



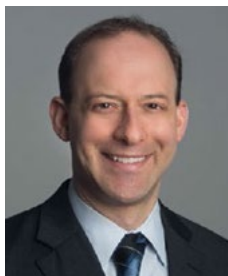
7TH INTERNATIONAL TRACHEOSTOMY SYMPOSIUM 2023

PROGRAM BOOK

Building the Future of Tracheostomy Care
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October 20-21, 2023 | Johns Hopkins Medicine | Baltimore, MD

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**Michael J. Brenner,
MD, FACS**

President

Global Tracheostomy
Collaborative

Message from the President

I am honored to welcome you to the 7th International Tracheostomy Symposium. The Global Tracheostomy Collaborative is partnering with Johns Hopkins Medicine and Tracheostomy Review and Management Service (TRAMS) to host an innovative two-day program that features keynote speakers, patient and family perspectives, and state-of-the-art presentations on the management of patients with tracheostomies. This is the premier event on tracheostomy, bringing together physicians and surgeons, nurses, speech language pathologists, respiratory therapists, patients, and families to grow and learn together.

As a prelude to the formal program, on Thursday, October 19, we will host a Tracheostomy professional tour for international attendees. The tour will include visits to the University of Maryland Medical Center and Johns Hopkins Medical Center. Attendees will tour both facilities and engage in discussions with hospital physicians, nurses, and speech language pathologists who are involved in interprofessional team-based tracheostomy care.

The educational program will kick off on October 20 and will include invited speakers, panels, patient and family sessions, and rapid-fire presentations. It will run from October 20-21. We are thrilled to feature keynote speakers: authors, thought leaders, and pioneers in quality:

- **Keynote Speech | Dr. Allen Kachalia, MD, JD**

Senior Vice President, Patient Safety and Quality, Johns Hopkins Medicine
Scanning the Horizon in Safety and Quality: How We Can Improve Care in the Future

- **Keynote Speech | Ann F. Schrooten, Attorney and Author**

Author of Book: *Shared Struggles: Stories from Parents and Pediatricians Caring for Children with Serious Illnesses*

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We are thrilled to also offer a hands-on cadaver course at the Johns Hopkins Minimally Invasive Surgical Training and Innovation Center (MISTIC) Laboratory on Saturday, October 21. This course will offer attendees a chance to immerse themselves in tracheostomy and advanced airway management techniques. Course attendees will complete four main objectives: Master the art of tracheostomy, cultivate skills in Difficult Airway Management, enhance emergency skills with simulation, and practice skills using cutting edge resources.

Don't forget to join us at the Sip, Savor & Socialize: Poster Reception on Friday, Oct 20 at 5:00 pm. Enjoy a cocktail and appetizers as you meet with the poster presenters to engage in discussions about their research, evidence-based practice, educational initiatives, and clinical projects. This is a ticket event so don't forget to purchase your ticket at the registration desk if you haven't already.

I look forward to connecting with each of you during the event and celebrating our shared commitment to the Building the Future in Tracheostomy Care.

Warm Regards,

Michael J. Brenner, MD, FACS
President

Global Tracheostomy Collaborative

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The Seventh International Tracheostomy Symposium (ITS), is a CME conference where specialist teams from around the world have collaborated to create an illuminating and visionary two-day program. The care of patients with tracheostomy and ventilation crosses numerous disciplines, facilities, care streams and teams. Patient acuity and numbers are increasing and there are growing numbers of health care professionals requiring specialist skills to manage this high-risk group. The Symposium includes scientists, clinicians, doctors, allied health staff, nurses, researchers, and others who will join with experts to share the latest knowledge, advances, and best practices.

OBJECTIVES

After attending this activity, the learner will demonstrate the ability to:

1. Explain the elements of a multidisciplinary approach to tracheostomy care and how it relates to related goal of institution-wide change.
2. Describe methods to improve patient/family engagement and staff education/training in tracheostomy care.
3. Explain the benefits of standardized tracheostomy care protocols.
4. Name one quality improvement strategy that has been demonstrated to improve outcomes or patient satisfaction, or decrease length of stay, readmission or adverse events.
5. Name one tracheostomy-related outcome that has been shown to improve after the implementation of a multidisciplinary tracheostomy care team.
6. Identify opportunities and targets in his/her own institution for improvements in tracheostomy care.
7. Describe how a quality improvement collaborative may disseminate strategies for improving patient care.
8. Apply concepts from change theory in critically examining and improving tracheostomy care protocols in one's own institution.

ACCREDITATION STATEMENT

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and The Global Tracheostomy Collaborative. The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.



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Highlights

Tracheostomy Interprofessional Tour

Thursday, October 19 | 8:30am – 4:30pm

GTC will host a Tracheostomy Interprofessional Tour for international attendees on October 19. The tour will feature stops at both the University of Maryland Medical Center as well as Johns Hopkins Hospital. Attendees will receive a tour of the facilities while engaging in discussions with hospital Physicians, Nurses, and Speech Language Pathologists.

Three Esteemed Keynote Speakers at ITS:

Friday, October 20 | 10:00-10:40am & 1:05-1:45pm

Saturday, October 21 | 8:05-8:45am

We are excited at our slate of Keynote Speakers this year at ITS.

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Sip, Savor and Socialize: Poster Reception

Friday, October 20 | 5:00-7:00pm – Ticketed Event

Join us for a cocktails and appetizers while engaging in discussion with the 60 poster presenters regarding their research, evidence-based practice, educational and clinical initiative posters. The event is a ticketed event. Tickets can be purchased for \$50 at the Registration Desk.

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Friday, October 20

7:00-8:30 am **Registration; Networking; Meet and Greet; Continental Breakfast**

8:00 am-4:00 pm **Scientific Poster Session**

8:30 am-
12:00 pm

GTC Plenary Session | Frontiers in Tracheostomy Care | Turner Auditorium

8:30-8:55 am **Welcome and Introductions**

*Dr. Michael J Brenner, MD, FACS, President; Global Tracheostomy Collaborative
Dr. Vinciya Pandian, PhD, MBA, MSN*

8:55-9:15 am **Trailblazing Together: History and Vision Behind Creating Global Tracheostomy Collaborative**

Dr. David Roberson, MD, FACS, FRCS, Founder of Global Tracheostomy Collaborative

9:15-9:45 am **Building the Future: Frontiers in Tracheostomy Care**

Dr. Michael J Brenner, MD, FACS, President; Global Tracheostomy Collaborative

9:45-9:55 am **Service and Leadership Awards/Recognitions** *Dr. Vinciya Pandian, PhD, MBA, MSN*

9:55-10:40 am **Keynote Speech | Dr. Allen Kachalia, MD, JD**

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10:40-11:00 am **Question & Answer Session**

Moderator: Dr. Michael J Brenner, MD, FACS, President; Global Tracheostomy Collaborative

11:00-11:05 am **Introduction of Panelists**

Dr. David Tunkel, MD, Director of Pediatric Otolaryngology, Johns Hopkins Medicine

11:05-11:40 am **Pediatric Tracheostomy Management**

Dr. David Tunkel, MD; Dr. Jonathan Walsh, MD; Dr. Megan Ballard, MD; Dr. Carolyn Jenks, MD, "Nina" Melinda DeSell, MS, CRNP

11:40 am-
12:00 pm **Question & Answer session**

Moderator: Dr. David Tunkel, MD, Director of Pediatric Otolaryngology, Johns Hopkins Medicine

12:00-1:00 pm **Lunch / Exhibits**

1:00-4:00 pm **Amplifying the Voices of Patient and Family | Turner Auditorium**

1:00-1:02 pm **Introduction of Moderators**

*Dr. Michael J Brenner, MD, FACS, President; Global Tracheostomy Collaborative
Dr. Vinciya Pandian, PhD, MBA, MSN*

1:02-1:05 pm **Introduction of Keynote Speaker**

Emily Keevan, BS, RRT-NPS and Kylie McElroy, BS

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Author of Book: Shared Struggles: Stories from Parents and Pediatricians Caring for Children with Serious Illnesses

1:45-1:55 pm **Question and Answers**

Moderators: Emily Keevan, BS, RRT-NPS and Kylie McElroy, BS

1:55-2:00 pm **Break/Transition**



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Friday, October 20 *continued*

Track A Amplifying the Voices of Patient and Family Turner Auditorium

Track B Translating Data to Improved Outcomes Tilghman Auditorium

2:00-3:00 pm **Challenges in real life: Normalizing the environment for patients with a tracheostomy**

Moderator: Sue Mead
Ben Zeitler
Kylie McElroy, BS
Michelle Morrison, PHD
Nicole Zeitler

2:00-2:02 pm **Introduction of Moderators**
Dr. Michael J Brenner, MD, FACS, President;
Global Tracheostomy Collaborative
Dr. Vinciya Pandian, PhD, MBA, MSN

2:02-2:05 pm **Introduction of Panelists**
Charissa Zaga, BSpPath, MPH, CPSP

2:05-2:45 pm **Shaping the Future of Tracheostomy Care: Insights from the Global Registry**
Prudence Gregson, MHA, SLP
Carly Milliren, MPH
Dr. Brendan McGrath, MB, ChB, FRCP, FRCA, DICM, EDIC, AHEA, FFICM, PhD
Diane Randall, RRT-NPS

2:45-2:55 pm **Questions and Answers**
Moderator: Charissa Zaga, B.SpPath, MPH, CPSP

3:00-3:30 pm **Break / Transition back to Turner Auditorium**

3:00-3:05 pm **Introduction of Panelists**
Darrin J. French, MAM, RRT-NPS

3:30-4:25 pm **A Transition to Adulthood: Learning to Advocate**

Moderator: Sue Mead
Bliss Allmoslecher
Emily Keevan, BS, RRT-NPS
Mia Mathews, MPH
Minette Allmoslecher

3:05-3:35 pm **Charting a Path to Excellence: Translating Data for Improved Outcomes using United Regional Health Care System's Experiences**
Joshua Briggs, BSN, MSN, NP-C, AGACNP-BC
Jennifer Ohlson, M.S. CCC-SLP
Darrin J. French, MAM, RRT-NPS

3:35-3:40 pm **Questions and Answers**
Moderator: Darrin J. French, MAM, RRT-NPS

3:40-3:45 pm **Introduction of Panelists**
Dr. Jennifer Henningfeld, MD

3:45-4:15 pm **Unlocking Success: Experiences from Children's Wisconsin**
Dr. Jennifer Henningfeld, MD
Cecilia Lang, MSN, CCRN, PPCNP-BC
Lisa Molkentine, RRT
Da'Jhnae Gambrell-Sanders, BS

4:15-4:25 pm **Questions and Answers**
Moderator: Dr. Jennifer Henningfeld, MD

4:25-4:30 pm **Break / Exhibits**

4:30-5:00 pm Patient Safety/Quality Improvement Turner Auditorium

Panel discussion/Wrap Up

Topic: Incorporating In-Situ Simulation for Enhancing Quality Improvement: Uncovering Latent Safety Threats Tracheostomy Care

Panelists:

Maneesha Bangar, MD
Alice Lee, MD
Roxanna Mosavian, BA
Amanda Shen, BA
Christina Yang, MD, MSc

Moderator:

Christina Yang, MD, MSc
Director, Pediatric Dysphagia Program; Associate Director,
Pediatric Otolaryngology Quality Assurance and Assistant
Professor at Montefiore-Einstein

5:00 pm **Sip, Savor & Socialize: Poster Reception with Exquisite Beverages, Savory Cheeses, Chips and Dips**
Ticketed Event

