

CME/ANCC opportunity

5th Annual Pulmonary and Critical Care Symposium

Saturday, September 20, 2025

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

Sponsored by

Division of Allegheny
Pulmonary and Critical Care



Conference overview and intended audience

This symposium is intended to provide and demonstrate the most recent clinical updates and advancements in pulmonary and critical medicine. Through interactive lectures and simulation workshops, participants will gain new knowledge which they can use to strengthen and adapt to best practices 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.

Objectives

- Review major advancements and key clinical trials from the last year in pulmonary and critical care medicine.
- Interpret essential imaging findings relevant to patients with critical illness and pulmonary disease.
- Understand the components and rationale behind evidence-based ICU bundles.
- Describe current guidelines in management of cardiac arrest and the impact of post-resuscitation care strategies.
- Discuss clinical presentations, imaging patterns, and management of immune-checkpoint inhibitor (ICI) pneumonitis.
- Summarize best practices and new therapies in the treatment of COPD.
- Teach skills to effectively utilize bedside ultrasound in the diagnosis and management of pulmonary and critical care diseases.
- Practice performing intubations and managing difficult airways.

CME accreditation

Physicians

Allegheny General Hospital is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Allegheny General Hospital designates this live activity for a maximum of 8.0 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in this activity.

Nurses, NPs, and PAs

Allegheny Health Network West Penn Hospital is approved as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by Pennsylvania State Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation. Credits pending.

American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) accepts *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* from organizations accredited by the ACCME.

The National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) states that the *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* are acceptable for continuing medical education requirements for recertification.

Respiratory therapists

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

Non-physicians

Allegheny General Hospital has approved this activity for 8.0 contact hours for non-physicians.

Program agenda

6:45 – 7:15 a.m.	Registration and visit exhibits
7:15 – 8 a.m.	Product theater breakfast (Non-CME accredited) Michael Zlupko, MD
8 – 8:10 a.m.	Introduction and overview Raj Adurty, MD, Justine Sicari, DNP, FNP, MSNed, Briana DiSilvio, MD, and Anna Prishchepova, MD
8:10 – 9:10 a.m.	Pulmonary medicine: Year in review Briana DiSilvio, MD, Perry Tiberio, MD, PhD, Marvin Balaan, MD, Bill Barker, MD, and Justine Sicari, DNP, FNP, MSNed Moderator: Tariq Cheema, MD
9:10 – 9:40 a.m.	Essential radiology for the pulmonary and critical care clinician Layla Nasr, MD
9:40 – 10:10 a.m.	Diagnostic imaging in action: Radiology case presentations Dhaval Patel, MD, George Bchech, MD, and Nikolas Touloumes, DO
10:10 – 10:30 a.m.	Break and visit exhibits
10:30 – 11 a.m.	The ABCDEF bundle: Advancing patient-centered care in the ICU Tiffany Dumont, DO and Justin Dorman, MSN, RN
11 – 11:30 a.m.	Evolving strategies in cardiac arrest and post-resuscitation care Collin Flanagan, DO
11:30 a.m. – noon	Modern management of COPD: What’s new and what matters Rajashekar Adurty, MD, FCCP, FACP
Noon – 1 p.m.	Lunch and visit exhibits Ethical use of AI in health care Guest speaker: Rebekah Apple, MA, DHSc
1 – 2 p.m.	Critical care medicine: Year in review Anna Prishchepova, MD, Hridyesh Sikri, MD, Jillian Ortmyer, MSN, CRNP, and Marissa Eaton, AG-ACNP Moderator: Tariq Cheema, MD
2 – 2:15 p.m.	Break and visit exhibits
2:15 – 4:15 p.m.	Hands-on simulation: Point-of-care ultrasound and airway management Ultrasound station: Collin Flanagan, DO, Raghu Thirumala, MD, and Thomas Robertson, MD Airway Station: Hammad Arshad, MD, Anna Prishchepova, MD, Raj Adurty, MD, and Briana DiSilvio, MD
4:15 – 4:30 p.m.	Wrap up

Course directors

Briana DiSilvio, MD
Associate Program Director, Pulmonary and Critical Care Fellowships
Co-Director, AHN Center for Autoimmune Lung Disease
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Invited faculty

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Disclosure of significant relationships with relevant commercial companies.
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Invited faculty (continued)

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Registration

Online registration can be accessed at **cme.ahn.org**:

Click on **Courses**, then type or scroll down to find **5th Annual Pulmonary and Critical Care Symposium** and click on **Register**.

Fees

Industry attendee: \$75

All others: Free

Registrant refund policy

Eligibility for a registrant refund is based on the following criteria. Please note, all registrants must email the CME Department within the specified time frames to be eligible for a refund.

30+ days prior to activity: 100% refund

14 – 29 days prior to activity: 50% refund

Less than 14 days prior to activity: No refund

Questions?

Please contact Samantha Kunvatanagarn in the CME office
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Scan code to register.

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