

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

THE WESTIN CINCINNATI, CINCINNATI, OH
OCTOBER 13-15, 2026



TUESDAY OCTOBER 13, 2026

1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

OPTIONAL ST. JOE'S TOUR: (PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

Bus transportation provided, departing from hotel lobby at 12:45pm, returning 3:30pm

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

SPECIAL VIDEO VIEWING: (PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

Sponsored by Masimo PRESIDENTIAL 1-2

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

WELCOME RECEPTION

ALL ATTENDEES ARE WELCOME! FOUNTAIN ROOM

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 14, 2026

7:00 AM REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

GIBSON FOYER

8:00 AM WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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8:15 AM KEYNOTE PRESENTATION – 75 MIN

Caring for Rare in 2026

Speaker: Stacey M. Browning – High Growth Tech President, Chair-elect Cincinnati Children's Hospital, OH

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9:30 AM

BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS – 30 MINUTES

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10:00 AM PLENARY SESSION 1 – 60 MIN

Beyond Buzzwords: Cultivating Organizational Culture in Healthcare Settings.

Speaker: Dan Conners, M ED, *St. Joe's, OH*

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11:00 AM BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS – 30 MINUTES

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11:30 AM BREAKOUT 1 – 60 MINUTES

A. Diagnosing Malnutrition in Children with Neurological Impairment

Speaker(s): Sarah Vermilyea, MS, RD, CSP, LD, CNSC, *St. Joe's, OH*; Mandy Neudecker, MLIS, *Rainbow Babies and Children's, OH*; Gina Rempel, MD, FRCPC, FASPEN, *Children's Hospital Winnipeg, CANADA*; Tejas S.. Desai, MD, MSc, FRCPC, *Children's Hospital London Health and Sciences Center, CANADA*

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B. A Collaborative Approach to Programming for the Medically Complex Learner

Speaker(s): Erin Ficociello, M.Ed, CAGS and Rujal Kansara, MPT, *New England Pediatric Care, MA*

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C. Transforming Orthopedic Care for Children with Medical Complexity

Speaker(s): Jocelyn Dennis, DNP, CPNP-AC, CCRN, *Children's Mercy Hospital, KS*

TAFT 1

12:30 PM LUNCH BY DISCIPLINE

GIBSON FOYER

1:45 PM BREAKOUT 2 – 60 MINUTES

A. Discussing Life-Sustaining Medical Care for Children with Medical Complexity

Speaker(s): Alexandria Schoenberger, MD, Lori Herbst, MD; Jennifer deSante-Bertkau, MD, MBE, *Cincinnati Children's Hospital, OH*

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B. From Chaos to Confidence: High Reliability in Home-Based Medically Complex Care

Speaker(s): Angela Dickson, MN, BSN, RN, CIC, LSSBB; Monica Ngeno, MPH, MSN; *Pope's Place, WA*

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C. Palliative Rehabilitation in Practice: Creation of a Program

Speaker(s): Carrie Van Quathem, MS, PT, CBIS-T, CPHQ, *ChildServe, IA*

TAFT 1

2:45 PM

BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS – 30 MINUTES

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3:15 PM

BREAKOUT 3 – 60 MINUTES

A. A Multidisciplinary Approach to Encopresis and Functional Constipation

Speaker(s): Molly Danly, MOT, OTR/L; Amy Zimmerman, MD, *Ranken Jordan, MO*

TAFT 1

B. Educating for Complexity: The Growth of ChildServe's Palliative Care Course

Speaker(s): Stephanie Nemmers-Bello, MSN, ARNP, CPNP; Dawn Schwartz, DNP, ARNP, NNP-BC, CHPPN, TIP, CENP, CPHQ, *ChildServe, IA*

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C. Bringing Psychology to Bedside: Model for Pediatric Complex Care Sub Acute Rehab

Speaker(s): Nakisa Asefnia, PhD; Laretta Oseni, MD; Eugene Suwandhi, MD, MMM, *Children's National, DC*

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POSTER PRESENTATION SESSION – 60 MINUTES

TAFT 2

5:45 PM

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6:45 PM – END OF DAY ONE SESSIONS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2026

