



14th Annual Wake Forest – UNC – Duke

Pediatric Anesthesiology Conference:

Best Practices in Pediatric Anesthesia Care



April 25, 2026

Bowman Gray Center for Medical Education
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the CME activity is to provide physicians, certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs), anesthesia assistants (AAs), registered nurses, fellows and residents an up-to-date refresher on information, techniques and current research relevant to the practice of pediatric anesthesia. The goals of the CME activity will be accomplished with lectures and forums. The ultimate goal is to provide participants with tools and information that will improve the quality and safety of the care they provide to the pediatric patient in the perioperative setting.

PROBLEM BASED LEARNING DISCUSSION

NEW this year: We are offering an optional lunchtime PBLD session (worth 1 additional hour of credit, cost \$35). Participants will be divided into small groups, each with a moderator, to work through a clinical scenario together.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Anesthesiologists, CRNAs, AAs, pediatric nurses, residents and fellows in anesthesiology, student nurse anesthetists and other health care professionals who care for the pediatric patient in the perioperative period.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The information presented at this educational activity should improve your ability to:

- Identify which patients are appropriate for transfusion
- Describe current and emerging applications of artificial intelligence in anesthesia including generative AI for fundamental research, phenotyping with waveforms, as well as perioperative risk predictions
- Evaluate the benefits, limitations, and ethical considerations of integrating AI technologies into clinical anesthesiology practice to optimize patient outcomes
- Identify key elements that foster mutual respect, trust, and effective communication in MD/CRNA working relationships
- Describe the science related to multitasking and the distracted brain
- Analyze common sources of distraction in the operating room
- Review current recommendations for managing known pediatric difficult airways
- Review parental refusal of care and the legal implications of a pregnant minor
- Evaluate the impact of our actions in anesthetizing children as remembered by them as adults



PHYSICIAN CREDIT

Wake Forest University School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 8.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)[™]. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

NURSE ANESTHETIST CREDIT

This program has been prior approved by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists for 8.50 Class A CE credits; code number 1046253; expiration date April 25, 2026.

ACCREDITATION

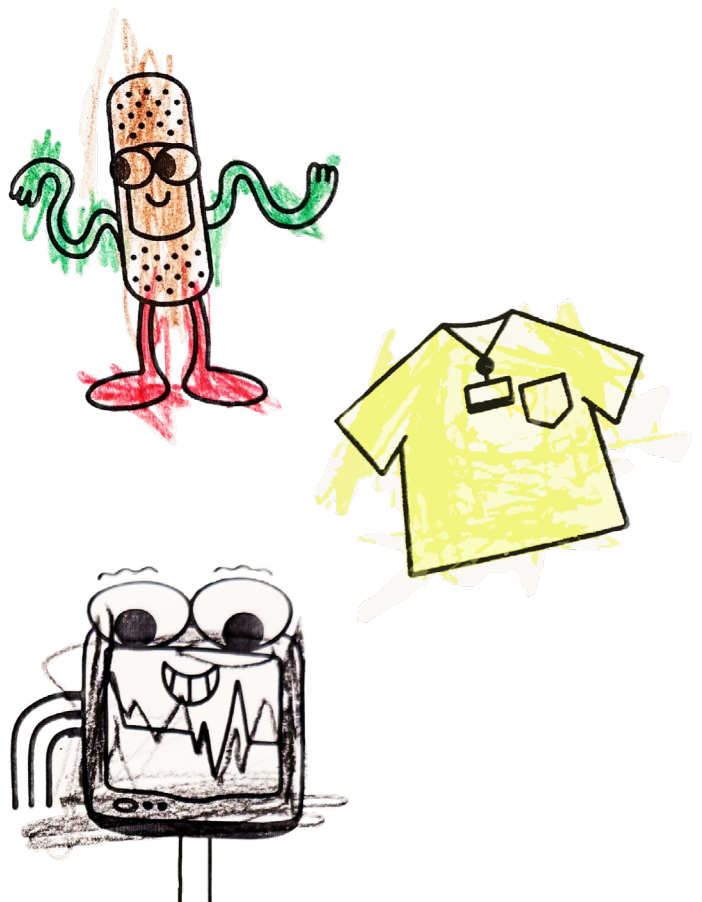
Wake Forest University School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

ADA STATEMENT

Wake Forest University School of Medicine adheres to the Americans with Disabilities Act. Please contact the Department of Anesthesiology at 336-716-2712 about any special needs you may have for participation in and/or access to this educational activity.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For additional information, please contact Pamela Welch at 336-716-2712 or pamela.welch@advocatehealth.org.