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Poster Presentations

501	When Will the Tracheostomy Stoma Close After Planned Decannulation? <i>Ann Bines, MSN, Katherine Earnest, MSN, Audrone Hogue, BSN, Allison Kessler, MD</i>
502	Using Online Learning to Provide Multidisciplinary Tracheostomy Education <i>Linda Morris, PhD, APN, CCNS, FCCM, Ann Bines, MS, Katherine Earnest, MSN, Sarah McCarter, MSN, Arlene Smalls-Smyth, MSN</i>
503	Trach Me Home-Tracheostomy Education for Post-Discharge Care <i>Marty Barnes, BSN, RN, Shaina Weitz, BSRC, RRT; Allison Bautista, PNP-AC; Ashley Kaspar, MS CCC-SLP; Katherine Dillon, BSN</i>
504	Partnering with Families to Develop a Pediatric Tracheostomy Action Plan to Decrease Preventable Emergency Department Visits <i>Laine DiNoto, CPNP-PC; Tina Sosa, MD; Jan Schriefer, PhD; Melissa Alcott; John Faria, MD</i>
505	Improved Clinical Outcomes in Difficult Airway Management - Checklist for The Multidisciplinary Team <i>Marielle He, MD; Dr. Michael J Brenner, MD, FACS, President; Global Tracheostomy Collaborative; Dr. Vinciya Pandian, PhD, MBA, MSN</i>
506	Paediatric Tracheostomy Emergency Case <i>Jillian Quinn</i>
508	Implementation of A Speech Language Pathologist Led Tracheostomy Team in a Level 1 Trauma Hospital <i>Rachael Silveira, MA, CCC-SLP; Nicole Yordan-Lopez, MD; Orlando Morejon, MD; Wlison Whitney, MD; Luque Ilko, MPH</i>
509	Establishment of The Efficacy of the Bedside Safe Airway Application (SAA), A Digital Bedside Signage Model <i>John Logan Sobiesk, MD; Michael Dunham, MD, MS; Adele Evans, MD</i>
510	Laryngectomy Stoma: Post-Operative Care at a Tertiary Hospital in South India <i>Dr. Vishnu Vardhan Reddy Martha, M.S., DLO, DNB, PH.D</i>
512	Speech Language Pathologist Management of Tracheostomy Patients in the US <i>Rachael Silveira, MA, CCC-SLP; Vicente Cogollo, MD</i>
513	Otolaryngologists' Initiative for Collaborative Tracheostomy Care: Knowledge, Attitude and Skill in Tracheostomy Care Among Nurses - An Interventional Study from India <i>Jishana Jamaldeen, MS; Aneesh Basheer, MBBS, MD; Rajarajeswari Nalamate; Mary Kurien, MD</i>
514	Creation of Tracheostomy Emergency Airway Management Algorithm in The Pediatric Setting <i>Emily Keevan, BS, RRT-NPS; Jill Nusbaum, MS, BSN, RN, CPN</i>
515	Evaluation of a New Model of Care for The Multidisciplinary Tracheostomy Review Service at a Tertiary Hospital in Victoria, Australia <i>David Priddle; Kelly Udy; Madeline Wells; Alisha Da Silva; Leonie Shaw</i>
516	Pediatric Post-Tracheostomy Training and Discharge Care <i>Spoortni Davala, MD; Fatima Neemuchwala, MD; Chery Fort-Stephens, RT</i>
517	A Scoping Review of Tracheostomy Care Programs in Low- and Middle- Income Countries, Tanzania <i>Ivy Maina, MD; Kenekuchwu Charles-Obi, BS, MS; Selekw Msiba, MD; Tiffany Yeh, MD; Aslam Nkya, MD</i>
518	Implementation of a Multidisciplinary Tracheostomy Ventilator Therapy Group on an Inpatient Pediatric Unit to Promote Development and Caregiver Confidence <i>Shaunda Harendt, MS, CCC-SLP, BCS-S; Nicole Crippen Schremp, PT, DPT, PCS; Jessica Dawson, MS, RN, CPN, ACM-RN; Katherine Lucas, OTR/L; Tracy Edwards, RRT, AAS; Ashley Worthington, MS, CCC-SLP; Meliza Alvarez BS, RRT-NPS, AE-C; Kelsey Bernal, BSN, RN, CPN; Alison Cole, MS, RN, CPN; Alix Brickley, MM, MT-BC (NICU-MT); Christopher D. Baker, MD</i>
519	Development of Interdisciplinary Suctioning Competencies for Speech and Language Therapists in the Management of Patients with Tracheostomy in an Acute Teaching Hospital Dublin, Ireland <i>Susie Downes, MSc, BSc; Anna Joyce, SLP; Rebecca Sweeney, PT; Enya Mulcahy, PT</i>
520	The Implementation of a Pathway for the Pharmacological Management of Oropharyngeal Secretions in Tracheostomy Weaning Within the Intensive Care Unit in St. Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin, Ireland <i>Susie Downes, MSc, BSc; Anna Joyce, SLP; Mary O'Sullivan, PharmD; Patrick O'Sullivan, MD</i>
521	Identifying Drivers for Improved Paediatric Tracheostomy Care at Monash Children's Hospital, Melbourne, Australia <i>Sandra Foster, RN; Rachel Kerr, SLP; Sarah Rawlings, DPT; Stefanie Louey, MBBS; Angela McCullagh, MBBS, FRACP, MD(Res); Sarah Morrison, MBBS, FRACS; Kiraka Nakazawa, RN</i>
522	Implementation of an Interdisciplinary Tracheostomy Education Program at a Large Tertiary Health Care Organisation <i>Christine Knee Chong, APN, MPH</i>

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525	The Benefits of Transdisciplinary Trach Rounds for Patient Safety and Outcomes <i>Karen Saunders, RN, BSN, CRRN, CBIS; Carla Louie, MA; Alina Holmes</i>
526	Characteristics and Outcomes of Individuals Living with a Tracheostomy in the Community <i>Prudence Gregson, MHA, SLP; Hannah Verspuy, PT; Dr. Anna Ridgers, MBBS; Caroline Chao, PT; Dr. Naomi Atkins, MBBS</i>
528	Implementing a Multidisciplinary Tracheostomy Care Team in a Community-Based Hospital <i>Euane Ko, DO; Nessreen Ghanem, MD; E. Ashley Jones, SLP; Karin Cooney-Newton, MSN, APRN, ACCNS-AG, CCRN; Dr. David Roberson, MD, FACS, FRCS, Founder of Global Tracheostomy Collaborative</i>
529	Building A Tracheostomy Care Program at a Quaternary Healthcare Centre, Canada <i>Jasmine Lee Hill, RN, MSc.(N), CMSN(C); Carissa Wong, RN, MSc.(A), CHPCN (C)</i>
530	The Implementation of a Multi-Faceted Intervention to Improve Tracheostomy Care for Cancer Patients in Tanzania <i>Ivy Maina, MD; Selekwia Msiba, MD; Aslam Nyka, MD; Beatrice Mushi, MD; Mary Xu, MD</i>
531	Improving Homecare for Children with Technology Dependence Through Web-Based Education <i>Gretchen Cunningham, BS, RRT; Anne O'Kane, RN, BSN; Cecilia Lang, MSN, CCRN, PPCNP-BC; Cynthia Griffith, RN, BSN; Dr. Jennifer Henningfeld, MD</i>
532	Creation of a Tracheostomy Emergency and Airway Management (Team) Card <i>Dr. Jennifer Henningfeld, MD; Da'Jhnae Gambrell-Sanders, BS; Jesse White, MD</i>
533	Quality Improvement Project: Measuring the Outcomes of a Post Operative Pilot Pathway for Airway Maintenance and Communication <i>Holly Hinshelwood, MA, CCC-SLP; J. Dale Browne, MD, FACS; Kate Winterbottom, MS, MPH, CCC-SLP; Nikki Barrett, MBA-HM, BSRT, RRT, RCP; Wendy Butcher, MSN, RN, CCRN, CPHQ; Makia Cade, DNP, RN, OCN; Walidah Crawford, MSN, RN, OCN; Donna Gough, RRT, RCP; Tina Lovings, MHS, RRT-ACCS; Rebecca Walsh, PA-C</i>
534	Development, Feasibility Testing, and Preliminary Evaluation of The Communication with An Artificial Airway Tool (Cat): Results of The Crit-Cat Pilot Study <i>Charissa Zaga, BSpPath, MPH, CPSP; Catherine Papasawa, MPH; Graham Hepworth, PhD; Amy Freeman-Sanderson, PhD, BAppSc; Mary Beth Happ, PhD</i>
535	Respiratory-Related Reutilization and Investigations Following Pediatric Decannulation <i>Rebecca Stewart, MD, MS; Dr. Jennifer Henningfeld, MD; Nicole Xia; Da'Jhnae Gambrell-Sanders; Liyun Zhang</i>
536	Pulmonary And Vocal Rehabilitation Pathway for the Tracheostomy <i>Samantha Jones, SLP; Holly Hinshelwood, MA, CCC-SLP</i>
538	Psychological Distress in Children with Tracheostomies and Their Families - A Quality Improvement Project <i>Mairi Weir; Haytham Kubba</i>
540	Airway-Related Mortality: A Systematic Review and Concept <i>Chandler Moser, PhD; Sherry Dong Hoyt, BSN; Dr. Vinciya Pandian, PhD, MBA, MSN</i>
541	Streamlining Emergency Response with an Accidental Tracheostomy <i>Chandler Moser, PhD; Dawn Ta Un Jung, NP; Lisa Grubb, NP; Michael Brenner, MD, FACS; Dr. Vinciya Pandian, PhD, MBA, MSN</i>
542	Preventing Tracheostomy-Related Pressure Injuries in Acute Care Settings: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis <i>Chandler Moser, PhD; Michael Brenner, MD, FACS; Dr. Vinciya Pandian, PhD, MBA, MSN</i>
543	Navigating Tracheostomy Care Amid The Covid-19 Crisis: Insights <i>Chandler Moser, PhD; Michael Brenner, MD, FACS; Dr. Vinciya Pandian, PhD, MBA, MSN</i>
544	Global Risk Factors For Tracheostomy-Related Pressure Injury During <i>Chandler Moser, PhD; Chakra Budhathoki, PhD; Elliott Haut, MD, PhD; Michael Brenner, MD, FACS; Dr. Vinciya Pandian, PhD, MBA, MSN</i>
545	Timing of First Tracheostomy Tube Change in Pediatric Patients: Impact on Safety and Drug Burden <i>Or, Jennifer Henningfeld, MD; Ahmed Beydoun, MD; Michael McCormick, MD</i>
547	A Comprehensive Tracheostomy Assessment Tool for Infants with Severe BPD: A Quality Improvement Initiative <i>Diane Randall, RRT-NPS; Benjamin Courchia, MD; Claire Barette, MSN</i>
548	Caregiver Experiences and Challenges in Caring for Patients Undergoing Laryngectomy in India: A Qualitative Study <i>Naomi Nancy, MSN</i>

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549	The Effects of Interdisciplinary Surgical Airway Team Management on Tracheostomy Outcomes in Aging Veterans Ronda Winans-Mitrik, MA, CCC-SLP; Christine Matthews, CScD, CCC-SLP; BCS-S; William Hula, PhD, CCC-SLP; Kimberly Eichhorn, MS, CCC-SLP, BCANCDs, ATP; Laura Appelbaum, MA-CCC-SLP; Alyssa Autenreith, MA-CCC-SLP
550	Improving First Responder Knowledge of Pediatric Tracheostomy and Ventilator Emergencies Through Web-Based Education Lisa MolKentine, RRT; Dr. Jennifer Henningfeld, MD; Cecilia Lang, MSN, PPCNP-BC; Cynthia Griffith, BSN; Grace Flanagan, RT
552	Examining the Predictors of Decannulation from the Global Tracheostomy Collaborative Database 2013-2022 Carly Milliren, MPH; Dr. Michael J. Brenner, MD, FACS, President; Global Tracheostomy Collaborative; Dr. Vinciya Pandian, PhD, MBA, MSN
554	The Journey to Preventing Accidental Tracheal Decannulations in Chronically Ill Children with Complex Medical Needs Evelyn David, APRN; Lauren Farrand, MSN, RN, CPN; Donna Matos; Gabriela Fernandes, APRN; Peggy Evans, MSN
555	Accessing of Tracheostomy Care Education Modules Identifies Priorities and Targets for Collaborative Work Maya Sardesai, MD, M.Ed.; Andy Nalwai-Cecchini; Tanya Meyer, MD
556	Tracheostomy Products Influence on Practice: The Future of Improved Patient Outcomes and Satisfaction Melissa Kavanagh, MSN, RN; AGCNSBC; Caitlin Pickeral, MPAM, PA-C
557	Interdisciplinary Simulation: Increasing Staff Comfort with Airway Bleed Emergencies Caitlin Pickeral, MPAM, PA-C; Jacquelyn Sexton, AI/SN
558	Right Patient Right Ward Right Care, Australia Tracey Nicholls, RN BN MN Nurs Prac, MACORN, MACN Periop cert Cert IV, AWT
559	Comparison of Mechanical Forces, Used in Open Tracheotomy Versus Percutaneous Tracheotomy Techniques Ramya Bharathi, MD; Gopikrishna Rao; Jeremiah Tracy, MD; Jan Groblewski, MD; Maria Koenigs, MD
561	Inner Lumen Tracheostomy Tube Cap,il;J of Continuous Monitoring of Cuff Pressure, Iran Vahid Saadatmand, PhD; Hassan Khaedi Sardashti, PhD; Mahmoud Reza Peyravi, PhD; Mohammad Hasan Amirsaiari, EMT-P
563	Early Tracheostomy in Patients Undergoing Mechanical Thrombectomy for Acute Ischemic Stroke Eris Spirollari, BA; Lauren Farrand, MSN, RN, CPN; Smit Shah, MD; Christina Ng, MD; Kevin Cordeiro; Fawaz Al-Mufti
564	Improving Tracheostomy Care Education with Pictorial Education Posters Tongyao Wang, RN, PhD; Susan R. Mazanec, PhD; Nipun Chhabra, MD; Rod Rezaee, MD; Joachim Voss, PhD
565	Multidisciplinary Simulation Training for Surgical Tracheostomy in Patients Mechanically Ventilated Secondary to Severe Acute Respiratory Coronavirus 2, England Rebecca Towning, MBBS, BSc, PgCert (ClinEd), MRCS (ENT); Catherine Rennie, MBBS; Mark Ferguson, MBBS
567	Role of Speaking Valve Tolerance in an Interdisciplinary Tracheostomy Progression Protocol to Improve Decannulation Rates Sara Oldach, M.S., CCC-SLP; Katlyn Baker, M.S., CCC-SLP
569	Preoperative Tracheal Diameter Assessment Before Tracheocutaneous Fistula Closure Samuel Alves, MD; Gabriela Aguirre, MD; Isabele Chirichela, MD; Paulo Pego-Fernandes, MD, PhD; Benoit Bibas, MD, PhD
570	Impact of Multidisciplinary Tracheostomy Care Team Ward Rounds at a Pediatric Tertiary Care Center Jordan Gewirtz; Mirella Youssef; Tran Bourgeois, MSPH; Natalie Kelly; Caroline Buck, APRN
571	Quality of Life of Persons Undergoing Tracheostomy Anna Poghosyan, MD, PhD; Rafik Shahparonyan, MD; Martin Misakyan, MD; Hayk Petrosyan, MD; Irina Malkhasyan, MD, PhD
572	Adoption and Utilization of HMEs in the Tracheostomy Patient Ann Kearney, SLP
573	Smartrach: An Innovative Monitoring Device Dr: Gil Zoizner-Agar
575	Effects of Simulation-Based Learning for Tracheostomy Tube Changes in Pre-Licensure Nursing Students Chandler Moser, PhD; Jessica Peters, DNP, MS, BSN, RN; Dr. Vinciya Pandian, PhD, MBA, MSN
576	All Aboard: Community Based Tracheostomy Education Program April Poncik
578	The comparison between Supra laryngeal devices and ETT in mini surgical tracheostomy (msPDT) among critically ill patients, Iran Reza SM Hashemian , Hossein Sadeghi, Seyed Pouya Taghavi, Amirhossein Sheida, Hamidreza Jamaati, Majid Maiekrnohammad, Batoui Khoundabi, Hamed Mirzaei

