

26th Symposium

The Good, The Bad & The Scary: Lessons Learned in Pediatric Otolaryngology



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Friday, October 24 - Saturday, October 25, 2025

Rangos Conference Center

UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh

4401 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15224

Course Directors:

Dennis Kitsko, DO, Jeffrey Simons, MD, MMM, and Rachel Whelan, MD

Intent and Overview:

Pediatric Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery continues to evolve with new technologies, treatment options, and advanced scientific knowledge. The meeting will discuss an array of topics within the field of Pediatric Otolaryngology including airway, otology, head/neck pathology, technical considerations, healthcare reform and medicolegal cases.

This meeting will be an excellent opportunity to be updated on common and cutting-edge topics in pediatric ear, nose, and throat disorders. The course will provide panel discussions of controversial topics with experts in the field from throughout the country. It will also allow the audience to learn new and exciting approaches to the surgical and medical management of pediatric otolaryngology disorders.

Who should attend:

Otolaryngologists, primary care physicians, pediatricians, family practitioners, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, residents, audiologists, speech therapists, and other interested health care professionals.

Learning Objectives:

At the conclusion of this course, participants should be able to:

- 1.) Determine how to approach the diagnosis and management of pediatric hearing loss.
- 2.) Learn how to assess the pediatric airway in a quantitative manner.
- 3.) Learn how to approach challenging medicolegal scenarios.
- 4.) Gain knowledge on current healthcare reform initiatives and physician reimbursement policies impacting Otolaryngology. [OBJ]

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CME Accreditation and Designation 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.

Physician (CME)

The University of Pittsburgh designates this live activity for a maximum amount of 7.50 *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 7.50 *contact hours*.

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Other Healthcare Professionals

Other healthcare professionals will receive a certificate of attendance confirming the number of contact hours commensurate with the extent of participation in this activity.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DAY 1 – Friday, October 24, 2025

11:00 AM	Registration
11:30-12:30 PM	Lunch
12:30-12:40 PM	Welcome – UPMC Department of Otolaryngology Updates Diane Hupp, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, President, UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh
12:40-12:45 PM	Welcome – CHP Division of Pediatric Otolaryngology Updates David Chi, MD Chief, Division of Pediatric Otolaryngology
1:00-1:45 PM	Panel 1: <i>The Good, The Bad, and The Scary</i> Airway Cases <i>Moderator: Allison Tobey, MD</i> <i>Panelists: Deepak Mehta, MD</i> Raymond Maguire, DO Nicole Aaronson, MD
1:45-2:30 PM	Panel 2: Wicked Otologic Disease <i>Moderator: Cuneyt Alper, MD</i> <i>Panelists: Kavita Dedhia, MD</i> Michael Weinstock, MD Dennis Kitsko, DO
2:30-3:00 PM	Keynote Address: <i>Quantitative Assessment of the Pediatric Airway</i> Carlton J. Zdanski, MD
3:00-3:05 PM	Philanthropy in Medicine <i>Presenter: Lauren McBryde, CLS, MS, MBA</i>
3:05-3:30 PM	<i>Break/Meet with Exhibitors</i>
3:30-4:15 PM	Panel 3: How I Do It, Then and Now: Technical and Practice Changes <i>Moderator: Amanda Stapleton, MD</i> <i>Panelists: Deepak Mehta, MD</i> David Mandell, MD Carlton J. Zdanski, MD
4:15-5:00 PM	Panel 4: Ok, Sue Me! Lessons Learned from Medicolegal Cases <i>Moderator: Joseph Dohar, MD</i> <i>Panelists: Terrence (Terry) Lewis, Sr., Associate Legal Counsel, UPMC</i> James Reilly, MD Kenny Chan, MD
5:00 PM	<i>Day 1 Adjournment</i>

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DAY 2 – Saturday, October 25, 2025

7:00-8:00 AM	Breakfast
8:00-8:45 AM	Panel 1: Observe or Operate: Neck Masses and Beyond <i>Moderator: Rachel Whelan, MD</i> <i>Panelists: Zachary Bennett, MD</i> Jordyn Lucas, MD Nadine Haykal, MD
8:45-9:30 AM	Topic 2: The Business of Medicine – Policy Pulse: Updates in Healthcare Reform and Physician Reimbursement <i>Moderator: Jeffrey Simons, MD, MMM</i> <i>Speaker: Lance Manning, MD</i>
9:30-10:00 AM	Keynote Address: Fear of the Unknown: Challenging Pediatric Hearing Loss Etiologies Margaret A. Kenna, MD
10:00-10:30 AM	Break/Meet with Exhibitors
10:30-11:15 AM	Panel 3: Frightful Cases <i>Moderator: David Chi, MD</i> <i>Panelists: Carlton J. Zdanski, MD</i> Cuneyt Alper, MD Noel Jabbour, MD
11:15-12:00 PM	Panel 4: Fireside Chat: Lessons Learned Over the Years <i>Moderator: Jeffrey Simons, MD</i> <i>Panelists: James Reilly, MD</i> Margaret A. Kenna, MD Kenny Chan, MD
12:00 PM	Day 2 Adjournment

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**Denotes keynote speakers*

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For Online Information and Registration, visit:

<https://cce.upmc.com/good-bad-and-scary-lessons-learned-pediatric-otolaryngology>

Registration Fee:

- Physicians: \$150
- APPs, Nurses, and other Health Care Professionals: \$75

Tuition fee is *waived* for all residents, fellows, international visiting scholars, and medical students, but registration is still required.

All residents, fellows, international visiting scholars, and medical students can apply for a fee waiver by contacting Debi Buza at 412-692-5902 or via email at debi.buza@chp.edu.

Meeting Location:

The conference will be held at UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh's Rangos Auditorium, Pittsburgh, PA, 15224.

Special Needs:

Participation by all individuals is encouraged. Advance notification of any special needs will help us provide a better service. Please notify us of your needs at least two weeks in advance of the program by emailing debi.buza@chp.edu.

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