UPMC Office of Advanced Practice Providers' Fourteenth Spring CME Conference

Monday, April 27, 2026 | 8 a.m.–12:45 p.m. EST
Conference to be held virtually via Microsoft Teams

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. The day's events are listed below.

Course Director

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Schedule – see below:

8 — 8:15 a.m.	**Introduction** by Ben Reynolds, MSPAS, PA-C, DFAAPA
8:15 — 9:15 a.m.	**KEYNOTE: Update in Migraine Management** *by Kimberly R. McGonigle, PA-C*
9:15 — 10:15 a.m.	**Benign Hematology for APPs** *by Alyssa Owens, PA-C*
10:15 — 10:30 a.m.	**BREAK**
10:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.	**Tick Talk: The Bite, the Bug, and the Battle Plan** *by Christine Zdaniewski, PharmD, BCPS*
11:30am — 12:30pm	**Leading Locally: APP Advisory Committees Panel Discussion** *Maria Ettore, MSPAS, PA-C, Erin Holmes, MSPAS, PA-C, Gina M. Lechene, DNP, CRNP, CCRN, Whitney Lerch, PA-C, Kori Morgan, DNP, FNP-C, Brittany Morocco DMSc, MPAS, PA-C and Catherine Watson, CRNP*
12:30pm — 12:45pm	**Review and Evaluation**
12:45 p.m.	**Adjournment**

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Faculty Listing

(All UPMC unless stated otherwise)

Maria Ettore, MSPAS, PA-C
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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.

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 4.25 AAPA Category 1 CME credit. PAs should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation.

Nursing (CNE)

The maximum number of hours awarded for this Continuing Nursing Education activity is 4.25 contact hour.

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Participation by all individuals is encouraged. Advance notification of any special needs will help us provide better service. Please notify us of your needs at least two weeks in advance of the program by contacting the UPMC Office of Advanced Practice Providers at **advancedpracticeproviders@UPMC.edu**.

Online registration available at https://cce.upmc.com/upmc-office-advanced-practice-providers-fourteenth-annual-spring-fling-cme-conference