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Saturday, October 21

7:00-8:00 am **Registration; Networking; Meet and Greet; Continental Breakfast**

7:00-8:00 am **Global Tracheostomy Collaborative Board Meeting** *MRB G09*

8:00 am-4:00 pm **Scientific Poster Session**

8:00-8:55 am Excellence in Tracheostomy Care | Turner Auditorium

8:00-8:02 am **Introduction of Moderators**

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8:02-8:05 am **Introduction of Keynote Speaker** *Dr. Jennifer Henningfeld, MD*

Keynote Speech | Dr. Bruce H. Campbell, MD FACS

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Author of Book: A Fullness of Uncertain Significance: Stories of Surgery, Clarity, & Grace

8:45-8:55 am **Question and Answers** *Moderator: Dr. Jennifer Henningfeld, MD*

9:00am-
12:00pm

Track A Pediatric Track
Turner Auditorium

Track B Adult Track
Tilghman Auditorium

Track C Global Leadership in Tracheostomy Care Track
MRB G01

9:00-9:05 am **Introduction to Pediatric Scientific Session**
Dr. Jonathan Walsh, MD

Introduction to Adult Scientific Session
Dr. Michael J Brenner, MD, FACS, President; Global Tracheostomy Collaborative

Introduction to Global Leadership in Tracheostomy Care Scientific Session
Dr. Vinciya Pandian, PhD, MBA, MSN

9:10-9:50 am **Rapid Fire Session**
Timing of First Tracheostomy Tube Change in Pediatric Patients: Impact on Safety and Drug Burden
Dr. Jennifer Henningfeld, MD (Presenter)
Ahmed Beydoun, MD
Michael McCormick, MD

Improving Homecare for Children with Technology Dependence Through Web-Based Education
Gretchen Cunningham, BS, RRT (Presenter)
Anne O'Kane, RN, BSN
Cecilia Lang, MSN, CCRN, PPCNP-BC
Cynthia Griffith, RN, BSN
Dr. Jennifer Henningfeld, MD
Psychological Distress in Children with Tracheostomies and Their Families - A Quality Improvement Project
Mairi O. Weir (Presenter)
Haytham Kubba
Paediatric Tracheostomy Emergency Case
Jillian Quinn, RCN (Presenter)

Rapid Fire Session
Interdisciplinary Simulation: Increasing Staff Comfort with Airway Bleed Emergencies
Caitlin Pickeral, MPAM, PA-C (Presenter)
Jacquelyn Sexton, MSN (Presenter)
Assessing of Tracheostomy Care Education Modules Identifies Priorities and Targets for Collaborative Work
Maya Sardesai, MD, M.Ed. (Presenter)
Andy Naluai-Cecchini
Tanya Meyer, MD
Improving Tracheostomy Care Education with Pictorial Education Posters
Tongyao Wang, RN, PhD (Presenter)
Susan R. Mazanec, PhD
Nipun Chhabra, MD
Rod Rezaee, MD
Joachim Voss, PhD

Tracheostomy Products Influence on Practice: The Future of Improved Patient Outcomes and Satisfaction
Melissa Kavanagh, MSN, RN, AGCNSBC (Presenter)
Caitlin Pickeral, MPAM, PA-C (Presenter)

Rapid Fire Session
Inner Lumen Tracheostomy Tube Capable of Continuous Monitoring of Cuff Pressure, Iran
Vahid Saadatmand, PhD (Presenter)
Hassan Khaledi Sardashti, PhD
Mahmoud Reza Peyravi, PhD
Mohammad Hasan Amirsalari, EMT-P
The Implementation of a Pathway for the Pharmacological Management of Oropharyngeal Secretions in Tracheostomy Weaning Within the Intensive Care Unit in St. Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin, Ireland
Susie Downes, MSc, BSc (Presenter)
Anna Joyce, SLP
Mary O'Sullivan, PharmD
Patrick O'Sullivan, MD
The comparison between Supra laryngeal devices and ETT in mini surgical tracheostomy (msPDT) among critically ill patients, Iran
Reza SM Hashemian (Presenter)
Hossein Sadeghi
Seyed Pouya Taghavi
Amirhossein Sheida
Hamidreza Jamaati
Majid Malekmohammad
Batoul Khoundabi
Hamed Mirzaei
Smartrach: An Innovative Monitoring Device
Dr. Gil Zoizner-Agar (Presenter)

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9:55-10:25 am	Panel Discussion <i>Establishment of The Efficacy of the Bedside Safe Airway Application (SAA), A Digital Bedside Signage Model</i> John Logan Sobiesk, MD (Presenter) Michael Dunham, MD, MS (Presenter) Adele Evans, MD (Presenter)	Rapid Fire Session <i>Using Online Learning to Provide Multidisciplinary Tracheostomy Education</i> Linda Morris, PhD, APN, CCNS, FCCM (Presenter) Ann Bines, MS Katherine Earnest, MSN Sarah McCarter, MSN Arlene Smalls-Smyth, MSN 10:05-10:20 am Expert Insights <i>Tracheotomy Timing and Outcomes in the Critically Ill: Opportunities for a Respiratory Failure Care Pathway</i> Kenneth W. Altman, MD, PhD	Rapid Fire Session <i>Preoperative Tracheal Diameter Assessment Before Tracheocutaneous Fistula Closure</i> Samuel Alves, MD (Presenter) Gabriela Aguirre, MD Isabele Chirichela, MD Paulo Pego-Fernandes, MD, PhD Benoit Bibas, MD, PhD <i>Quality Of Life Of Persons Undergoing Tracheostomy</i> Anna Poghosyan, MD, PhD (Presenter) Rafik Shahparonyan, MD Martin Misakyan, MD Hayk Petrosyan, MD Irina Malkhasyan, MD, PhD
10:25-10:55 am	Break / Exhibits	Break / Exhibits	Break / Exhibits
10:55-11:25 am	Panel Discussion <i>Trach Me Home-Tracheostomy Education for Post-Discharge Care</i> Marty Barnes, BSN, RN Shaina Weitz, BSRC, RRT Allison Bautista, PNP-AC Ashley Kaspar, MS CCC-SLP	Rapid Fire Session <i>Early Tracheostomy in Patients Undergoing Mechanical Thrombectomy for Acute Ischemic Stroke</i> Eris Spirollari, BA (Presenter) Lauren Farrand, MSN, RN, CPN Smit Shah, MD Christina Ng, MD Kevin Cordeiro Fawaz Al-Mufti	Panel Discussion <i>Characteristics and Outcomes of Individuals Living with a Tracheostomy in the Community</i> Prudence Gregson, MHA, SLP (Presenter) Cecilia Lang, MSN, CCRN, PPCNP-BC (Presenter) Tracey Nicholls, RN BN MN Nurs Prac MACORN MACN Periop cert Cert IV AWT (Presenter)
11:30 am-12:00 pm	Rapid Fire Session <i>Implementing a Multidisciplinary Tracheostomy Care Team in a Community-Based Hospital</i> Euane Ko, DO (Presenter) Nessreen Ghanem, MD (Presenter) E. Ashley Jones, SLP Karin Cooney-Newton, MSN, APRN, ACCNS-AG, CCRN Dr. David Roberson, MD, FACS, FRCS, Founder of Global Tracheostomy Collaborative <i>Improving First Responder Knowledge of Pediatric Tracheostomy and Ventilator Emergencies Through Web-Based Education</i> Lisa Molkentine, RRT Dr. Jennifer Henningfeld, MD Cecilia Lang, MSN, PPCNP-BC Cynthia Griffith, BSN Grace Flanagan, RT <i>Pediatric Post-Tracheostomy Training and Discharge Care</i> Spoorthi Davala, MD (Presenter) Fatima Neemuchwala, MD Cheryl Fort-Stephens, RT	Rapid Fire Session <i>The Benefits of Transdisciplinary Trach Rounds for Patient Safety and Outcomes</i> Carla Louie, MA (Presenter) Karen Saunders, RN, BSN, CRRN, CBIS Alina Holmes <i>Implementation of A Speech Language Pathologist Led Tracheostomy Team in a Level 1 Trauma Hospital</i> Rachael Silveira, MA, CCC-SLP (Presenter) Nicole Yordán-López, MD Orlando Morejón, MD Wilson Whitney, MD Luque Ilko, MPH <i>Quality Improvement Project: Measuring the Outcomes of a Post-Operative Pilot Pathway for Airway Maintenance and Communication</i> Holly Hinshelwood, MA, CCC-SLP (Presenter) J. Dale Browne, MD, FACS Kate Winterbottom, MS, MPH, CCC-SLP Nikki Barrett, MBA-HM, BSRT, RRT, RCP Wendy Butcher, MSN, RN, CCRN, CPHQ Makia Cade, DNP, RN, OCN Walidah Crawford, MSN, RN, OCN Donna Gough, RRT, RCP Tina Lovings, MHS, RRT-ACCS Rebecca Walsh, PA-C	Rapid Fire Session <i>Evaluation of a New Model of Care for The Multidisciplinary Tracheostomy Review Service at a Tertiary Hospital in Victoria, Australia</i> David Priddle (Presenter) Kelly Udy Madeline Wells Alisha Da Silva Leonie Shaw <i>Otolaryngologists' Initiative for Collaborative Tracheostomy Care: Knowledge, Attitude and Skill in Tracheostomy Care Among Nurses - An Interventional Study from India</i> Jishana Jamaldeen, MS (Presenter) Aneesh Basheer, MBBS, MD Rajarajeswari Nalamate Mary Kurien, MD
12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch Break / Exhibits		

