



47th Annual Aspen Conference on Pediatric Gastrointestinal Disease

Advances in Pediatric Liver Disease & Liver Transplantation

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Snowmass Village, Colorado



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On behalf of the Division of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology, and Nutrition at Cincinnati Children's, we are pleased to invite you to participate in the 47th Annual Aspen Conference on Pediatric Gastrointestinal Disease, to be held in Snowmass Village, Colorado, from July 14–18, 2025.

A Rich History

The Aspen Conference on Pediatric Gastrointestinal Disease was established by William Balistreri, MD, nearly five decades ago and has since grown into one of the most prestigious annual gatherings in the field. Each year, leading pediatric gastroenterologists, hepatologists, and specialists gather to explore cutting-edge research and innovations in pediatric GI care. The conference, hosted by Cincinnati Children's, is known for its intimate and collaborative atmosphere, allowing for rich discussions and interactions between faculty and attendees.

The Legacy Continues

Co-Directors, Dr. Stavra Xanthakos and Dr. Julie Bonn continue the momentum with dynamic topics and expert faculty. This collaborative environment features engaging Q&A sessions, case presentations, and interactive discussions. The intimate setting fosters meaningful interactions between attendees and faculty. The schedule includes morning lectures and interactive sessions, emphasizing practical applications of the latest research. Don't miss this opportunity to stay at the forefront of your field!

This prestigious conference will explore several major themes during the week-long conference including:

- Pediatric Cholestasis (Biliary Atresia, PFIC, Alagille Syndrome)
- Metabolic Dysfunction-Associated Steatotic Liver Disease
- Fontan-Associated Liver Disease
- Cystic Fibrosis Hepatobiliary Involvement



- Viral Hepatitis
- Metabolic and Autoimmune Liver Diseases
- Pediatric Cirrhosis
- The Failing Liver: Early Identification, Intervention Strategies
- Liver Transplantation: Enhancing Management and Optimizing Outcomes

Audience

The conference is designed for pediatric gastroenterologists and hepatologists, but content will benefit pediatric surgeons, nurse coordinators, nurse practitioners, nutritionists, pathologists and pediatricians as well.

Accreditation

In support of improving patient care, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center 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.



CME: Cincinnati Children's designates this live activity for a maximum of 21.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)[™]. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

CNE: This activity is approved for a maximum 21.25 continuing nursing education (CNE) contact hours.

ABP MOC Part 2: Successful completion of this CME activity, which includes participation in the activity and individual assessment of and feedback to the learner, enables the learner to earn up to 21.25 MOC points in the American Board of Pediatrics' (ABP) Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program. It is the CME activity provider's responsibility to submit learner completion information to ACCME for the purpose of granting ABP MOC credit.

Cincinnati Children's uploads MOC Part 2 points to the ABP quarterly, upon learners successfully completing the outlined MOC Part 2 requirements for an activity.

Exhibit & Sponsorship Opportunities

A number of exhibit and sponsorship opportunities for this course are available. Please contact Andrea Thrasher andrea.thrasher@cchmc.org for more information.

Accommodations

Viewline Snowmass: A limited number of discounted guest rooms have been reserved at the Viewline Snowmass (100 Elbert Ln, Snowmass Village, CO 81615) for this conference. Room rates are \$249/night plus tax. Room reservations for the conference must be made by June 21, 2025. To reserve a room online, visit cincinnatichildrens.org/AspenGI and click "Hotel".

About Aspen/Snowmass

Airports:

- Aspen-Pitkin County Airport (ASE)—approximately 7 miles to Snowmass Village
- Denver International Airport (DIA)—approximately 3.5 hour drive to Snowmass Village

Things to do:

- HIKING—hike.gosnowmass.com
- White Water Rafting—blazingadventures.com
- Snowmass Rodeo—snowmassrodeo.org



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Sunday, July 13, 2025

3:30–5:30 pm Registration and Refreshments

Monday, July 14, 2025

7–8 am Breakfast and Registration
8–8:15 am Welcome and Introductions
8:15–8:35 am What's Hot Today?
8:35–8:50 am Discussion
8:50–9:10 am Decoding Neonatal Cholestasis—a Guide to Current Evaluation Strategies
Amy Feldman, MD
9:10–9:25 am Discussion
9:25–9:45 am Cholestatic Disorders in Children—Expanding Options for Treatment
Jennifer Vittorio, MD
9:45–10 am Discussion
10–10:20 am Faculty/Participant Discussion/Refreshments
10:20–10:30 am Clinical Challenge
10:30–10:50 am Fat Soluble Vitamin Supplementation in Cholestasis—Practical Considerations
Ron Sokol, MD
10:50–11:05 am Discussion
11:05–11:25 am Improving Kasai Outcomes: From Techniques to Post-Surgical Management
Alex Bondoc, MD / Greg Tiao, MD
11:25–11:40 am Discussion
11:40 am–noon Evaluation of Unconjugated Hyperbilirubinemia—When to Dig Deeper
Jim Squires, MD, MS
Noon–12:15 pm Discussion
12:15–12:45 pm Case Discussion

Have an interesting or challenging case?