AGENDA

7:15-7:45 a.m.	Registration, Exhibitors and Breakfast	12:30 p.m.	Lunch, Optional PBLD (PBLD fee is \$35)
7:45 a.m.	Introduction Shelly Pecorella, MD	1:30 p.m.	Walk Back Over
8 a.m.	Anesthetic Considerations for the Child with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Lisa Einhorn, MD, MHSc	1:40 p.m.	High Stakes and Low Sodium: Anesthetizing the Uroabdomen Foal Kelley Varner, DVM, DACVAA
8:20 a.m.	Big Aspirations: Decreasing Uncertainty When Interpreting Pediatric NPO Guidelines Joseph Sisk, MD, FAAP	2:10 p.m.	Pediatric Difficult Airway Update Hemanth Baboolol, MD, FRCA
8:40 a.m.	Anesthesia Considerations for the Patient with Sickle Cell Disease Martha Kenney, MD	2:40 p.m.	Medicolegal Issues in Pediatric Anesthesiology Jessica Meister Berger, JD, MD
9 a.m.	Managing Blood Transfusions for the Pediatric Patient Michael K Ritchie, MD	3:10 p.m.	Q+A Brian Delgrosso, CRNA
9:30 a.m.	Q+A Crystal Rouse, CRNA	3:25 p.m.	Afternoon Break/Exhibitors
9:45 a.m.	Morning Break/Exhibitors	3:45 p.m.	NORA Cameron Sutton, MD
10:05 a.m.	Block to the Future - Practical Pediatric Regional Anesthesia Dudley Hammon, MD	4:15 p.m.	What's the Latest in Pediatric Anesthesia? Douglas Ririe, MD, PhD, MHA
10:25 a.m.	Applications of Artificial Intelligence in Anesthesia: From Bench to Bedside Ryan Godwin, MS, PhD	4:45 p.m.	How do you remember us? Adult Remembrances of Childhood Anesthesia Experiences Timothy Smith, MD and L. Daniela Smith, MD
10:50 a.m.	Trust, Talk, Teamwork: Investing in Respectful and Effective MD/CRNA Relationships Emily Funk, DNP, CRNA and John Eck, MD	5:15 p.m.	Questions/Wrap-up T. Wesley Templeton, MD
11:20 a.m.	Keynote - Distractions in The Operating Room Kirk Lalwani, MD, FRCA, MCR, FASA	5:30 p.m.	Adjourn to Reception
12:05 p.m.	Q&A Lan Chi Tran, MD		
12:20 p.m.	Adjourn to Walk Over		

CONFERENCE LOCATION

Bowman Gray Center for Medical Education,
475 Vine St., Winston-Salem, NC 27101
Website: School.WakeHealth.edu/About-the-School/Facilities-and-Environment/Learning-Environment/Bowman-Gray-Center-for-Medical-Education

Bring a jacket or sweater in case the room feels cool to you.

ACCOMMODATIONS

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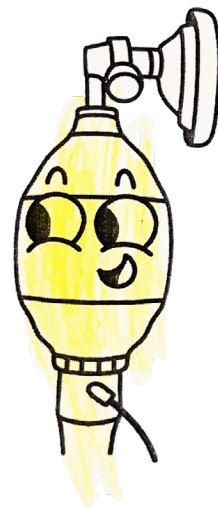
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REGISTRATION

Register online at: NWAHEC.org/77067

Early Bird Registration Fees BEFORE March 1, 2026

MD, DO	\$360
CRNA, CAA, Other Health Care Professionals	\$280
RN	\$180
Trainees	\$150

Regular Registration Fees ON/AFTER March 1, 2026

MD, DO	\$420
CRNA, CAA, Other Health Care Professionals	\$340
RN	\$210
Trainees	\$150

Cancellation Policy

Registration cancellation deadline is March 1, 2026, at midnight. Cancellations prior to deadline will receive a full refund. No refunds will be issued after deadline. All cancellations should be in writing (fax, or email). No substitutions.

Optional Activities and Fees

Problem Based Learning Discussion (During Lunch Hour)	\$35
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