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1:10-1:40 pm	Rapid Fire Session <i>Respiratory-Related Reutilization and Investigations Following Pediatric Decannulation</i> <i>Rebecca Steuart, MD, MS (Presenter)</i> <i>Dr. Jennifer Henningfeld, MD</i> <i>Nicole Xia</i> <i>Da'Jhnae Gambrell-Sanders</i> <i>Liyun Zhang</i> <i>Creation of Tracheostomy Emergency Airway Management Algorithm in The Pediatric Setting</i> <i>Emily Keevan, BS, RRT-NPS (Presenter)</i> <i>Jill Nusbaum, MS, BSN, RN, CPN (Presenter)</i> <i>The Journey to Preventing Accidental Tracheal Decannulations in Chronically Ill Children with Complex Medical Needs</i> <i>Evelyn David, APRN (Presenter)</i> <i>Annie Heimberg, RN, BSN, CPN (Presenter)</i> <i>Lauren Farrand, MSN, RN, CPN</i> <i>Donna Matos</i> <i>Gabriela Fernandes, APRN</i> <i>Peggy Evans, MSN</i>	Rapid Fire Session <i>Improved Clinical Outcomes in Difficult Airway Management - Checklist for The Multidisciplinary Team</i> <i>Marielle He, MD (Presenter)</i> <i>Dr. Michael J Brenner, MD, FACS, President; Global Tracheostomy Collaborative</i> <i>Dr. Vinciya Pandian, PhD, MBA, MSN</i> <i>Speech Language Pathologist Management of Tracheostomy Patients in the US</i> <i>Rachael Silveira, MA, CCC-SLP (Presenter)</i> <i>Vicente Cogollo, MD</i> <i>When Will the Tracheostomy Stoma Close After Planned Decannulation?</i> <i>Linda Morris, PhD, APN, CCNS, FCCM (Presenter)</i> <i>Ann Bines, MSN</i> <i>Katherine Earnest, MSN</i> <i>Audrone Hogue, BSN</i> <i>Allison Kessler, MD</i>	Rapid Fire Session <i>Building A Tracheostomy Care Program at a Quaternary Healthcare Centre, Canada</i> <i>Jasmine Lee Hill, RN, MSc.(N), CMSN(C) (Presenter)</i> <i>Carissa Wong, RN, MSc.(A), CHPCN(C) (Presenter)</i> <i>Laryngectomy Stoma: Post-Operative Care at a Tertiary Hospital in South India</i> <i>Dr. Vishnu Vardhan Reddy Martha, M.S., DLO, DNB, PH.D (Presenter)</i> <i>Caregiver Experiences and Challenges in Caring for Patients Undergoing Laryngectomy in India: A Qualitative Study</i> <i>Naomi Nancy, MSN (Presenter)</i>
1:45-1:55 pm	Rapid Fire Session <i>Partnering with Families to Develop a Pediatric Tracheostomy Action Plan to Decrease Preventable Emergency Department Visits</i> <i>Laine DiNoto, CPNP-PC (Presenter)</i> <i>Tina Sosa, MD</i> <i>Jan Schriefer, PhD</i> <i>Melissa Alcott</i> <i>John Faria, MD</i>	Rapid Fire Session <i>Development of Interdisciplinary Suctioning Competencies for Speech and Language Therapists in the Management of Patients with Tracheostomy in an Acute Teaching Hospital Dublin, Ireland</i> <i>Susie Downes, MSc, BSc (Presenter)</i> <i>Anna Joyce, SLP</i> <i>Rebecca Sweeney, PT</i> <i>Enya Mulcahy, PT</i>	Rapid Fire Session <i>The Implementation of a Multi-Faceted Intervention to Improve Tracheostomy Care for Cancer Patients in Tanzania</i> <i>Ivy Maina, MD (Presenter)</i> <i>Selekwa Msiba, MD</i> <i>Aslam Nyka, MD</i> <i>Beatrice Mushi, MD</i> <i>Mary Xu, MD</i>
1:55-2:45 pm	Break / Exhibits	Break / Exhibits	Break / Exhibits
2:45-3:15 pm	Panel Discussion <i>Implementation of a Multidisciplinary Tracheostomy/Ventilator Therapy Group on an Inpatient Pediatric Unit to Promote Development and Caregiver Confidence</i> <i>Shaunda Harendt, MS, CCC-SLP, BCS-S (Presenter)</i> <i>Nicole Crippen Schremp, PT, DPT, PCS (Presenter)</i>	Rapid Fire Session <i>Comparison of Mechanical Forces Used in Open Tracheotomy Versus Percutaneous Tracheotomy Techniques</i> <i>Ramya Bharathi, MD (Presenter)</i> <i>Gopikrishna Rao</i> <i>Jeremiah Tracy, MD</i> <i>Jan Groblewski, MD</i> <i>Maria Koenigs, MD</i> <i>Adoption and Utilization of HMEs in the Tracheostomy Patient</i> <i>Ann Kearney, SLP (Presenter)</i>	Panel Discussion <i>Examining the Predictors of Decannulation from the Global Tracheostomy Collaborative Database 2013-2022</i> <i>Charissa Zaga, BSpPath, MPH, CPSP</i> <i>Carly Milliren, MPH</i> <i>Dr. Michael J Brenner, MD, FACS, President; Global Tracheostomy Collaborative</i> <i>Dr. Vinciya Pandian, PhD, MBA, MSN</i>

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3:20-4:00 pm	Rapid Fire Session <i>Creation of a Tracheostomy Emergency and Airway Management (Team) Card</i> Dr. Jennifer Henningfeld, MD (Presenter) Da'Jhnae Gambrell-Sanders, BS (Presenter) Jesse White, MD <i>Impact of Multidisciplinary Tracheostomy Care Team Ward Rounds at a Pediatric Tertiary Care Center</i> Jordan Gewirtz (Presenter) Mirella Youssef Tran Bourgeois, MSPH Natalie Kelly Caroline Buck, APRN <i>Identifying Drivers for Improved Paediatric Tracheostomy Care at Monash Children's Hospital, Melbourne, Australia</i> Sandra Foster, RN (Presenter) Rachel Kerr, SLP Sarah Rawlings, DPT Stefanie Louey, MBBS Angela McCullagh, MBBS, FRACP, MD(Res) Sarah Morrison, MBBS, FRACS Kiraka Nakazawa, RN <i>A Comprehensive Tracheostomy Assessment Tool for Infants with Severe BPD: A Quality Improvement Initiative</i> Diane Randall, RRT-NPS (Presenter) Benjamin Courchia MD Claire Barette, MSN	Rapid Fire Session <i>Multidisciplinary Simulation Training for Surgical Tracheostomy in Patients Mechanically Ventilated Secondary to Severe Acute Respiratory Coronavirus 2, England</i> Rebecca Towing, MBBS, BSc, PgCert (ClinEd), MRCS (ENT) (Presenter) Catherine Rennie, MBBS Mark Ferguson, MBBS <i>The Effects of Interdisciplinary Surgical Airway Team Management on Tracheostomy Outcomes in Aging Veterans</i> Ronda Winans-Mitrik, MA, CCC-SLP (Presenter) Christine Matthews, CScD, CCC-SLP; BCS-S William Hula, PhD, CCC-SLP Kimberly Eichhorn, MS, CCC-SLP, BC-ANCDs, ATP Laura Appelbaum, MA-CCC-SLP Alyssa Autenreith, MA-CCC-SLP <i>Role of Speaking Valve Tolerance in an Interdisciplinary Tracheostomy Progression Protocol to Improve Decannulation Rates</i> Sara Oldach, M.S., CCC-SLP (Presenter) Katlyn Baker, M.S., CCC-SLP (Presenter)	Rapid Fire Session <i>A Scoping Review of Tracheostomy Care Programs in Low- And Middle-Income Countries, Tanzania</i> Ivy Maina, MD (Presenter) Kenechukwu Charles-Obi, BS, MS (Presenter) Selekwa Msiba, MD Tiffany Yeh, MD Aslam Nkya, MD <i>Implementation of An Interdisciplinary Tracheostomy Education Program at a Large Tertiary Health Care Organisation</i> Christine Knee Chong, APN, MPH (Presenter) <i>Development, Feasibility Testing, And Preliminary Evaluation of The Communication with An Artificial Airway Tool (Cat): Results of The Crit-Cat Pilot Study</i> Charissa Zaga, BSpPath, MPH, CPSP (Presenter) Catherine Papasavva, MPH Graham Hepworth, PhD Amy Freeman-Sanderson, PhD, BAppSc Mary Beth Happ, PhD <i>Right Patient Right Ward Right Care, Australia</i> Tracey Nicholls, RN BN MN Nurs Prac MACORN MACN Periop cert Cert IV AWT (Presenter)

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8:00 am - 12:00 pm **Mastering Tracheostomy Techniques (Open and Percutaneous) – Hands on Course** *MRB G03*
Ticketed Event

8:00-8:05 am **Welcome**
Dr. Ashutosh Sachdeva, MD

8:05-8:10 am **Review Goals and Objectives**
Dr. Ashutosh Sachdeva, MD

8:10-8:30 am **Tracheostomy procedure overview: Attributes of a successful procedure**
Dr. Alistair Kent, MD, MPH, FACS

8:30-9:05 am **Patient Selection Puzzle: Special Populations and Non-Standard Tracheostomy Tubes**
Dr. Van K Holden, MD; Dr. Kevin P. Leahy, MD, PhD, PhD, FACS

9:05-9:20 am **Expert Insights through Tips, Tricks, and Troubleshooting Discussions: Case 1**
Dr. Ashutosh Sachdeva, MD, MBBS; Dr. Alistair Kent, MD, MPH, FACS; Dr. Christina Yang, MD, MSc

9:20-9:35 am **Expert Insights through Tips, Tricks, and Troubleshooting Discussions: Case 2**
Dr. Van K Holden, MD; Dr. Megan Anders, MD, MS; Dr. Patrick Odonkor, MB, ChB

9:35-9:50 am **Expert Insights through Tips, Tricks, and Troubleshooting Discussions: Case 3**
Dr. Septimiu Murgu, MD; Dr. Kevin P. Leahy, MD, PhD, PhD, FACS; Dr. Colin Gillespie, MD

9:50-10:20 am **Break / Exhibits**

10:20-10:45 am **Enhancing Percutaneous Tracheostomy and Difficult Airway Management through Visual Guidance**
Dr. Megan Anders, MD, MS; Dr. Patrick Odonkor, MB, ChB

10:45-11:10 am **Navigating Post-Tracheostomy Challenges and Best Practices (Cuff pressures, tracheal stenosis, TEF)**
Dr. Septimiu Murgu, MD; Dr. Kevin P. Leahy, MD, PhD, PhD, FACS; Dr. Alistair Kent, MD, MPH, FACS

11:10-11:35 am **Emergency Algorithm: Tracheostomy Trouble-shooting**
Dr. Megan Anders, MD, MS; Dr. Colin Gillespie, MD; Dr. Christina Yang, MD, MSc

11:35 am - 12:00 pm **Long-term Tracheostomy Care: Understanding Caregiver Needs**
Dr. Christina Yang, MD; Michelle Morrison, PHD

12:00-12:30 pm **Lunch Break / Exhibits**

12:30-1:00 pm **Transition to Minimally Invasive Surgical Training and Innovation Center (MISTIC)**

1:00-4:00 pm **Mastering Tracheostomy Techniques (Open and Percutaneous) – Hands on Course** *MISTIC Lab*
Ticketed Event

Stations: Intubation techniques, Percutaneous Tracheostomy, Open Tracheostomy, Cricothyroidotomy, Tracheostomy care
Training Models: Human cadaver, Pig trachea, Manikins
Cadaver/Simulation Session Planning Committee Members:
Jennine Weller, MD (Johns Hopkins)
Alice Lee, MD (Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine)
Mariuxi C Manukyan, MD, FACS (Assistant Professor Dept of Surgery Division of Acute Care Surgery)
Youn-Hoa Jung, MD (Johns Hopkins)

4:00-4:30 pm **Break / Transition back to Turner Auditorium**

4:30-5:00 pm **Awards and Closing Remarks | Turner Auditorium**

Dr. Michael J Brenner, MD, FACS, President; Global Tracheostomy Collaborative



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Speaker Bios



Minette Allmoslecher

I am a mother of six, whose youngest daughter Bliss, now 20, has had a trach since 2010. I have juggled raising children, staying active in our church & community, while also caring for a medically complex, fragile health child. We have watched the Trach population at Children's Mercy gRoW over the

past several years — and are excited to see the progress & development of the Tracheostomy Program. I am passionate about supporting and encouraging new Trach Families along their journey — helping them to trust the process so they can enjoy the renewed health & stamina of their child.



Kenneth W. Altman, MD, PhD

Dr. Altman is Chairman of Otolaryngology at the Geisinger Health System, and Professor at the Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine. He completed his PhD and MD at Duke University, residency at the University of Pennsylvania, fellowship in Laryngology at Vanderbilt, and was

faculty at Northwestern, Mount Sinai and Baylor College of Medicine before coming to Geisinger. He's well known for his basic and applied science contributions to chronic cough, airway consequences of reflux disease, and early laryngeal malignancy. Dr. Altman has been a long time advocate for tracheostomy when considering the importance of voice, swallowing and airway rehabilitation following respiratory failure.



Megan Anders, MD, MS

Dr. Megan Anders is an associate professor of anesthesiology, division chief of anesthesiology critical care medicine, and vice chair for anesthesiology safety and quality at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. In addition to her clinical practice in the operating rooms and

surgical intensive care unit, she established and co-leads the University of Maryland Medical Center Airway Safety Council. This multidisciplinary council focuses education and quality improvement projects to improve outcomes for patients with difficult airways and tracheostomies.

Patrick Odonkor MB, ChB Dr Odonkor is chief of Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology at the University

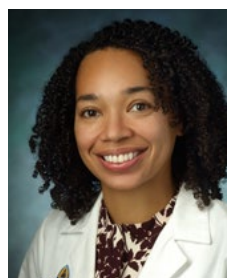
of Maryland School of Medicine and has been an anesthesiologist for more than 20 years. His clinical interest is in the improvement of perioperative outcomes in patients having cardiac surgery, anesthetic management of high-risk cardiac surgical procedures, perioperative coagulation management, prevention of cardiac surgery-associated acute kidney injury and cardiac xenotransplantation.



Katlyn Baker, M.S. CCC-SLP

Katlyn is an acute care speech-language pathologist at Hartford Hospital in Hartford, CT. Katlyn is a content area expert in issues of the upper airway as lead SLP for the head and neck cancer team and member of the tracheostomy progression rounding team. Katlyn also serves on a hospital

wide Difficult Airway Response committee attempting to improve process and outcomes for patients with altered airways. She teaches and mentors other SLPs in areas of complex medicine, head and neck cancer, and tracheostomy management.



Megan Ballard, MD

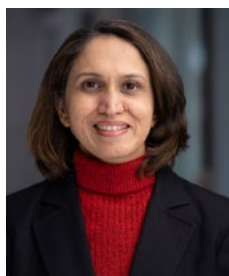
Megan Ballard is a pediatrician and fellowship trained pediatric otolaryngologist. She specializes in airway, swallowing and voice disorders, congenital neck masses, sinus disease, thyroid disorders, obstructive sleep apnea, vascular anomalies, ear surgery, hearing loss and cochlear

implants. She treats infants, children and adolescents with all facets of pediatric ear, nose and throat (ENT) issues. Dr. Ballard obtained her medical degree from the Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta. She completed a residency in otolaryngology at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami and a residency in pediatrics at New York University Langone. She also obtained fellowship training in pediatric otolaryngology at Children's Hospital Colorado. Her research interests include pediatric ENT health disparities, patient safety and quality improvement, hearing loss and hearing outcomes.

