

PEM Fellows Conference

Sunday, March 8, 2026

AGENDA

4:00pm - 7:00pm	Registration	Centennial Foyer
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Cocktails (cash bar)	Centennial Foyer
6:15pm	Dinner Reception	Centennial Ballroom
7:00pm - 7:15pm	Introduction <i>Susan Fuchs, MD</i> <i>Jerri Rose, MD</i> <i>Co-Directors, PEM Fellows Conference</i>	
	Welcome <i>Toni Gross, MD, MPH</i> <i>Division Chief, Emergency Medicine</i> <i>Children's Healthcare of Atlanta</i> <i>Emory School of Medicine</i>	
7:15pm - 7:25pm	American Academy of Pediatrics <i>David Schnadower, MD, MPH</i> <i>Chair, AAP SOEM Executive Committee</i>	Centennial Ballroom
7:25pm - 7:40pm	Emergency Medical Services for Children and the Pediatric Pandemic Network <i>Charles G. Macias, MD, MPH</i> <i>Co PI: Pediatric Pandemic Network, EMS for Children Innovation and Improvement Center, and the ASPR Pediatric Disaster Center of Excellence RVFK</i>	
Opening Plenary		
7:45pm – 9:00pm	Plenary: Finding Your Passion <i>Mary Clyde Pierce, MD</i>	
	<p>When you begin a PEM Fellowship, the world is your research oyster, but finding that specific topic in PEM that thrills you and which you are passionate about is a huge task. This session will help you identify topics in PEM that excites you, create a realistic timeline for fellowship goals and provide you with steps to develop a focus that can provide a career path through fellowship and beyond.</p>	

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7:00am - 8:00am

Breakfast (Meet the Faculty)

Centennial Ballroom

8:00am - 9:00am

Plenary: PEM Career Pathways to Promote Equity and Address Disparities

Brittany Murray, MD, MPhil; Elyse Portillo, MD, MPH & Christopher Rees, MD, MPH

This plenary session includes three TED-style Talks and explores the spectrum of PEM careers addressing disparities and inequities domestically and healthcare globally. This session will allow for a compelling and impactful conversation that highlights both individual narratives and shared themes.

Centennial Ballroom

9:00 am – 9: 15am

Break

9:15am - 5:00pm

2:45pm - 3:15pm-Break
(Centennial Foyer)

Pediatric and Disaster Readiness Session

Alliance

9:15am - 10:30am

Workshops/Session IA (Choose One of four)

Practical Use of Artificial Intelligence for the Pediatric Emergency Medicine Physician

Ruth Hwu, MD; Zobiya Momin, MD; Jeffrey Okonye, MD; Brad Sobolewski, MD, MEd & Jason Woods, MD

Artificial Intelligence (AI) isn't just transforming clinical care-it's also a powerful tool for enhancing productivity, scholarship, and well-being outside the emergency department. This interactive workshop is designed specifically for Pediatric Emergency Medicine fellows to explore the non-clinical applications of AI in their professional lives.

High Ballroom A

Lessons learned, mitigating medical malpractice

Daniel Scherzer, MD; Rachel Stanley, MD, MHSA & Emory Faculty

Selected anonymized vignettes of closed medical-legal cases are used as a platform for discussion. The group will be broken into small groups with each group analyzing a vignette with a goal of identifying medical and social dynamic risk factors that may be contributed to the case becoming a lawsuit and then discuss how the eventuality could have potentially been mitigated. Each group will chose a spokesperson to present their case and findings.

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**Taking Your Passion from Action to Advocacy
To Academics**

*Maneesha Agarwal, MD; Sofia Chaudhary, MD;
Kiesha Fraser Doh, MD & Karli Okeson, DO*

There are many avenues for physicians to make advocacy work count as part of their academic success. **High Ballroom C**
In this session, you will hear from four pediatric emergency medicine physicians about how they turned their advocacy interests into scholarly output. From community-level advocacy to governmental policy change and social media outlets, fellows can consider how to accelerate their passions to make an impact for children and families during fellowship and throughout their careers.

