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Introduction

This course is designed for nurse practitioners, physician assistants, medical students, residents, and fellows, as well as students in nurse practitioners and physician assistant programs who are practicing in or have an interest in Critical Care Medicine. The program provides education on the latest updates in clinical practice and new developments regarding systemwide initiatives impacting Critical Care Medicine.

Learning Objectives

- Healthcare Providers will obtain a better understanding of choosing the most appropriate antibiotic based on the suspected bacteria.
- Healthcare Providers will be able to recognize and act quickly to Neurologic emergencies that they are faced with while providing care to ill patients.
- Participants will have a better understanding of how to take their work in quality improvement and write for publication in a peer reviewed journal.
- Healthcare Providers will learn how critical care is provided in different countries around the world.
- Healthcare Providers will learn the basics of mechanical ventilation and how to troubleshoot through common alarms and patient centered issues.
- Health care Providers will have a better understanding of the CUPID/DEI research project.
- Providers will understand resources available for childhood advocacy

Cost-

Workshops – Oct 17, 2025

\$125 per participant

Conference – Oct 18, 2025

\$175.00 for Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, MD/DO

\$125.00 for Nurse Practitioner Students, Physician Assistant Students

Course Contact – Please email CCMAPPLeadership@upmc.edu

Cancellation Policy-

A refund for the conference is eligible until October 1, 2025. Conference Registration will be refunded minus \$25 administrative fee. Any cancellation after October 1, 2025, will not be eligible for a refund.

Deadline to Register for Conference – Oct 5th –

Parking

Voucher is available for parking on site at UPMC Magee Garage

Hotel Accommodations

Please reach out to CCMAPPLeadership@upmc.edu



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.

Physician (CME)

The University of Pittsburgh 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

Nursing (CNE)

The maximum number of hours awarded for this Continuing Nursing Education activity is 7.25 contact hours.

Physician Assistant (AAPA)

The University of Pittsburgh has been authorized by the American Academy of PAs (AAPA) to award AAPA Category 1 CME credit for activities planned in accordance with AAPA CME Criteria. This activity is designated for 7.25 AAPA Category 1 CME credits. PAs should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation.

Other Healthcare Professionals: Other health care professionals will receive a certificate of attendance confirming the number of contact hours commensurate with the extent of participation in this activity.

Workshop Schedule – Oct 17th, 2025

WISER Center – 230 McKee Place, 3rd Floor, Pittsburgh PA



8a-12p

Central Line Insertion Course

Difficult Airway Course

1pm-4p

Introduction to Bronchoscopy Course

Neurologic Emergency Course

Central Line Insertion Course

Conference Agenda - Oct 18, 2025 UPMC Magee Womens Hospital Auditorium

300 Halket Street, Pittsburgh PA 15213

7:00 –8:00	Breakfast - Registration
8:00-8::05	Welcome
8:05 – 8:45a	“Mechanical Ventilation” Dr. Jason Moore
8:50- 9:50a	“Executive Presence” Jessica Buechli
9:55- 10:05	Break
10:10-10:55a	“CUPID Project” Susan Graff, PA-C
11a- 11:45	“Strength-based care for children and youth” Shenoa Dale, CRNP
11:45 - 12:55	Lunch
1- 2p	“Global Critical Care: The Intersection of Public Health, Critical Care, and Equity” Dr. Kristina Rudd MD, MPH
2:05 – 2:55	“What Bug, What Drug” Penelope Schwartz, PA-C
3:00- 3:10 pm	Break
3:15-4:00	“Engaging in Research as an APP”, Cecelia Ratay, CRNP
4:05 pm – 4:50pm	“Neurologic Emergencies”, Dr. Laura Favier
5p	Raffle/CME/Wrap-up

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