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Maneesha Bangar, MD

Maneesha Bangar, MD, is Director, Simulation for Education and Patient Safety in Critical Care and Assistant Professor, Medicine at Montefiore Einstein. Her clinical interests include providing care for complex ICU patients, critical care consults, training house staff in running Rapid Response

and Cardiac Arrest Codes emphasizing communication and teamwork skills, training CCM Fellows in airway management, emergency procedures, hands on ultrasound training and multisystem bedside training to efficiently manage emergencies. She is also involved in conducting multidisciplinary in situ simulations for better patient care with other departments.

In 1999, Dr. Bangar completed her medical education at B.J. Medical College in Pune, Maharashtra, India. She completed her yearlong rotating internship at Sassoon General Hospital, Pune, India in 2000 followed by a job as a Medical Officer in rural India. She then completed a three-year anesthesiology residency at B.J. Medical College in 2004. Dr. Bangar later pursued additional postgraduate training at Montefiore, completing an internal medicine residency in 2012, acting as Chief Resident in her final year, followed by a two-year critical care medicine fellowship, which she completed in 2014.

Dr. Bangar is board certified in Internal Medicine and Critical Care Medicine. She is a member of the Society of Critical Care Medicine and the American College of Physicians. In 2022, she was awarded Faculty Scholar for the Harvard Macy Program for Educators in Health Professions.

Marty Barnes, BSN, RN

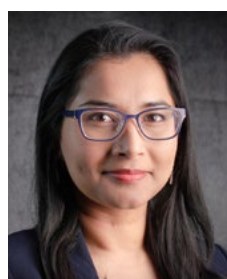
Marty is the Nurse Trach Program Coordinator at Dell Children's Medical Center. Prior to nursing Marty was mom to her medically complex daughter, Casey. This experience brings a unique perspective to the role. Marty is able to truly relate to her patients and understand their challenges and concerns. Marty is passionate about supporting the medically complex community. In addition to her role as the trach nurse, she also runs a nonprofit for children with special needs that she started for her daughter, Casey's Circle. Marty is a frequent author for multiple special needs publications as well as presents at many family focused conferences. Marty has been published in multiple journals, and is dedicated to continued research.



Allison Bautista, PNP-AC

Allison Bautista is a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner who has been in her current role as the Trach NP for the past five years and as a nurse for 18 years. She works under the otolaryngology umbrella and follows inpatients trach patients as well as complex airway cases. She participates in outpatient

trach clinics as the ENT provider. She is also the Aerodigestive NP for the complex dysphagia patients as well as a member of the feeding team. Previous to this role, she was a RN on the High Acuity Respiratory Unit as DCMC where she was involved in the care of tracheostomy patients while they were inpatient for acute care illness.



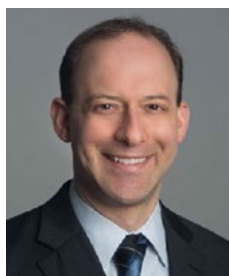
Ramya Bharathi, MD

Ramya Bharathi is a 5th year otolaryngology resident at Tufts Medical Center in Boston. She is planning to complete a fellowship in Facial Plastics and Reconstructive Surgery after graduating.

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Michael Brenner, MD, FACS, President

Michael J. Brenner, M.D., F.A.C.S. is an Associate Professor and Co-Director of Branch Science at University of Michigan Medical School. A clinician-scientist with dual appointment in Facial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery and the Kresge Research

Institute, he has a longstanding interest in diversity and medical education including mentoring, coaching, and sponsorship. He chairs the Outcomes Research & Evidence-Based Medicine Committee and Centralized Otolaryngology Research Efforts (CORE) Study Section, of the AAOHNS.

He also serves as president of the Global Tracheostomy Collaborative, whose learning community spans over 200 institutions across over 25 countries. He has mentored dozens of interprofessional learners at doctoral and postgraduate level in Otolaryngology, Neuroscience, Nursing, and Speech Language Pathology.

Dr. Brenner's research program has garnered NIH funding, foundation grants, and resulted in over 200 publications. He is the AAFPRS representative to the AAO-HNS Guidelines Task Force and has spearheaded proposals and international guideline/ consensus statement development, dissemination, and implementation.

His translational research projects investigate nerve regeneration, axonal guidance, nanoparticle delivery, biomedical engineering, and mechanisms of oxidative stress.



Joshua Briggs, BSN, MSN, NP-C, AGACNP-BC

Joshua Briggs is a family and adult/geriatric nurse practitioner practicing in inpatient ICU / pulmonary setting and outpatient pulmonary clinic. Outpatient management involves wide variety of acute and chronic lung diseases and regular pulmonary function test

evaluations. Outpatient service also includes sleep medicine, allergy / asthma, and novel lung diseases such as pulmonary fibrosis, ILD, pulmonary hypertension, etc. Inpatient ICU service includes management of critically ill patients in separate medical and surgical ICUs in a short term regional care facility. Inpatient pulmonary service offering management in acutely ill patients with pulmonary disease. In addition, Josh is a healthcare provider for multidisciplinary tracheostomy rounding team that includes ENT physician, respiratory therapist, and speech language pathologist at short term hospital

for going assessment and management of all patients with tracheostomy. Privileged Long Term Acute Care and Skilled Nursing Facility include long-term ventilator patients and tracheostomy management.



Bruce Campbell, MD

Bruce H. Campbell, MD FACS is Professor Emeritus of Otolaryngology and Communication Sciences at the Medical College of Wisconsin. He practiced head and neck surgery in Milwaukee, both in university and VA settings, for over thirty years before recently retiring. He has an interest

in narrative, and completed a Certificate of Professional Achievement in Narrative Medicine from Columbia University in 2019. As an author, he published an award-winning book, *A Fullness of Uncertain Significance: Stories of Surgery, Clarity, and Grace* (Ten16 Press) in 2021. Read about his book and find more of his essays on his blog at www.BruceCampbellMD.com



Kenekukwu Charles-Obi, BS, MS

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Gretchen Cunningham, BS, RRT

Gretchen Cunningham is a Respiratory Therapy Discharge Planner at the American Family Children's Hospital – UW Health. She received her Bachelor of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders from University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire and associate degree in respiratory therapy from Madison

Area Technical College. She has provided education and discharge coordination as part of the inpatient tracheostomy ventilator program over the last six years.

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Spoorthi Davala, MD

Spoorthi is a third-year pediatrics resident at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland. She is interested in pursuing a career in pediatric pulmonology. Her research interests include addressing and minimizing the social disparities that create barriers to care in tracheostomy and ventilator-dependent patients.

dependent patients.



Evelyn David, APRN

My Name is Evelyn David MSN APRN, currently working at Children Specialized Hospital, New Jersey since 2016. I am the pediatric nurse practitioner for the brain injury and chronic pain program. I am responsible for taking care of patients, assessment, management and coordination of care

of traumatic and non-traumatic brain injury patients who have complex medical needs in an acute care inpatient pediatric rehabilitation hospital. I am also a safety coach, wound care certified APN and currently a team member of the performance improvement (PI) and quality team. Prior to my current role, I worked as an acute care hospitalist at Robert wood Barnabas System for almost 7 years. I started as a Pediatric Intensive Care RN and transitioned to the hospitalist position in 2009. My previous outpatient APN experience was Pediatric Rheumatology for 3 years. As a registered nurse, I have been working for almost 40 years in various settings, Neonatal ICU, Adult ICU, and Pediatric Open Heart ICU. Outside of clinical setting, I enjoyed doing medical and religious missions to different countries since 2011. In November, will be joining a team helping Ukrainian refugees in Poland, Slovakia, Romania and Hungary.



"Nina" Melinda DeSell, MS, CRNP

Taking care of children since 1986 and a pediatric nurse practitioner for past 25 years. In the past, in pediatric gastroenterology and liver transplant. At Johns Hopkins pediatric otolaryngology since 2006.



Laine DiNoto, CPNP-PC

My professional focus is leading the Pediatric Tracheostomy and Home Ventilator team in the inpatient and outpatient settings. I focus on shared decision making and patient and family engagement for medically complex children. My work highlights creating and implementing quality

improvement initiatives for this population with a focus on patient safety, care coordination, communication and standardized clinical guidelines and protocols.



Susie Downes, MSc, BSc

Susie is a Clinical Specialist Speech & Language Therapist in St Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin, Ireland, with over 20 years experience working in critical care & acute care. She has also worked in large teaching hospitals in New Zealand & Sydney, Australia. She gained her Masters in Dysphagia 2012

and is a guest lecturer in Trinity College Dublin.



Michael Dunham, MD, MS

Michael Dunham is a Professor of Otolaryngology and the director of the Medical Innovations Design Studio at Louisiana State University. Dr. Dunham received an M.S. degree in computer science from DePaul University and his M.D degree from Tulane University. His research areas include computational

biology, surgical simulation, and medical instrument design.

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Adele Evans

Adele Evans is a pediatric otolaryngologist and chief of otolaryngology at Nemours Children's Hospital, Orlando, having joined Nemours in June 2023 after 6 years at Children's Hospital New Orleans and Louisiana State University. There she developed the Safe Trach program.

Dr. Evans earned her Doctor of Medicine degree at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta. She performed her internship in general surgery at Beth Israel – Deaconess Medical Center / Harvard School of Medicine in Boston. Dr. Evans went on to complete a residency in otolaryngology at the Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary / Harvard School of Medicine, and then a fellowship in pediatric otolaryngology at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. She also has completed a certificate in Medical Education Research at Wake Forest University School of Medicine in Winston-Salem. She's board certified in Complex Pediatric Otolaryngology by the American Board of Otolaryngology.



Sandra Foster, RN

Sandy Foster has worked for Monash Health for the past 25 years. Initially on an acute paediatric medical/ oncology ward and since 2005 with Monash Children's at Home within the Complex Care Team as a Clinical Nurse Consultant. Her role provides and improves service provision for

children with complex medical needs and their families at inpatient, outpatient and ambulatory levels. This role promotes continuity of care by actively facilitating and coordinating care beyond the walls of the hospital. In recent years Sandy has developed a special interest in children with tracheostomies and she provides support in both the community and hospital. She currently has a focus of improving standards of care and patient outcomes for this very vulnerable cohort. A key strategy for this is being involved in the development of a Tracheostomy Nurse Coordinator at Monash Children's Hospital. When Sandy is not working she enjoys spending time with her family, friends and her 2 German Shepherd dogs. She also enjoys keeping fit and watching her local rugby league team Melbourne Storm.

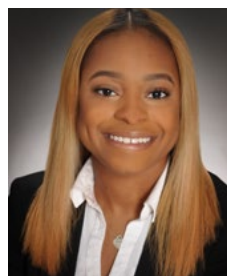


Darrin French, MAM, RRT-NPS

Darrin has worked in respiratory care for 30 years as a respiratory therapist and has been in leadership for the last 16 years. He is passionate about improving patient care through means of patient education, proper support of his staff, and maintaining AARC standards.

Darrin is co-chair of the Tracheostomy

Leadership Committee at United Regional and is a member of the United Regional Tracheostomy Rounding Team for the last 10 years. Darrin has been a member of Midwestern State University's Respiratory Program board of advisors for the last 12 years. He has worked with a wide of variety tracheostomy products providing feedback to manufacturers and has helped Covidien develop an educational video for the Shiley flex tracheostomy tube. Darrin continues to strive for excellent patient care through the help of his staff and peers at United Regional Health Care System.



Da'Jhnae Gambrell-Sanders, BS

DaJhnae Gambrell-Sanders manages the clinical research portfolio within the Tracheostomy and Home Ventilator Program and Sleep Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW). She has been a clinical research coordinator since 2021 and has experience coordinating investigator-

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Prudence Gregson, MHA, SLP

Prudence is the Manager of the
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Service (TRAMS) and a senior Speech
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Collaborative. Prudence has
contributed to the efforts of the Global

Tracheostomy Collaborative for over 10 years to promote
improvements in multidisciplinary care for tracheostomy
patients. She is the co-chair of the GTC Membership
Enhancement committee and a member of the GTC
database committee. In addition to working with TRAMS
for over 12 years, Prudence has worked across multiple
specialist clinical areas including trauma, ENT, respiratory,
cardiothoracics, and ICU. She is passionate about health
care leadership, improving quality and safety of care and
interdisciplinary tracheostomy education, teaching and
training. Prudence is particularly interested in holistic
tracheostomy care and equity of quality health care
across the continuum, including into the community.



Reza SM Hashemian

Professor of critical care medicine in
Masih Daneshvari Hospital (NRITLD)
SBMU; Vice president of Iranian society
of critical care. I'm doing Mini-Surgical
Tracheostomy bedside and very fast .



