DMD†
Pediatric Dental Trauma Simplified

Meta Carroll, MD*
Melinda Hare, MSN, CPNP-PC, SANE-P
PEM Lit 2027: These Studies Will Change Your Practice

Mora Mocanu, MD*
When It's Not a Stomach Bug: Identification and Management of Pediatric GI Emergencies

Mary Clyde Pierce, MD†
Spotting the Red Flags: High-Yield Findings in Identifying Child Abuse — There's an APP for That!

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Kristine Cieslak, MD*
Kathleen Zielinski, MSN, APRN, CPNP-PC
Pediatric Simulation Olympics: SHAPE–kidSTAR Collaborative

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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.

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Learning objectives

- Apply evidence-based evaluation and management strategies for pediatric patients presenting with dental trauma in emergency, urgent care and outpatient settings.
- Evaluate the findings and clinical implications of five impactful recent studies in pediatric emergency medicine and integrate relevant evidence-based recommendations into patient care decision-making.
- Develop appropriate diagnostic and treatment plans for pediatric patients presenting with gastrointestinal emergencies based on current evidence and clinical guidelines.
- Incorporate the TEN-4-FACESp screening tool into clinical assessments to improve the identification and evaluation of children with potential abusive injuries.
- Integrate timely recognition, stabilization and coordination of care for infants with suspected critical congenital heart disease to improve clinical outcomes and reduce delays in definitive treatment.
- Incorporate timely recognition, evaluation and referral pathways for pediatric stroke into clinical practice to reduce delays in treatment and optimize patient outcomes.
- Develop appropriate diagnostic and management plans for unimmunized infants presenting with fever by integrating current evidence, immunization status and risk factors.

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American Board of Surgery Accredited CME and Self-Assessment
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Agenda – Thursday, February 25, 2027

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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8:00 – 8:50 am	Pediatric Dental Trauma Simplified **Lara Guzman, DMD†**
8:50 – 9:40 am	PEM Lit '27: These Studies Will Change Your Practice **Meta Carroll, MD*, Melinda Hare, MSN, CPNP-PC, SANE-P**
9:40 – 10:00 am	Break
10:00 – 10:50 am	When It's Not a Stomach Bug: Identification and Management of Pediatric GI Emergencies **Mora Mocanu, MD***
10:50 – 11:40 am	Spotting the Red Flags: High-Yield Findings in Identifying Child Abuse — There's an APP for That! **Mary Clyde Pierce, MD†**
11:40 am – 12:30 pm	Lunch
12:30 – 1:20 pm	Getting Down to the Heart of the Matter: Management of the Undifferentiated Infant Presenting with Cardiac Disease **Erin Bressler, MD†**
1:20 – 2:10 pm	Pediatric Stroke: Different Strokes for Little Folks — Recognition and Management **Chrisoula Cheronis, MD†**
2:10 – 2:15 pm	Break

Break-out sessions run simultaneously (choose one to attend)

2:15 – 3:15 pm

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3:15 – 4:15 pm
Repeat of above break-out sessions (Choose one to attend)