**Introduction to QI: Building a Foundation
During Fellowship**

*Bolanle Akinsola, MD; Sanemba Aya Fanny, MD, MPH;
Gagandeep Kooner, MD & Ronine Zamor, MD, MPH*

This interactive educational workshop is designed to introduce Pediatric Emergency Medicine fellows to the foundational principles of Quality Improvement (QI) and demonstrate **Chastain A/B** how QI can be effectively integrated into clinical practice and fellowship training. Whether participants are new to QI or seeking to strengthen existing skills, this session offers a practical approach to learning and applying QI methodology.

9:15am - 10:30am

Research Presentation Morning Sessions

Fellow Research Presentations-Small Groups

See Assignments

**10:30am - 10:45am-Break
(Centennial Foyer)**

10:45am - 12:00pm

**Fox, Woodruff, Rialto A, Rialto B,
Presidential Suite, Executive Suite I,
Executive Suite II, Executive Suite III**

10:30am – 10:45am

Break

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10:45am - 12:00pm

Workshops/Session 1B (Choose One of Four)

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12:00pm - 1:30pm

Lunch

**Centennial
Ballroom**

1:30pm – 2:45pm

Research Presentation Afternoon Sessions

Fellow Research Presentations-Small Groups
 See Assignments

**2:45pm - 3:15pm-Break
(Centennial Foyer)**

3:45pm - 4:30pm

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 Executive Suite II, Executive Suite III**

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Workshops/Session 2A (Choose One of Four)

1:30p – 2:45pm

Speak Up, Save Lives: Media Training for Pediatric Emergency Medicine

Maneesha Agarwal, MD & Sofia Chaudhary, MD

High Ballroom A

This interactive workshop will give fellows the tools and confidence to become trusted, media-savvy experts. Whether preparing for a local news segment or responding to a national crisis, this session will help physicians sharpen their messaging and amplify their impact. Through a brief didactic discussion and practice with personalized coaching, participants will learn to distill complex medical information into clear, compelling messages, handle tough questions, and communicate powerfully in high-stakes interviews.

Leveraging People, Pivots, and Possibility: Catalysts for Career Growth

Christine Cho, MD, MPH, MEd;

Michael Goldman, MD, MHS-Med ED &

Joshua Nagler, MD, MHPed

High Ballroom B

Through discussion of relevant social science literature, a series of small-group activities, and group reflection, fellows will explore how to recognize opportunity, reframe challenges as growth moments, and build connections that support evolving goals. Whether you're drawn to clinical leadership, education, advocacy, research, or all of the above, this session will help you mine your past and present for people and moments that can fuel your future.

We're All in the Same Boat: Aligning Mentor/Mentee Expectations for Mutual Success

Elizabeth Jacobs, MD & Kimberly Norris, MD

High Ballroom C

In this session, participants will review the characteristics of a good potential mentor, as well as explore the concept of mentorship teams to harness the strengths of different faculty members. Participants will take time to reflect on their personal mentor/mentee experiences, share successes as well as strategize on overcoming challenges. The introduction to the concept of mentorship agreements will also be discussed.

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**From Fellowship to Faculty: Navigating
The Job Market with Confidence**

*Sherita Holmes, MD; Joseph Langham, MD &
Lauren Middlebrooks, MD*

This session will provide practical guidance on building a compelling CV and cover letter, preparing for interviews, identifying strong mentors and letter writers, and understanding the timelines and expectations for both academic and private practice job markets. The panel will also share common mistakes to avoid, insider tips from hiring committees, and how to highlight your strengths as a candidate. Ideal for graduating fellows and early-career physicians preparing for the next step.