Shaunda Harendt, MS, CCC-SLP, BCS-S

Shaunda Harendt is a speech-language
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focus are communication and swallowing services to
infants, children, and young adults with tracheostomy
and ventilator dependence. In addition to her work in
a hospital setting, she runs a private practice called
Tracheology, where she provides in-home and community-
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Marielle He, MD

I am currently an active duty Navy
officer/General Surgery intern physician
with sustained interest and commitment
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obtained my bachelor's degrees from
University of California, San Diego
and my master's degree from Eastern
Virginia Medical School. Two places I

would rather be at any time are the great outdoors and
the operating room. A match into Oto next year would be
a dream come true!

Annie Heimborg, BSN-RN, CPN

I have worked as a registered nurse at Children's
Specialized Hospital in New Brunswick NJ for 5 years. I am
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of the Trach Task Force!

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Jennifer Henningfeld, MD

Dr. Jennifer Henningfeld is an Associate Professor of Pediatric Pulmonologist at Children's Wisconsin, where she has dedicated her career to improving the lives of young patients facing respiratory challenges. Born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Dr. Henningfeld pursued her medical

education, residency, and fellowship at the Medical College of Wisconsin and Children's Wisconsin. Dr. Henningfeld serves as the Director of the Pediatric Tracheostomy and Home Ventilator Program, a testament to her dedication to advancing the care and quality of life for children with complex respiratory needs. Her research interests lie prominently in pediatric tracheostomy.

Comprehensive Cancer Center in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. She specializes in evaluation and treatment of patients with tracheostomy and total laryngectomy, as well as dysphagia in the acute care setting. She is active with multiple interdisciplinary committees that aim to improve care of the surgical airway patient, as well as involved with education and onboarding of critical care nurses and speech language pathology staff.



Van Holden, MD

Dr. Holden is an interventional pulmonologist within the Division of Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. She specializes in minimally invasive methods of diagnosing and staging lung cancer, treating central airway obstruction, and managing

pleural disease. She also has strong interests in medical education and teaching.



Jasmine Lee Hill, RN, MSc.(N), CMSN(C)

Jasmine is a Nursing Practice Consultant with the Nursing Directorate at the McGill University Health Centre in Montreal, Canada. She is a graduate of the University of Ottawa with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a Master of Science in Tertiary Nursing. She earned her Lean Six Sigma Green

Belt certification in 2022 as well as a certification in Medical-Surgical Nursing in 2018. She has more than 15 years of experience in the healthcare system and has held various roles such as clinical instructor at John Abbott College, nurse at the Montreal General Hospital and as the advanced practice nurse for the surgical mission at the Royal Victoria Hospital since 2012. During her years as an advanced practice nurse, she has continued to create multiple surgical protocols and processes including the care of tracheostomy and laryngectomy patients. Jasmine is also a reflective practice facilitator and sits on multiple local committees such as the Clinical Practice Review Committee, Nursing Research Committee, Nursing Awards of Excellence, and the Psychosocial Peer Support Program as well as the Canadian Association of Medical-Surgical Nurses as an executive member and treasurer since 2018.



Jishana Jamaldeen, MS

I currently work as Associate Professor in Otorhinolaryngology at Dr Moopen's Medical College, Wayanad. I completed MBBS at Sri Siddhartha Medical College, Karnataka and pursued MS Otorhinolaryngology at Pondicherry institute of medical sciences. My areas of interest are Otology, Phonosurgery

and Airway management with 7 publications in indexed journals. I am a guide for Postgraduate dissertations and Undergraduate short term scholarships. I am an adjunct faculty of Medical education unit and completed basic and advanced courses in Medical education. I am a Resource person for Faculty development programs in Medical education. I am a member of the Institutional Research Committee, Nodal officer for Students support guidance program and member of Internal Quality assurance cell. I was the Organising secretary for various conferences at Undergraduate and Postgraduate level. I regularly deliver public awareness talks through local television channels.



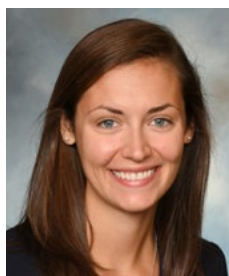
Holly Hinshelwood, MA, CCC-SLP

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Allen Kachalia, MD, JD

Allen Kachalia, MD, JD, is the Senior Vice President for Patient Safety and Quality at Johns Hopkins Medicine in Baltimore, Maryland. In this role, he oversees patient safety, quality, patient experience outcomes across the continuum of care for the John Hopkins Medicine enterprise. He is also

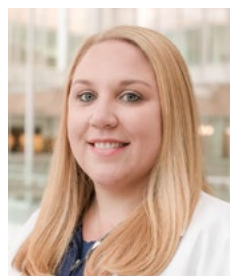
the Director of the Armstrong Institute for Patient Safety and Quality, which is focused on improving healthcare for patients around the world through scientific research, innovation, policy advocacy, and education in safety and quality. Allen is Professor of Medicine and the C. Michael and S. Anne Armstrong Professor of Patient Safety and Quality at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, where his own research focuses on how the law affects medical care, and in particular how liability system reform and the disclosure of medical error relate to the safety and quality of healthcare.



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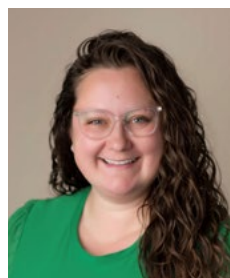
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Melissa Kavanagh, MSN, RN, AGCNS-BC

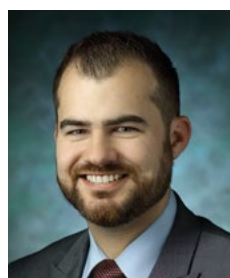
Melissa Kavanagh is a Clinical Nurse Specialist at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Melissa received her BSN from LaSalle University in Philadelphia, PA in 2008 and her MSN from LaSalle University in 2016. She holds a national certification as

an Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). Melissa has 15 years of nursing experience and is currently the Clinical Nurse Specialist of the ENT nursing unit since 2017. She specializes in the nursing care of ENT surgical patients and partners with both nursing and surgical teams to ensure high quality care to post-operative ENT patients. In addition, Melissa co-leads the hospital-wide interdisciplinary collaborative focusing on tracheostomy care. Melissa manages nursing policies, use of tracheostomy products, tracheostomy nursing practice and serves as a nursing consultant. Through Melissa's leadership, the tracheostomy collaborative has successfully completed multiple hospital and system-wide initiatives through its partnership with surgical teams, nursing, speech therapy, respiratory therapy and supply chain.



Emily Keeven, BS, RRT, NPS

Emily Keevan is the Tracheostomy Program Coordinator at Childrens Mercy in Kansas City, MO



Alistair Kent, MD, MPH, FACS

Alistair J Kent is an Assistant Professor of Surgery, Anesthesia and Critical Care Medicine, Surgical liason to the Tracheostomy and Difficult Airway Team Committee, and Operations Coordinator for Perioperative Services at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. He is a member of the Halsted Division

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Christine is a Clinical Nurse Consultant with the Tracheostomy Review and Management Service (TRAMS) at Austin Health in Melbourne, Australia. She has a graduate certificate in Critical Care Nursing and a Masters degrees in Public Health. Prior to working for TRAMS, Christine has had 10 years experience

working as an Intensive Care Nurse. Christine has a strong interest in education, quality improvement and working with patients with tracheostomies and their families through their hospital journey and into the community.



Eunae Ko, DO

I am a third-year internal medicine resident from Bayhealth Medical Center. My academic interests include critical care medicine and improving the quality of care for patients with tracheostomies. Outside of work, I am an avid crochet lover and cat mom.



Cecelia Lang, MSN, CCRN, PPCNP-BC

Cecilia Lang, MSN, CCRN, PPCNP-BC is the CNS Program Manager for the Tracheostomy/Home Ventilator Program at the Children's Wisconsin. Cecilia provides care coordination for an average of 175 patients and works collaboratively with her multidisciplinary team on patient and staff education,

policy development, research and quality improvement.



Kevin Leahy, MD, PhD, FACS

Dr. Leahy is part of the Voice Center at the University of Pennsylvania, Department of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery. He sees patients primarily at Penn Medicine Washington Square. His area of expertise is in the treatment of disorders of the Voice, Airway and Swallowing.

He has special interests in the treatment of Spasmodic Dysphonia, Vocal Cord Paralysis, Laryngeal Papilloma and Complex airway disorders. He is member of the Complex Airway Disorders Group at Penn and works closely with the Interventional Pulmonary Team, Thoracic Surgery, and Rheumatology to help treat patients with difficult airway problems. He is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, Board Certified in Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, and is fellowship trained in Laryngology.



Alice Lee, MD

I was raised in upstate New York and completed medical school at the CUNY school of medicine. I am currently a PGY-2 otolaryngology resident at Montefiore hospital. I hope to become a pediatric ENT and am especially interested in pediatric airway.



Carla Louie, MA CCC-SLP

Mrs. Carla Louie, MA CCC-SLP is a Speech Language Pathologist at Sheltering Arms Institute (SAI). There, she serves as SLP Clinical Leader for the Spinal Cord Injury/Complex Care and Multi-Specialty units. Prior to joining SAI, Mrs. Louie acted as Speech Language Pathology Team Lead of Inpatient Rehab Unit at Virginia Commonwealth

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hospitals. She has an interest in training and education related global ENT projects and is currently involved in projects spanning across central and eastern Africa.



Mia Mathews, MPH, Parent

Mia Matthews is a native of Baltimore Maryland and has a Masters Degree in Public Health from Liberty University. After the loss of her beautiful daughter Channing, Mia began advocating for kids with complex medical needs. In fact, there's currently a legislative bill that Mia is fighting to getting passed that will

demand in home nurses to undergo a rigorous training to assist children with medical complex needs. Currently there are NO specific trainings for in home nurses. We hope to have Channing's Law passed in the 2024 legislative session. She serves on the Johns Hopkins Pediatric Family Advisory Committee and the Global Tracheostomy Collaborative Patient and Family Committee. Mia's goal is to encourage parents to become advocates for their children and empower them to push for change. When she's not out helping others, she enjoys spending time with her husband and son and trying new restaurants.

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Kylie McElroy, BS

Kylie McElroy is a Patient and Family Engagement Specialist at Children's Mercy in Kansas City, Mo. Kylie earned her bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and Social Work from Benedictine College, Atchison, and worked in Social Welfare after college. In 2012, Kylie's son

was born at 23 weeks, 5 days, weighing in at 1lb 12oz and spent the next five and a half months fighting for his life in the NICU at Children's Mercy before being discharged with a tracheostomy, ventilator, and multiple other life sustaining pieces of equipment. Years later, Kylie began giving back to Children's Mercy as a volunteer before joining the team as a parent on staff. Now, among a number of other responsibilities, Kylie supports both the Accessibility & Rehab and Tracheostomy Program Patient Family Advisory Councils. Kylie is passionate about bringing accessibility, awareness and inclusion for some of our most vulnerable population.



Brendan McGrath, MB, ChB, FRCP, FRCA, DICM, EDIC, AHEA, FFCM, PhD

Brendan qualified from the University of Sheffield and trained initially in general medicine in Yorkshire, the North East and then Australia. He returned to specialize in Anaesthesia & Intensive Care Medicine, appointed as a consultant at the recently renamed

Manchester University Foundation Trust, at Wythenshawe Hospital in 2009.

Brendan's research interests in patient safety and airway management led to the initiation of the UK National Tracheostomy Safety Project, collaborating widely in developing educational resources to guide the multidisciplinary response to airway emergencies. Realising that the real work was in prevention of airway emergencies, Brendan helped to develop the Global Tracheostomy Collaborative in 2012, bringing together international expertise from Harvard to Melbourne with the goal of improving tracheostomy care 'everywhere' through quality improvement initiatives. Brendan has worked on and led a number of domestic and international quality improvement projects and research studies, securing significant grant funding. His contributions in his field were recognised by appointment as Visiting Professor to Harvard Medical School in 2016 and as NHS England National Clinical Advisor for Tracheostomy in 2015. He remains European lead of the Global Tracheostomy Collaborative, supporting UK and European sites to improve care for patients and their families.

Outside of medicine, Brendan is entertained by a young(ish) family, plays guitar in the family rock band, "Death Metal Children of Rock," attempts to support Liverpool FC whilst living near Old Trafford, and tries to ride his road bike when it isn't raining (too hard).



Carly Milliren, MPH

Ms. Milliren is a biostatistician at Boston Children's Hospital since 2011 and has worked with the data coordinating center for the Global Tracheostomy Collaborative since 2017. Ms. Milliren has extensive experience with clinical and observational research including clinical trials and large epidemiological

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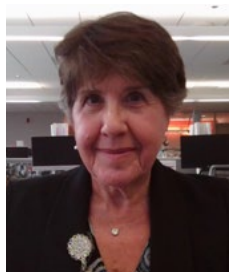
Lisa Molkentine, RRT

Lisa Molkentine is a Respiratory Therapist with Children's Wisconsin, and has been caring for the pediatric population for the last 20 years, specifically with the Tracheostomy/ Home Ventilator program for the last 5 years. She has many roles as an RT in the program including, but not limited to: preparing and educating trained caregivers for their initial discharge home, educating CW staff (Doctors, RN's, RT's), certifying RN's in the community in Pediatric Home Ventilation, being a liaison for families and their DME companies, and following patients on an outpatient basis both from home and in clinic.

