



Virtual Pediatric Update

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8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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Meet our Speakers



Dr. Melissa Carter is a clinical geneticist at CHEO in Ottawa. She received a Medical Doctorate from McMaster University in 2004, completed residency in Medical Genetics at the University of Ottawa in 2009, followed by a clinical fellowship in Developmental Pediatrics at the University of Toronto. She specializes in the genetic evaluation of individuals with neurodevelopmental disorders.

Laura Conchie is the manager of the Department of Development and Rehabilitation. Laura holds a Masters of Applied Disability Studies from Brock University (2011) and has been working to supporting children, youth and their families since 2008. With over a decade of clinical experience in the field of Applied Behaviour Analysis, Laura has also held leadership positions with several teams at CHEO and recently completed a Masters of Business Administration with a focus on Management and Change at Carleton University.

Laura currently supports teams including Access Team, and Diagnostic services with the Development and Rehabilitation Department, and is involved with various working groups with a goal of supporting children and youth live their best life through connected care, and access to services.

Dr. Ilana Hanes is a community pediatric neurologist as well as neonatal and fetal neurologist. Dr. Hanes attended the Michael G. DeGroote School of Medicine at McMaster University before her residency training in pediatric neurology at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, which she completed in 2021. Following residency, she continued her training in neonatal and fetal neurology at The Hospital for Sick Children and is a certified neonatal and fetal neurologist. Prior to medicine, she completed an undergraduate degree in Neuroscience, and a Masters degree in Neuroscience from the Montreal Neurological Institute. Her area of interests include congenital brain malformations, epilepsy and fetal neurology consultations and care. Her most recent publication is a textbook chapter on congenital brain malformations.

Dr. Asha Nair completed her undergraduate studies and pharmacy degree prior to entering the Faculty of Medicine at the University of British Columbia. Residency in Pediatrics was completed at Winnipeg Children's Hospital of the University of Manitoba where she served as Chief Resident in her final year. Three years of fellowship training in Pediatric Ambulatory Medicine and Child Development preceded her current appointment as an Assistant Professor at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario and Children's Treatment Centre at the University of Ottawa.

Dr. Nair assesses a variety of children with developmental disabilities through her work in the Neonatal Follow-Up, Down Syndrome, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, Neurofibromatosis 1, Interdisciplinary Feeding and Developmental Pediatrics Clinics. Dr. Nair also runs a General Pediatrics Clinic and serves as an attending physician covering the inpatient medicine wards as part of her appointment in the Division of General Pediatric Medicine.

She is currently the Director of CME at CHEO and also serves as the Deputy Chief of Developmental Pediatrics in the Division of Development and Rehabilitation.



Dr. Anne Pham-Huy completed her medical training at the University of Ottawa in 2003 and her pediatrics and infectious diseases training at McGill University in 2008. She also pursued additional training in clinical immunology. She joined CHEO in 2009, where she is the physician lead for the CHEO Primary Immunodeficiency Clinic and Program Director for the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Training Program. She is the site investigator for the Special Immunization Clinic Network from the Canadian Immunization Research Network (CIRN) and actively sees patients with adverse events following immunizations or relative contraindications to immunization. She is a member of the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) and current chair for Immunize Canada. Her research interests include the study of T cell immunity in COVID-19 infection, evaluation and management of inborn errors of immunity, immunization safety and practices, especially in special populations such as immunocompromised patients and infants exposed to biologics in utero.



Dr. Sophia Hrycko completed her PhD (1987) and MD (1993) at the University of Ottawa. She completed her psychiatry residency training at McGill University (1998) and has been working at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) since 1998. She is an assistant professor at the University of Ottawa. Sophia is currently working as a consultation-liaison psychiatrist and is the medical lead for the consultation-liaison team.



Dr. Josh Schaffzin is an Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at the University of Ottawa Faculty of Medicine and a staff physician with the Division of Infectious Diseases, Immunology, and Allergy at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario. Josh came to CHEO in November 2022 after training and working in the US including at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (where he led the IPAC program) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. At CHEO, Josh supports the IPAC program for environment of care and construction issues, and is conducting behavioural research into healthcare-associated infection prevention.