

# UPMC Office of Advanced Practice Providers' Tenth Annual Fall CME Conference: Professional Development Symposium

Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021  
Noon to 4:45 p.m.  
Conference to be held virtually  
via Microsoft Teams

## Course Co-Directors

**Benjamin R. Reynolds, MSPAS, PA-C, DFAAPA**  
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## Overview

The format of this conference will include interactive presentations from a variety of leaders within the UPMC system. The objective of this conference is to facilitate multidisciplinary continuing education, clinical updates, and professional development for UPMC advanced practice providers and students:

## Schedule

- Noon to 12:15 p.m.** Introduction  
**Ben Reynolds, MSPAS, PA-C, DFAAPA**
- 12:15 to 1:15 p.m.** Keynote: Increasing Your Emotional Intelligence at Work  
**R. David Lebel**
- 1:15 to 2:15 p.m.** Beyond Clinical Practice: What Every APP Need to Know about Advocacy, Compliance, and Reimbursement  
**Sondra M. DePalma, DHSc, PA-C, DFAAPA**
- 2:15 to 2:30 p.m.** Break
- 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.** Mentorship Best Practice: A Guide to Being a Good Mentor  
**Matthew D. Neal, MD, FACS**
- 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.** Taking the Paths Less Chosen: Reflections on Different APP Careers  
**Interprofessional APP Leadership Panel**
- 4:30 to 4:45 p.m.** Review & Evaluation
- 4:45 p.m.** Adjournment

## Faculty Listing

**Alexandrea Bartow, MBA, MSN, ACNP-BC, CSSGB**  
**David C. Beck EdD, MPAS, PA-C, DFAAPA**  
**Patrick J Coppler, PA-C**  
**Sondra M. DePalma, DHSc, PA-C, DFAAPA**  
**Dale Fleck, MSN, CRNA**  
**Amy L. Haller, MPAS, PA-C, MBA**  
**R. David Lebel**  
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## Who Should Attend

This course is designed for UPMC Advanced Practice Providers and students enrolled in area APP programs.

## Accreditation Statement

In support of improving patient care, the University of Pittsburgh is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

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