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Linda Morris, PhD, APN, CCNS, FCCM

Dr. Linda L. Morris has unique experience in critical care, education, research, and rehabilitation nursing. She has over 20 years' experience as a tracheostomy specialist and is the co-editor and author of *Tracheostomies: The Complete Guide*, with the second

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Michelle Morrison, PhD

Michelle Morrison is a parent of a child with a tracheostomy. She has been active in the Johns Hopkins Patient and Family Advisory Council for more than twelve years. She is also co-founder of Little Lobbyists, an advocacy organization that works on behalf of children with complex medical needs.



Roxanna Mosavian, BA

I am a second year medical student at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. I have a strong interest in the field of otolaryngology and have been involved in tracheostomy quality improvement research with Dr. Christina Yang of Montefiore Medical Center.



Septimiu Murgu, MD

Dr. Murgu is a Professor of Medicine and co-Director of Bronchoscopy at the University of Chicago Medicine in the USA, where he is also the Program Director of the Interventional Pulmonology Fellowship. His clinical interests include interventional pulmonology and procedure-related

training. His specific expertise is in minimally invasive diagnostic and therapeutic bronchoscopic and pleural procedures for the management of lung cancer and central airway disorders. This interest is also seen in his research work, where he published extensively on the role of bronchoscopy for molecular testing, diagnosis of lung nodules, and therapeutic bronchoscopy for central airway disorders. He authored a best-seller textbook on *Bronchoscopy* and he is actively involved in bronchoscopy, pleural procedures, central airway disorders and lung cancer education projects throughout the world.

Dr. Murgu is the President of the American Association of Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology, the immediate past Chair of Education Committee for the American College of Chest Physicians, a member of the Program Committees for the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer programs, CHEST and an Editor for the World Association for Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology Newsletter. He devotes significant time to training bronchoscopists of all nations in advanced diagnostic and therapeutic procedures. Patrick Odonkor MB, ChB Dr Odonkor is chief of Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and has been an anesthesiologist for more than 20 years. His clinical interest is in the improvement of perioperative outcomes in patients having cardiac surgery, anesthetic management of high-risk cardiac surgical procedures, perioperative coagulation management, prevention of cardiac surgery-associated acute kidney injury and cardiac xenotransplantation.

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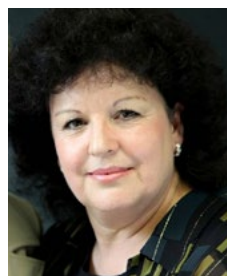
Naomi Nancy, MSN

Ms S W Naomi Nancy serves as an Assistant professor in nursing cum Nurse Manager in the ENT department at Christian Medical College, Vellore. She has completed her MSN and has done a research fellow with the department of the Otorhinolaryngology at KUMC, USA for 5 months. She is the first rank holder

in her BSN degree programme and has received the gold medal by the College of Nursing for the best outgoing student in B Sc Nursing Programme batch of 2007.

She is involved in teaching undergraduate and postgraduate nursing students both in the classroom and clinicals. She has a teaching experience of 10 years. Research: Her research interests are laryngectomees and their caregivers. She is involved in research at the institutional level. She has publications both in national and international journals. She is also the peer reviewer for the Indian Journal of Continuing Nursing Education

She serves the Department Quality Manager and is involved in quality improvement of the hospital by conducting audits, periodic NABH assessments and quality rounds. She was instrumental in developing a specialist nurse led service for laryngology patients (Laryngology Nurse Educator) in Christian Medical College, Vellore. She has also played a crucial role in improvising the existing pharyngeal feeding cup for patients who cannot feed through the mouth postoperatively specially for patients undergoing maxillectomy.



Tracey Nicholls, RN BN MN Nurs Prac MACORN MACN Periop cert Cert IV AWT

Tracey was the first endorsed Otolaryngology Head & Neck Nurse Practitioner in Australia and the first Head and Neck Cancer coordinator in South Australia. Tracey has spent most of her career in ENT and many of that

was in the operating theatre. She was the president of the National ENT Nurses' group for 11 years, has been the recipient of several awards including 2 excellence in practice awards and a premier's scholarship, allowing her to travel overseas to observe Nurse Practitioner clinics in the USA and UK. She is current Chair of the CoNNMO (Coalition of Nursing and Midwifery Council) and active member of the PHN (Primary Health Network) consumer advisory council. As the ENT NP Head and Neck Cancer coordinator she follows each patient from the beginning of their cancer journey through to running surveillance clinics. She also assists and runs an Ambulatory clinic for most office procedures such as Vocal cord dysfunction, oesophageal dilations, laser and secondary TOF's formations. She also runs an outpatients laryngectomy and tracheostomy service. She is part of the MDM Alternate Airway team and faculty on the Adelaide Tracheostomy Course which consist of cadaveric and animal surgical labs. She also started and still runs a Head and Neck cancer support group in 2016 for patients and families. She remains incredibly passionate for the ongoing welfare and support of this cohort of cancer patients that are left with ever lasting effects of surgery and radiation therapy, creating difficulties in the ability to talk, socialise, eat, swallow and just allowing participation in the simple things of life, we all take for granted.

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Jill Nusbaaum, MS, BSN, RN, CPN

Jill Nusbaum has served as the Pediatric Home Ventilation Program Coordinator for patients 2 to 22 years old at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, MO for the past 6 years. She supports patients and caregivers in the transition from hospital to home, as well as provides support in navigating the complex world

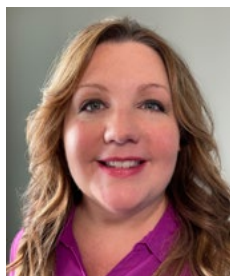
of outpatient care once home with their tracheostomy and home ventilator. Since its inception in the fall of 2018, Jill has coordinated the multi-disciplinary Pediatric Tracheostomy and Home Ventilator Clinic as part of a team of Physicians, Nurses, Respiratory Therapists, Speech Therapist, Social Worker, and Parent Support Program Coordinator. Prior to coming to the home vent team, Jill was a Certified Healthcare Simulation Specialist at Children's Mercy. She continues to use high-fidelity simulation to enhance teaching provided to home caregivers, private duty nurses, school staff, and pre-hospital caregivers in the communities that their patients reside in. Jill's goal has been to surround each patient with a safety net of caregivers who are trained in pediatric tracheostomy emergency management.



Patrick Odonkor, MB,ChB

Dr Odonkor is chief of Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and has been an anesthesiologist for more than 20 years. His clinical interest is in the improvement of perioperative outcomes in patients having cardiac surgery, anesthetic management of high-risk

cardiac surgical procedures, perioperative coagulation management, prevention of cardiac surgery-associated acute kidney injury and cardiac xenotransplantation.



Jennifer Ohlson, M.S. CCC-SLP

I have always had a love for the voice. I studied Vocal Performance before transitioning to the field of Speech Language Pathology. After working for 2 years in skilled nursing homes, I began my career at United Regional Healthcare System. Here, I have been able to continually grow and

hone my skills as a medical Speech Pathologist. I have discovered a true passion for restoring communication and swallowing in patients with complex airways. I have been a member of the Tracheostomy Leadership Team and Tracheostomy Rounding Team for 9 years as well as provided consultation services for Covidian.



Sara Oldach, M.S., CCC-SLP

Sara Oldach is an acute care Speech-Language Pathologist and department supervisor at Hartford Hospital, a large, trauma 1, teaching hospital in Hartford, CT. Sara is a member of the interdisciplinary tracheostomy team at Hartford Hospital and has been involved in several operational

and process improvement projects aimed to better the outcomes of patients with tracheostomies.



Vinciya Pandian, PhD, MBA, MSN

Dr. Vinciya Pandian is a globally recognized expert in critical care, known for her work in improving patient care, safety, and quality of life of patients with a tracheostomy. She's received prestigious grants from the National Institute of Nursing Research and the Agency for Healthcare

Research and Quality for her groundbreaking research. Dr. Pandian's work focuses on laryngeal injury post-extubation, and she's pioneering immersive technologies at the Center for Immersive Learning and Digital Innovation to enhance patient safety. Her influence extends beyond ICUs, with research in global settings. As a passionate educator, she's held leadership roles at the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing and serves in key positions for professional societies. Dr. Pandian's academic journey includes degrees from Christian Medical College in India and Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, as well as an MBA from the University of Baltimore. Her exceptional contributions and commitment to patient care and innovation continue to inspire healthcare professionals worldwide.



Caitlin Pickeral, MPAM, PA-C

Caitlin Pickeral is the inpatient Physician Assistant at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in the department of Otorhinolaryngology: Head and Neck Surgery. Prior to taking this role, Caitlin was a physician assistant in Northern Virginia where she did outpatient and inpatient ENT

in addition to moonlighting as a nocturnal hospitalist at Inova Mount Vernon during COVID. She completed her Masters in Physician Assistant Medicine at the University of Lynchburg and her Bachelor's in Biology at Virginia Commonwealth University.

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David Priddle

David is a senior orthopaedic physiotherapist and research assistant at the Royal Melbourne Hospital, Australia. He is currently leading research investigating pelvic floor dysfunction following pelvic trauma alongside pursuing his clinical interest in trauma and critical care.

He is passionate about using innovative technology to advance clinical teaching using hi-fidelity simulation in tracheostomy management and multidisciplinary care of the tracheostomy patient.



Jillian Quinn, RCN, Bachelor's degree in nursing, post graduate in children's nursing

Jillian has over 23 years' experience as a paediatric nurse, 18 years working in the national burns unit for children in Ireland as a nurse manager, and then for the past 5 years working as a clinical nurse specialist in ENT specifically with tracheostomy. She manages 40 children

who have tracheostomy in the community in Ireland.

In addition, she is involved in the care of children with other complex airway conditions like laryngomalacia and bilateral vocal cord palsy.

It can take many months to discharge children from hospital due to their medical complexities; it is through this experience that Jillian has developed excellent insight into safe discharge of children with tracheostomy. As well as managing these patient's needs, she educates nurses, parents and guardians, and the community team.

She has an important role in the follow up of children with tracheostomy undergoing airway reconstruction. She meets patients at all stages of their surgical pathway and this includes being a vital part of the team for airway reconstruction and ex-utero intrapartum treatment (EXIT)

As well as being passionate about children with tracheostomy, Jillian also loves athletics in her spare time and caring for her young family.



Diane Randall, RRT-NPS

Joined the GTC in 2015 and has been on several committees including the education committee and database committee. In 2021 joined with a team from another facility to review joint data in neonates with bronchopulmonary dysplasia who received a tracheostomy. Currently the Tracheostomy Education

Coordinator for Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital in Hollywood, Florida.



Dr. Vishnu Vardhan Reddy Martha, M.S., DLO, DNB, PH.D

Professor of Otolaryngology, Hyderabad, India Over 25 years experience as Otolaryngologist. Instructor in Otolaryngology at Drexel University College of Medicine, PA. Completed Research fellowship in LARYNGOLOGY in 2021 from Drexel

University College of Medicine.



David Roberson, MD, FACS, FRCS, Founder of Global Tracheostomy Collaborative

David Roberson, MD, MBA, FACS, FRCS, specializes in otolaryngology, commonly known as ENT, which deals with conditions of the ear, nose, and throat, as well as disorders related to the head and neck. He sees patients

of all ages, with a special interest in pediatric ENT and chronic ear disease.

A love of science and wanting to serve others first led him to the Peace Corps, where he taught math and science in Nepal. This solidified his interest in pursuing medicine, a field where he could work one on one with people to help improve their lives.

Through a successful career in academic medicine for more than 20 years at world-renowned Boston Children's Hospital and on the faculty at Harvard Medical School, Dr. Roberson honed his expertise in pediatric ENT and served in many leadership roles to advance patient quality and safety. It was a desire to be more engaged in direct patient care and community health that drew him to Bayhealth.

With a straightforward and compassionate style, Dr. Roberson wants his patients to walk away from their appointments with a strong understanding of their

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condition and the various treatment options available. He underscores the importance of working together with patients and their families, and openly sharing information, in order to get the best possible outcome. He especially enjoys engaging with children and offering clear explanations to help them feel more at ease at doctor visits and with the medical procedures or operations they face.

The Global Tracheostomy Collaborative, an international quality improvement collective with 45 member hospitals worldwide, is Dr. Roberson's passion project. He founded it in 2012 to share best practices related to tracheostomy, a procedure where an incision is made through the neck into the trachea (windpipe) to open the airway and aid breathing. He devotes much of his spare time to this effort, working with physicians, nurses and speech pathologists around the world to improve systems of care. Hospitals that have participated have seen remarkable reductions in costs and improved health outcomes.



Vahid Saadatmand, PhD

"I am Vahid Saadatmand from Iran. I am 42 years old. My educational degrees include a bachelor's degree in nursing, a master's degree in critical care nursing, and a Ph.D of health in emergencies and disasters. I have 19 years of work experience in various units of the health care system,

including the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) as an emergency paramedic, emergency department and intensive care units of the hospital in Iran. Currently, I am the faculty member of Shiraz University of Medical Sciences in Iran. In addition to teaching, I also work in the emergency and critical care departments.

