

## 26<sup>th</sup> Symposium

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



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University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine  
Center for Continuing Education in the Health Sciences  
and Department of Otolaryngology*

**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 J. Kitsko, DO, Jeffrey P. Simons, MD, MMM, and Rachel L. 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*.

#### **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 7.50 AAPA Category 1 CME credits. PAs should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation.

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

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### **DAY 2 – Saturday, October 25, 2025**

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

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### 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](mailto: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](mailto:debi.buza@chp.edu).

### Refund Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing and sent to us via U.S. mail, email or fax (see contact information below). Tuition for cancellations postmarked or date stamped before October 17, 2025, will be refunded in full. No refunds will be made after October 17, 2025.

### Cancellation requests can be made to:

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