

CME opportunity

4th Annual Pulmonary and Critical Care Symposium

October 31 – November 1, 2024

RLA Learning and Conference Center
850 Cranberry Woods Drive
Cranberry Township, PA 16066

In-person attendance is free



Jointly provided by
Allegheny General Hospital
Division of Allegheny Pulmonary and Critical Care
Allegheny Health Network
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Conference overview

The symposium is intended to gather various health care clinicians and disciplines to provide and demonstrate the most recent clinical updates and advancements in pulmonary and critical medicine. Through interactive lectures and simulation workshops, participants with various levels of knowledge and expertise will gain new knowledge which they can use to strengthen and adapt to best practice in their own profession. This conference is intended for pulmonologists, critical care physicians, primary care physicians, emergency medicine physicians, cardiologists, hospitalists, CRNPs, PAs, nurses, respiratory therapists, and other medical professionals.

Conference Objectives

- Review recent updates in medical literature in pulmonary and critical care medicine
- Discuss diagnosis and management of various critical care emergencies
- Teach skills to effectively utilize bedside ultrasound in the diagnosis and management of pulmonary and critical care diseases
- Demonstrate intubation techniques and management of difficult airways in the critical care setting
- Examine the role of extra-corporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) in the management of a critically ill patient
- Explore local scholarly activity in the field of pulmonary, critical care, sleep, and allergy via poster/abstract presentations
- Review updates in interventional pulmonology, including utility of cryobiopsy and management of refractory pneumothorax
- Practice performing chest tubes and thoracenteses
- Demonstrate advanced bronchoscopy procedures, including endobronchial ultrasound, cryobronchoscopy, and foreign body removal

CME accreditation

Physicians

Allegheny General Hospital is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians. Allegheny General Hospital designates this live activity for a maximum of 9.25 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*.

Respiratory therapists

Application submitted to the American Association for Respiratory Care.
Credits to be determined.

Physical therapists

Application will be submitted for PA PT credits.

Program agenda

Day 1 – Thursday, October 31, 2024

7:30 – 8 a.m.	Registration, breakfast, and visit exhibits
8 – 8:10 a.m.	Introduction Bill Barker, MD, Collin Flanagan, DO, and Briana DiSilvio, MD
8:10 – 8:40 a.m.	Management of pneumothorax Sohini Ghosh, MD
8:45 – 9:15 a.m.	Utility of cryobiopsy Aarthi Ganesh, MD and Steph Baltaji, MD
9:15 – noon	Simulations 1. 14 French chest tubes and thoracentesis 2. Endobronchial blocker placement 3. EBUS simulator 4. Cryobronch/foreign body removal/APC demonstrations
Noon – 1 p.m.	Lunch

Day 2 – Friday, November 1, 2024

7 – 7:55 a.m.	Registration, breakfast, and visit exhibits
8 – 8:10 a.m.	Welcome and overview Bill Barker, MD, Collin Flanagan, DO, and Briana DiSilvio, MD
8:15 – 8:45 a.m.	Critical care year in review Perry Tiberio, MD, PhD
8:45 – 9:05 a.m.	Sarcoidosis: Manifestations and treatment challenges Joanna Marco, MD
9:10 – 9:30 a.m.	Intermediate-risk PE: Diagnosis and management Adnan Khalif, MD
9:30 – 9:50 a.m.	Angioedema workup/diagnosis/management Christine Rauscher, MD
9:55 – 10:15 a.m.	Break
10:15 – 10:35 a.m.	Changing landscape of lung cancer treatment Benny Weksler, MD
10:35 – 11 a.m.	Neurotrauma in critical care Justin Davanzo, MD
11:05 – 11:25 a.m.	Biologics in COPD Bill Barker, MD
11:25 – 11:50 a.m.	Idiopathic interstitial pneumonia with autoimmune features (IPAF) Briana DiSilvio, MD

Day 2 — Friday, November 1, 2024 (continued)

Noon – 1 p.m.	Lunch
1 – 1:20 p.m.	Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS) in the ICU Collin Flanagan, DO
1:20 – 2 p.m.	Panel discussion (3 ICU cases) Pat DiGiacomo, MD, Anna Prischepova, MD, Kyle Holden, DO
2:05 – 2:20 p.m.	Break
2:20 – 4:30 p.m.	Simulation stations <ol style="list-style-type: none">US — using standardized patients. Collin Flanagan, DO, Raghu Thirumala, MD, Hammad Arshad, MDIntubation review, difficult airways (LMA, bougie, cric) Tariq Cheema, MD, Tiffany DuMont, DO, Bill Barker, MDECMO simulations Tyler VanDyck, MDPoster presentations Meilin Young, MD
4:30 p.m.	End of day wrap-up Bill Barker, MD, Collin Flanagan, DO, and Briana DiSilvio, MD

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Registration

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Fees

Virtual non-AHN physician: \$125

Industry attendee: \$75

Virtual non-AHN RT and nursing: \$50

Virtual AHN employee: \$50

In-person RT, PT, nursing, and nursing students: complimentary

Fellows and residents: complimentary

In-person physician: complimentary

Questions?

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