Submit your case for our Clinical Challenges! Instructions found at cincinnatichildrens.org/AspenGI

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

7:15–7:45 am	Breakfast and Roundtable Discussion
7:45–8:05 am	What's Hot Today?
8:05–8:20 am	Discussion
8:20–8:40 am	Wilson Disease—Updates on Diagnosis and Therapies <i>Ron Sokol, MD</i>
8:40–8:55 am	Discussion
8:55–9:15 am	New Perspectives on Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency <i>Jennifer Vittorio, MD</i>
9:15–9:30 am	Discussion
9:30–9:40 am	Clinical Challenge
9:40–9:50 am	Faculty/Participant Discussion/Refreshments
9:50–10:10 am	MASLD Masqueraders—When to Suspect Inborn Errors of Metabolism <i>Stavra Xanthakos, MD, MS</i>
10:10–10:25 am	Discussion
10:25–10:45 am	Liver Cysts & Masses—How to Evaluate and Manage <i>Amy Feldman, MD & Alex Bondoc, MD / Greg Tiao, MD</i>
10:45–11 am	Discussion
11–11:20 am	Cystic Fibrosis-Associated Hepatobiliary Involvement <i>Jim Squires, MD</i>
11:20–11:35 am	Discussion
11:35–11:55 am	Pediatric Drug-Induced Liver Injury—On the Rise <i>Julie Bonn, MD</i>
11:55 am–12:10 pm	Discussion
12:10–12:40 pm	Case Discussion

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

7:15–7:45 am	Breakfast and Roundtable Discussion
7:45–8:05 am	What's Hot Today?
8:05–8:20 am	Discussion
8:20–8:40 am	Difficult-to-Treat Autoimmune Hepatitis & Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis <i>Jim Squires, MD</i>
8:40–8:55 am	Discussion
8:55–9:15 am	Fontan-Associated Liver Disease—New Perspectives and Challenges <i>Julie Bonn, MD</i>
9:15–9:30 am	Discussion
9:30–9:40 am	Clinical Challenge
9:40–9:50 am	Faculty/Participant Networking/Refreshments
9:50–10:10 am	Cannabis and the Liver: Friend or Foe? <i>Stavra Xanthakos, MD, MS</i>
10:10–10:25 am	Discussion
10:25–10:45 am	Use of Elastography in Pediatric Liver Diseases—Benefits vs. Costs <i>Ron Sokol, MD</i>
10:45–11 am	Discussion
11–11:20 am	Management of Congenital and Acquired Shunts <i>Alex Bondoc, MD / Greg Tiao, MD</i>
11:20–11:35 am	Discussion
11:35–11:55 am	Portal Hypertension: Updates in Assessment & Management <i>Jim Squires, MD</i>
11:55 am–12:10 pm	Discussion
12:10–12:40 pm	Case Discussion

Thursday, July 17, 2025

7:15–7:45 am	Breakfast and Roundtable Discussion
7:45–8:05 am	What's Hot Today?
8:05–8:20 am	Discussion
8:20–8:40 am	Metabolic Liver Disease—New Challenges in Diagnosis and Management <i>Jim Squires, MD</i>
8:40–8:55 am	Discussion
8:55–9:15 am	New Strategies in the Evaluation and Management of Pediatric Acute Liver Failure <i>Amy Feldman, MD</i>
9:15–9:30 am	Discussion
9:30–9:40 am	Clinical Challenge
9:40–9:50 am	Faculty/Participant Discussion/Refreshments
9:50–10:10 am	Nutritional Considerations in Pediatric Liver Disease: Optimizing Growth and Liver Health <i>Jennifer Vittorio, MD</i>
10:10–10:25 am	Discussion
10:25–10:45 am	Intestinal Failure-Associated Liver Disease <i>Ron Sokol, MD</i>
10:45–11 am	Discussion
11–11:20 am	Updates on Organ Allocation & Listing Considerations <i>Amy Feldman, MD</i>
11:20–11:35 am	Discussion
11:35–11:55 am	Surgical Updates in Liver and Intestinal Transplantation <i>Alex Bondoc, MD / Greg Tiao, MD</i>
11:55 am–12:10 pm	Discussion
12:10–12:40 pm	Case Discussion

Friday, July 18, 2025

7:15–7:45 am	Breakfast and Roundtable Discussion
7:45–8:05 am	Health Care Disparities and Impact of Health Literacy on Pediatric Liver Disease <i>Jennifer Vittorio, MD</i>
8:05–8:20 am	Discussion
8:20–8:40 am	Medication Adherence and Strategies to Improve in Pediatric Liver Disease <i>Julie Bonn, MD</i>
8:40–8:55 am	Discussion
8:55–9:15 am	Immunizations in Chronic Liver Disease & Transplantation <i>Amy Feldman, MD</i>
9:15–9:30 am	Discussion
9:30–9:50 am	New Treatments for MASLD and Obesity—a Practical Primer <i>Stavra Xanthakos, MD, MS</i>
9:50–10:05 am	Discussion
10:05–10:25 am	Summation

Registration Form

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Online registration for this conference is required.

Please visit cincinnatichildrens.org/AspenGI to register.

Due to the design of this course, space is limited. We encourage you to not confirm any travel plans until your registration is confirmed.

Select one:

On or before July 1, 2025

After July 1, 2025

Practicing Physicians

\$705

\$795

Physicians in training, nurses,
other clinical personnel

\$585

\$670

Course tuition includes on-line syllabus materials, breakfast and refreshment breaks each day.

Each registrant must use a unique email address to register.

Please note: Credit card and electronic check payments will be processed online during registration.

To pay by hard copy check, please register online as instructed above, complete the following form, and remit your form and check to the address below.

Name _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Please make check payable to:

CCHMC CME

Return form and check to:

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, CME
3333 Burnet Avenue, MLC 3003
Cincinnati, Ohio 45229-3039

Cancellation Policy

Early registration is recommended, as attendance is limited. Cancellations received on or before June 10, 2025 are fully refundable. After June 10, 2025, a \$75 processing fee will be charged for cancellations.

Questions?

Contact the Cincinnati Children's Continuing Medical Education office at cme@cchmc.org.





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