7:00 AM BREAKFAST

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8:00 AM WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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8:15 AM PLENARY SESSION 2 – 60 MIN

Beyond the Needle: Preventing Pain, Trauma, and Fear

Speaker: Stephanie Nemmers-Bello, MSN, ARNP, CPNP, *ChildServe, IA*

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9:15 AM

BREAK – 15 MINUTES

9:30 AM ~ BREAKOUT 4 – 60 MINUTES

A. **The Use of A.I. in an Infection Prevention and Antibiotic Stewardship Program**

Speaker(s): Tina Hess, CPHQ; Linda Mosiello, RN, MS, C-NE, LNHA, *Sunshine Children's Home & Rehab Center, NY*

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B. **Pharmacist-Led Telehealth for Post-Discharge Medication Safety at Home**

Speaker(s): Billie Mitchell, PharmD, BCPPS and Laretta Oseni, MD, *Children's National Hospital, DC*

TAFT 1

C. **It's All Fun and Games Until..... Creation and Implementation of a Safe Play Program**

Speaker: Carrie Van Quathem, MS, PT, *ChildServe, IA*

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10:45 AM ~ BREAKOUT 5 – 60 MINUTES

- A. **Elevating Vascular Access Management Through Multidisciplinary Care**
Speaker(s): Diane Carey, RN, MSN, CPN; Chana Katz, RN, BSN, WCC; *Blythedale, NY*
TAPT 1
- B. **Building a Better Start: Creating a New Clinical Onboarding Experience**
Speaker: Stephanie Nemmers-Bello, MSN, ARNP, CPNP, and Dawn Schwartz, DNP, ARNP, NNP-BC, CHPPN, TIP, CENP, CPHQ, *ChildServe, IA*
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- C. **An Interdisciplinary Approach to Airway Liberation in Pediatric Sub-Acute Care**
Speaker(s): Anastasia Evanoff, M.S.Ed, CCC-SLP, CLC; Carla Didier, MA, CCC-SLP, TSSLD, CLC; Lan Tu, BS, *St. Mary's Hospital for Children, NY*
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11:45 AM

LUNCH AND PCCA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

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1:00 PM ~ BREAKOUT 6 – 60 MINUTES

- A. **Shared Experience and Collaboration: PEWS in the Subacute Northeast**
Speaker(s): Carla Cangemi, MD, *St. Mary's Hospital for Children, NY*; Colin O'Reilly, DO, *Children's Specialized Hospital, NJ*
TAPT 1
- B. **Bridging Legal, Social, and Medical Priorities Within Complex Care Populations**
Speaker: Angeleah K Whitlatch, LISW, and Dawn Schwartz, DNP, ARNP, NNP-BC, CHPPN, TIP, CENP, CPHQ, *ChildServe, IA*
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- C. **Transportation Considerations for Children with Medical Complexities**
Speaker(s): Mary Beth Herberg, OTR/L, CPST; Jacinda Banet, COTA/L, CPST; Allison Schram, COTA/L, CPST; Sarah Taylor, MS, OTR/L, CPST, *Home of the Innocents, KY*
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2:00 PM

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2:15 PM CLOSING PLENARY – 75 MIN

Emergency Preparedness Simulation with Parents of Medically Complex Children

Speaker(s): M. Laurette Hughes, PhD, CPNP, *Franciscan Children's, MA*

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3:30 PM FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURN – 30 MIN

A promotional poster for the Pediatric Complex Care Association's 15th Annual Conference. The poster features the association's logo at the top left, with the tagline "CONNECT • COLLABORATE • ADVANCE" below it. The main title "15TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE" is prominently displayed in white text on a dark blue background. Below the title, the location "Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri" is listed with a location pin icon. The dates "TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26TH" and "THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28TH" are shown with calendar icons and the word "thru" in between. The website "pediatriccomplexcare.org" is at the bottom. The background of the poster shows a scenic view of the Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel, a large resort building with a swimming pool, surrounded by trees and a body of water with a rainbow. The poster is decorated with colorful geometric shapes in the corners.