



# 2025 Pediatric Nursing Conference

## *Gather, Growth & Gratitude*

Wednesday,  
November 5, 2025

### Presenters and Breakout Sessions

#### Welcome

**Nancy Korom, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN**  
Chief Nursing Officer and Vice President  
Children's Wisconsin

#### Opening and Closing Keynote

**Donna Wright, MS, RN, NPD-BC**  
Professional Development Specialist/Consultant  
Creative Health Care Management

#### Breakout Session A (60 min) *(Select one session at registration)*

##### **Session 1: The Complexity of Pain: A Comprehensive Review**

*\*Note: This session may be eligible for pharmacology credits.*

**Andie Hintz, MSN, RN, CPNP-PC, CCRN, CPN**  
Pediatric Pain & Headache Nurse Practitioner  
Children's Wisconsin

**Madalyn (Maddy) Pelky, MSN, RN, PMGT-BC, CPNP-AC, AP-PMN**  
Pain Management Nurse Practitioner  
Medical College of Wisconsin and Children's Wisconsin

#### Description:

Attendees of this session will learn about acute and chronic pain management, pain treatment modalities and withdrawal/weaning guidelines.

#### Objectives:

- Be able to understand the definition of pain and the types of pain
- Learn about the types of scales used to assess pain
- Understand how to treat acute pain
- Medication Management
- PCA, Enteral medications, Ketamine, Lidocaine and Epidural Management Options
- Understand how to manage chronic pain/Medication Management
- Withdrawal/Weaning
- Verbalize the goals of pain management





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### **Breakout Session A (60 min)** *(Select one session at registration)*

#### **Session 2: Do Reasons Matter: Assessing Parental Reasons in Pediatric Decision-Making**

##### **Annie Friedrich, PhD, HEC-C**

Assistant Professor of Bioethics and Medical Humanities and  
Co-Chair of the CW Ethics Advisory Committee  
Medical College of Wisconsin

##### **Description:**

This session explores the ethical complexities of parental decision-making in pediatric care, focusing on how clinicians assess the reasons parents give for their choices. It will examine the moral distress that can arise when clinicians disagree with those decisions and offer practical strategies for ethical engagement and resolution.

##### **Objectives:**

- Explore ethical frameworks for evaluating parental decision-making in pediatric care, with particular attention to how the quality and rationale of parental reasons can impact the child's best interests.
- Analyze sources of moral distress in clinicians arising from disagreements with parents' decisions.
- Apply case-based discussion to identify appropriate clinician responses when parental decisions appear ethically troubling, balancing respect for parental authority with professional obligations to the child.

#### **Session 3: Caring for Victims of Child Maltreatment and Their Families**

##### **Judy Walczak, RN, MSN, CPNP, APNP**

Pediatric Nurse Practitioner with the CAPS Program; APs Program  
Children's Wisconsin

##### **Description:**

Caring for children when there are concerns of child maltreatment has its own unique set of challenges. These can include hostile parents, questions about who can visit, and even personal distress triggered by the situation. This presentation will explain what goes into making a diagnosis of child abuse. It will explain the care and work up they may require. It will also help the attendee develop a strategy for responding to questions from parents and investigators.

##### **Objectives:**

- Attendees will be able to define a "sentinel injury" and give an example of one.
- Participants will be able to state one reason it is important not to provide opinions to parents or investigators regarding the likelihood of abuse.
- Participants will be able to locate information in the EMR regarding visitor restrictions.





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### **Breakout Session B (60 mins)** *(Select one session at registration)*

#### **Session 4: The Secrets to Delegation and Communication Everyone Needs to Know – the RAA Formula**

**Donna Wright, MS, RN, NPD-BC**

Professional Development Specialist/Consultant  
Creative Health Care Management, Minneapolis, MN

**Description:**

This session will explore elements of the RAA formula – Responsibility, Authority, and Accountability and how to incorporate these elements into your work life.

**Objectives:**

- Explore the RAA formula of delegation and communication
- Gain a deeper understanding of responsibility, authority, and accountability.
- Discover ways to put this into our daily work and make sharing the work easier and clearer

#### **Session 5: Think Like a SANE Nurse: Forensic Care Principles for Every Pediatric Nurse**

**Rachel Madsen, MS-CAM, BSN, RN, SANE-A, SANE-P**

SANE Team Supervisor  
Children's Wisconsin

**Description:**

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANEs) play a critical role in bridging healthcare and the justice system, especially in pediatric settings where trauma, vulnerability, and complexity intersect. But the principles of forensic nursing don't belong solely to SANE-trained staff; they're essential for every pediatric nurse.

This session provides an overview of forensic nursing and the SANE program at Children's Wisconsin, highlighting how it was built, how it serves patients, and how it collaborates across disciplines. More importantly, it equips attendees with practical tools to "think like a forensic nurse" in any pediatric care setting. From preserving evidence to trauma-informed communication, attendees will learn the clinical, legal, and ethical considerations that can shape outcomes for children experiencing abuse.

