

Pediatric Grand Rounds

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Aug. 27 - Dr. Abdelmoity & Dr. Le Pichon

Building a Data-Enabled Rural Pediatric Chronic Care Network

This Grand Rounds will present a multidisciplinary, data-enabled model for improving care for children with epilepsy, asthma, obstructive sleep apnea, and type 1 diabetes in rural Kansas. Families often face limited access to pediatric specialists, long travel distances, fragmented care, and delays in diagnosis and treatment. The session will address clinician knowledge gaps in risk stratification, telemedicine, shared care plans, clinical decision support tools, and coordinated specialty-primary care partnerships. By strengthening provider collaboration, the program aims to improve disease control, reduce avoidable emergency visits and hospitalizations, lessen family travel burdens, and build sustainable specialty care capacity in rural communities.

(Live activity, 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™, 1 ANCC Contact Hour, 1 CE Hour Respiratory Therapy, 1 CE Hour Nutrition, 1 CE Hour ASRT)

Sept. 17 - No Grand Rounds (Join us at CAPS!)

Oct. 15 - Hollie Raynor, PhD, RD, LDN

Pediatric Lifestyle Obesity Care: Considerations for Translation of Evidence-Based Recommendations from a Nutrition Perspective

Translating evidence-based nutrition recommendations into effective pediatric obesity care can be challenging in real-world settings. This lecture will examine factors influencing the application of research findings to clinical practice, including limitations of existing evidence & the importance of representative research populations. Food insecurity and other social factors affect nutrition behaviors, treatment adherence, and health outcomes. Through a nutrition-focused perspective, this session provides practical insights for tailoring obesity interventions and delivering more equitable, effective, family-centered care.

(Live activity, 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™, 1 ANCC Contact Hour)

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Children's Mercy Kansas City is approved as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by VTL Center for Professional Development, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Nov. 5 - Gita Pensa, MD

Support Through Litigation

This lecture examines the psychological and professional impact of malpractice litigation on clinicians. Drawing from a twelve-year litigation experience, it explores burnout, isolation, and identity disruption, emphasizing litigation stress as an occupational hazard. Attendees will learn strategies that promote peer support, psychological safety, resilience, and clinician well-being.

(Live activity, 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™, 1 ANCC Contact Hour)

Nov. 19 - Anik Patel, MD

Putting Patients and Families First: Health Literacy Approaches for Inclusive Communication

Health information can be difficult to understand, particularly for families of children with complex health needs and those whose primary language is not English. A pediatric physician and a panel of parents will share experiences and perspectives on language, culture, and health literacy to help improve communication and care.

(Live activity, 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™, 1 ANCC Contact Hour)

Dec. 17 - Michelle DePhillips, MD

Treatment of Opioid Use Disorders in the Pediatric Patient

The prevalence of opioid use disorder (OUD) and rates of opioid overdose in the pediatric population have substantially increased over the last five to six years. Early identification and initiation of medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) are crucial to successful treatment. However, many pediatric providers have received minimal education or training in the identification and treatment of OUD and do not feel prepared to manage these patients.

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