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2:45pm - 3:15pm

Break

**Centennial
Foyer**

3:15pm – 4:30pm

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8:00am - 9:00am	<p>Plenary: Strategies for Successful Research Recruitment and Program Implementation in Pediatric Emergency Medicine</p> <p><i>Mark Griffiths, MD; Claudia Morris, MD & Lauren Middlebrooks, MD</i></p> <p>In this plenary presentation, Emory/Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Faculty who have active, funded careers in clinical research will describe pathways to successful development of a highly productive research team and implementation of new programs that contribute to academic productivity. This plenary will help attendees to understand challenges to PEM research to be considered when initiating research, identify key strategies to employ to achieve success in PEM research and the value of finding a supportive research mentor/champion.</p>	Centennial Ballroom
9:00 am – 9: 15am	Break	
9:15am - 10:30am	Workshops/Session IA (Choose One of four)	
	<p>Little Lives, Big Stakes: A Pediatric Disaster Simulation</p> <p><i>Shubhi Goli, MD; Sherita Holmes, MD; Ruth Hwu, MD; Joseph Langham, MD; Zobiya Momin, MD; Kimberly Norris, MD; Jeffrey Okonye, MD; Swathi Prasad, MD; Kathleen Waters, MD & Deborah Young, MD</i></p> <p>This is a simulation-based workshop focusing on Pediatric Disaster Triage and utilization of the JumpSTART Method to teach first year pediatric emergency medicine fellows some essential resuscitation and triage skills in pediatric emergency medicine. This workshop will allow fellows to demonstrate teamwork and interpersonal skills, enhance their pediatric emergency medicine core knowledge, understand and apply pre-hospital and hospital triage algorithms and much more.</p>	High Ballroom A

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Workshops/Session IA (Choose One of four) (continued)

**Bias Reduction Strategies in the Pediatric
Emergency Department**

Victoria Hartwell, MD & Elyse Portillo, MD, MPH

Facilitators will ensure shared understanding and vocabulary regarding bias, racism, and other forms of discrimination that may impact clinical care. They will highlight salient **High Ballroom B** recent publications that demonstrate the impact of bias and discrimination on clinical care and review evidence-based strategies for bias reduction. Participants will break into small groups to role-play clinical cases, employing bias reduction strategies. Then groups will give brief report-out of cases and strategies utilized, to incorporate the use of one or more of these strategies as they return to clinical practice.

How to Produce an Engaging Educational Video

*Mark Griffiths, MD; Brad Sobolewski, MD, MEd &
Jason Woods, MD*

This session will explore best practices in scripting, recording, editing, and disseminating video content across **High Ballroom C** platforms such as YouTube, TikTok, and institutional LMS systems. Free or low-cost tools highlighted will include Canva, CapCut, and AI-based tools for scripting, voiceovers and captioning. Attendees will work in small groups to storyboard and film their own brief procedure education video using principles of good instructional design.

Beyond “Good Job”: Perfecting powerful positive feedback

*Christine Cho, MD, MPH, MEd ; Michael Goldman, MD, MHS-Med ED
& Joshua Nagler, MD, MPHEd*

Positive feedback, similar to positive reinforcement in parenting, is a powerful tool for shaping behavior. Learning best **Chastain A/B** practices on how to give positive feedback will position you to reach new levels of teaching by giving high performing learners the specific feedback they rarely get on what they are doing well. Mastering positive feedback also helps you give struggling learners confidence, appreciation and a window into how to grow their abilities. This workshop will introduce core concepts and provide opportunities for active learning.

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**Plenary: Burn the brightest until you burn out?
An overachiever’s guide to maintaining balance**

*Wendalyn Little, MD, MPH
James O’Shea, MD*

It is pretty safe to say that all physicians are overachievers-
We wouldn’t have gotten here any other way. That
same drive that allowed us to get to this point in our
careers unfortunately has the potential to drive us into
that scary word-burnout. Come learn and see how
physicians might utilize their existing strengths to create
a career and a life that is meaningful and balanced.

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