Whether you work in the emergency department, inpatient units, outpatient clinics, or school-based settings, this presentation will help you recognize red flags, respond appropriately, and integrate forensic awareness into your everyday nursing practice. By learning to think like a forensic nurse, you can play a vital role in protecting vulnerable children, supporting trauma recovery, and contributing to a coordinated, compassionate response to abuse.

**Objectives:**

- Explain the role and scope of practice of a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE), including the clinical and forensic responsibilities within a pediatric healthcare setting.
- Apply core forensic nursing principles, such as trauma-informed care, evidence preservation, and chain of custody, to routine pediatric nursing practice across various clinical environments.
- Identify appropriate strategies for recognizing signs of abuse, demonstrate proper initial responses to patient disclosures, and describe when and how to collaborate with SANE nurses and interdisciplinary partners.





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### **Session 6: Who's Coming at 10pm? Bringing the Team Together for RN Led Night Shift Rounds, an EBP Interdisciplinary Project**

**Shawn Feltz, BSN, RN, CPN**

Registered Nurse  
Children's Wisconsin

**Jessica Patyk, MSN, RN, CPN**

Registered Nurse  
Children's Wisconsin

**Ashley Stelter, MS, RN, PCNS-BC, APNP**

Clinical Nurse Specialist  
Children's Wisconsin

**Jacqueline Zeman, BSN, RN, CPN**

Clinical Educator  
Children's Wisconsin

**Description:**

A unit's shared governance council generated the question: In a pediatric acute care hospital setting, do nurse-led night shift rounds versus no standard late-evening rounding ensure collaboration and communication between fellows/residents and nurses?

**Objectives:**

- Describe current literature related to topic
- Identify key components of nurse-led night rounds
- Describe the impact of nurse-led night rounds for a unit with cardiology patient population





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### **Breakout Session C (60 mins)** *(Select one session at registration)*

#### **Session 7: Night shift success: 3 Secrets to reclaiming your sleep, schedule, and sanity**

**Ashleigh Small, MSN, RN, CCRN, PN1-SSRC**

Night Shift Lifestyle Mentor

Flip the Shift Method & Mentorship

**Description:**

Working night shift comes with unique challenges. This presentation will expose the 3 common missteps that can undermine your success working a night shift schedule. More importantly, you'll discover 3 powerful, actionable secrets that will empower you to reclaim control of your overall well-being and conquer the demand of a flip-flopping schedule.

**Objectives:**

- Identify the three primary mistakes that undermine night shift workers' sleep, schedule, and sanity.
- Recognize how shifting one's mindset, building a practical routine, and setting firm boundaries are crucial for reclaiming sleep, managing schedule, and preserving sanity.
- Understand the profound impact of these strategies on achieving overall night shift success and lasting well-being

#### **Session 8: Growing Connections: Best practices for optimizing family interactions, from the simple to the challenging**

**Cori Gibson, MSN, RN, CNL**

Program Manager for Child and Family Health Literacy

Children's Wisconsin

**Kate Kelley, CPXP**

Experience Education Consultant

Children's Wisconsin

**Ryan Bessette**

Public Safety Officer

Children's Wisconsin

**Description:**

Join experts in Health Literacy, Public Safety, and Child & Family Experience for an in-depth look at promoting clear, controlled, and compassionate communication. Dig into the power that mindset, body language, word choice, and empathy can play. Learn tactics to ensure a comfortable and productive connection.

**Objectives:**

- Recognize the importance of effective communication to optimize trust, understanding, and connection.
- Describe ways to adapt your communication approach to foster caring, positive and safe interactions.
- Apply communication best practices in routine and challenging situations.





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### **Session 9: Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare: The Future has Arrived**

**Peter Roloff, MD, CPE**

Associate Chief Medical Information Officer, Pediatrician  
Children's Medical Group

**Description:**

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is revolutionizing the healthcare landscape, enhancing efficiency, accuracy, and accessibility in patient care. This presentation explores the core principles of AI in healthcare, its transformative impact on clinical practices, and the ethical and legal challenges that come with its integration.

**Objectives:**

- **Understanding Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Healthcare:**  
Gain a comprehensive understanding of what AI is and explore the various types of AI technologies used in healthcare, such as machine learning, natural language processing, and robotics.
- **Impacts on Clinical Practices:**  
Examine the ways AI is transforming clinical practices, including streamlining patient encounters, automating chronic disease management, reducing medical errors, and enhancing diagnostic capabilities.
- **Ethical and Legal Considerations:**  
Discuss the ethical implications, data privacy and security concerns, and legal challenges associated with the use of AI in healthcare, along with ensuring compliance with healthcare regulations.