My main interests are in critical care nursing, emergency medicine, pre-hospital emergency care and disaster risk management. My CV in several fields including publishing articles in international journals in the fields of critical care nursing and disasters; Publishing a book titled pediatric emergency care and registering several patents in the Intellectual Property and Registration Department of Iran. My most important patented inventions include tracheostomy tube capable of continuous monitoring of cuff pressure, thoracotomy catheter, auto-ambu-bag and fiberoptic intubation video guide.



Ashutosh Sachdeva, MD, MBBS

Dr. Ashutosh Sachdeva received his medical degree from University of Delhi. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Saint Louis University School of Medicine, in Saint Louis, Missouri. Upon completion of his fellowship in Pulmonary Diseases and Critical Care medicine at Saint Louis University School of Medicine he stayed

on as faculty in the Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine for three years. He then spent a year at Virginia Commonwealth Health Sciences in Richmond, advancing his training in Interventional Pulmonology.

Dr. Sachdeva is currently the Director of Interventional Pulmonology Program at University of Maryland Medical Center, in the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care. He holds the title of assistant professor of medicine at the University of School of Medicine. He has more than a decade of experience in management of patients with advanced lung disease and in the direction of clinical trials. He values the importance of collaboration and the need to cut across organizational silos for innovative research. The Interventional Pulmonology expertise available at UMMC draws referrals from across the entire Baltimore/Washington region.



Maya Sardesai, MD, M.Ed.

Dr. Maya Sardesai, M.D., M.Ed., is an associate professor in Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery at the University of Washington. She practices at Harborview Medical Center, a Level 1 Trauma and referral center for Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho. Dr. Sardesai has

fellowship training in laryngology and facial plastic surgery and is Director of Clinical Laryngology at Harborview Medical Center. Her research interests include patient outcomes, quality improvement, and medical education. She is also Assistant Dean for Student Development in the University of Washington School of Medicine.

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Ann Schrooten, Attorney/Author

Ann is the mother of four children. Her son, Jack, was born with a rare congenital muscular dystrophy that affected his muscles, eyes and brain. Jack was trach and ventilator dependent for most of his life. Jack passed away nine years ago at the age of 15. After Jack's death, Ann partnered with Dr. Barry P. Markovitz to

co-author the book "Shared Struggles – Stories from Parents and Pediatricians Caring for Children with Serious Illnesses" (Springer 2021). Ann is an estate planning and probate attorney and the founder of The Willow Tree Foundation, an Arizona non-profit that supports families of medically fragile children. She lives in Chandler, Arizona with her husband and their three adult children and she spends her free time hiking throughout Arizona, with the Grand Canyon being her favorite hiking destination.



Nicole Crippen Schremp, PT, DPT, PCS

Nicole Crippen Schremp, PT, DPT, PCS, obtained her Doctor of Physical Therapy from University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus in December of 2019. She went on to complete the University of Colorado Pediatric Physical Therapy Residency where she practiced in a variety of

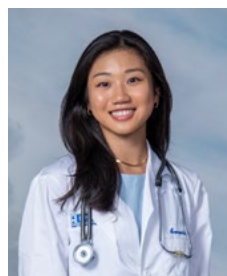
settings including early intervention, schools, outpatient, and inpatient pediatrics. Following residency, she joined Children's Hospital Colorado's inpatient team where she treated patients in the Heart Institute and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Her current area of focus is providing developmentally supportive care to long-term care patients with tracheostomies and ventilators.



Jacquelyn Sexton, MSN

Jacquelyn Sexton is a Nurse Manager at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. She currently manages two surgical units caring for Head & Neck, Plastics, Urology, and Colorectal Patients. Prior to taking a role in nursing leadership, Jackie was a Clinical Nurse at The Hospital of the University of

Pennsylvania since 2012. She completed her undergraduate studies in Health & Exercise Science with a Minor in Psychology at Syracuse University, her Bachelor's in Nursing at Drexel University, and her Master's in Nursing as a Family Nurse Practitioner at La Salle University and is currently a Licensed Family Nurse Practitioner.



Amanda Shen

I am a second year medical student at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. I have a strong interest in the field of otolaryngology and have been involved in tracheostomy quality improvement research with Dr. Christina Yang of Montefiore Medical Center.



Rachael Silveira, M.A, CCC-SLP

Rachael Silveira is an ASHA licensed/credentialed Speech-Language Pathologist currently working at a Level 1 Trauma/Transplant Hospital in Miami specializing in dysphagia and communication disorders, with diverse training in dysphagia management associated with respiratory

compromised/artificial airways and medically complex neurogenic populations. Rachael strives to be a lifelong student by earning yearly ACE (awards of continuing education) recognition and continually supporting the SLP community by providing clinical mentorship as well as providing support for Medical SLP platforms to promote continued growth for SLPs. Rachael has made patient advocacy and improving overall patient quality of life a personal mission and goal. She has spearheaded a robust multidisciplinary Tracheostomy Team in her facility with a mission of providing exceptional care to the population by utilizing standardized protocols to streamline care, now being spread to multiple facilities for implementation. In addition, Rachael has curated multiple avenues for education for SLPs including a "Badge Buddy Series" and an open collaborative called TRACHtalks, for promoting tracheostomy evidence-based research in an accessible manner. As our field is growing rapidly Rachael focuses on continued efforts to improve medical SLP education with ongoing participation in national conference and lectures, active research, and guest lectures to multiple universities and hospitals.



John Logan Sobiesk, MD

I am a husband, father of two beautiful children, and currently in my fourth year of residency in Otolaryngology at LSU New Orleans. My future plan is to join a private practice group in my home town of Hattiesburg, Mississippi where I can continue my mission of delivering high-quality healthcare to those in need.

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Eris Spirollari, BA

Eris is currently a fourth-year medical student at New York Medical College. He was born in Albania, grew up in New Jersey, and attended Rutgers University, where he graduated with honors and high distinction, earning a B.A. in Cell Biology and Neuroscience. Prior to medical school, Eris joined Dr.

Ping Xie's lab for one year to study the regulatory immune system role of the TRAF3 cytoplasmic adaptor protein on different subsets of immune cells. At New York Medical College, he was inducted as a Junior Member of the National Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society, and he continues to collaborate with the Department of Neurosurgery on clinical outcomes research while also investigating therapeutic targets of medulloblastoma and glioblastoma stem cells under principal investigator, Dr. Meena Jhanwar-Uniyal.



Rebecca Steuart, MD, MS

Dr. Rebecca Steuart is a Complex Care pediatrician, hospitalist, and clinical research scientist at the Medical College of Wisconsin. She completed fellowship training in pediatric hospital medicine in Cincinnati, Ohio before joining the faculty in the Complex Care/Special Needs Program in Milwaukee.

She provides inpatient and outpatient consultation and care coordination for children with medical complexity, including children with chronic respiratory support needs.

Her research is focused on the management of children with tracheostomies, especially the diagnosis and management of respiratory infections in this group and how respiratory cultures are used, interpreted, and monitored. She uses clinical epidemiology, translational epidemiology, and clinical outcomes methods. She is currently investigating the validity of at-home parent-collected tracheostomy aspirate cultures and the role of *Pseudomonas* colonization in predicting outcomes, while growing a tracheostomy mucous biorepository. She is planning to further explore how respiratory microbiome disruptions may help better diagnose bacterial infections and airway colonization, and predict differential patient outcomes over time.

Rebecca Towning, MBBS, BSc, PgCert (ClinEd), MRCS (ENT)

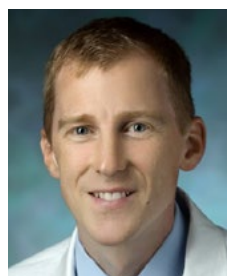
Rebecca Towning is an ENT junior doctor working at Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust focused on a career in otolaryngology. She has completed her core surgical training at Imperial, gaining experience in plastic surgery and intensive care medicine alongside otolaryngology. She has a dedicated interest in education and has worked as a surgical clinical teaching fellow.



David Tunkel, MD

Dr. Tunkel is the division director of pediatric otolaryngology at Johns Hopkins. He is the guideline taskforce chair for the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, and has served as leader on multiple clinical practice guideline panels. He has special clinical and

research expertise in complex sleep apnea and genetic disorders such as Down syndrome and skeletal dysplasias.



Jonathan Walsh, MD, FACS

I am an Associate Professor of Otolaryngology at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine with board certification in Complex Pediatric Otolaryngology. I was trained at the University of Rochester and University of North Carolina for residency and fellowship, respectively. I also served

in the US Army as an otolaryngologist prior to starting at Johns Hopkins. My clinical expertise is in surgical management of head and neck tumors, thyroid disease, vascular malformations, and fetal therapy. Additionally, I am co-director of the Johns Hopkins multidisciplinary pediatric aerodigestive team. I have a research expertise in ankyloglossia and tethered oral tissues and its impact in infants and children. I also have strong interest in teaching and education as an associate program director for the Johns Hopkins Otolaryngology residency program and assistant director of the Johns Hopkins Pediatric Otolaryngology fellowship program.

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Tongyao Wang, RN, PhD

Dr. Tongyao Wang is a Research Assistant Professor at the School of Nursing, University of Hong Kong. Tongyao graduated with a BSc in Nursing in 2015. She worked as a surgical oncology nurse in Cleveland, Ohio, USA, and as a travel nurse in Sydney, Australia, from 2015 to 2018.

She completed her Ph.D. with a Fellowship Award at the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, Case Western Reserve University, in 2021, followed by postdoctoral training at the HKU School of Nursing. Tongyao is interested in developing evidence-based interventions to improve patients with head and neck cancer and their family caregivers' experiences with health education, symptom management, and survivorship care.

Mairi O.Weir

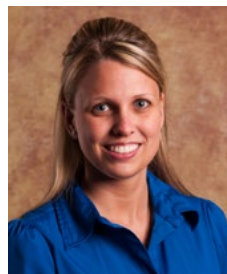
Mairi is a fourth-year medical student from the UK. During her intercalated BSc degree at the University of Glasgow, she discovered a new interest in the field of paediatric otolaryngology. Her work focuses on holistic approaches to paediatric care. Particularly, the psychological impact of tracheostomies and how hospital trusts can better support affected children and their families. Mairi hopes to continue her interest in paediatric otolaryngology during her final years at the University of Leeds, where she will be completing her MBChB qualification.



Shaina Weitz, BSRC, RRT

Shaina received her Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Care from Indiana University. She has been a Registered Respiratory Therapist for over 25 years with a focus on pediatric critical care and leadership. In 2022, she became the first Pulmonary Navigator at Dell Children's Medical Center in Austin

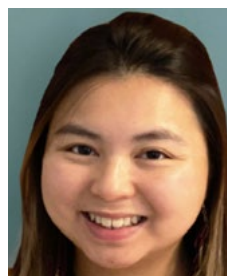
Texas. This role allows her to focus her knowledge and skills on the pediatric trach, asthma, and Cystic Fibrosis patients and their families while also providing support and education to the bedside staff.



Ronda Winans-Mitrik, MA CCC-SLP

Ronda Winans-Mitrik MA CCC-SLP is a Speech-Language Pathologist and the Surgical Airways Interdisciplinary Treatment Team Leader at the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System. Ronda has interest and clinical expertise in managing the unique communication and swallowing impairments

encountered in people with complex surgical airways. She is a network clinical instructor for the University of Pittsburgh. She also serves at both the local and national levels. Locally, she is involved with several interdisciplinary teams at the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System, and nationally, she serves on two VA speech pathology workgroups.



Carissa Wong

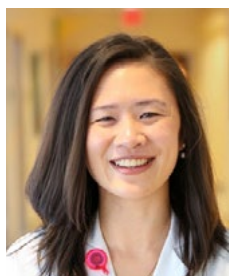
Carissa Wong is the Advanced Practice Nurse in Surgery at the McGill University Health Center. With over 12 years of experience, she has developed expertise in the surgical field, particularly in the care of patients with a tracheostomy tube and continues to improve nursing practices for this specialized population.

She is a nursing leader in healthcare transformational changes and was the Treasurer of the Council of Nurses. Carissa is also Certified in Hospice Palliative Care Nursing in Canada. Carissa believes in lifelong learning and strives to inspire and mentor the next generation of nursing leaders. Carissa teaches at the nursing graduate level at McGill University and recently obtained a graduate certificate in Health Services Management. Carissa strives to create meaningful connections with others and loves to hear a good story. On her own time, she volunteers as an Events Coordinator at a mental health non-profit organization which offers free active listening services and community events.

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Christina Yang, MD, MSc

Dr. Christina J. Yang is Director of the Pediatric Aerodigestive Program and Pediatric Otolaryngology Quality Assurance at Montefiore Medical Center and an Associate Professor of Otorhinolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery and Pediatrics at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the

Bronx, NY. Dr. Yang received her MD at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine (Honors Program in Medical Education). She completed her residency in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at Tulane University and fellowship in Pediatric Otolaryngology at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. Dr. Yang completed an MSc in Clinical Research Methods at Einstein in 2023. Dr. Yang's academic interests include the application of healthcare simulation to improve tracheostomy care, interprofessional team dynamics and hospital culture, and patient safety. She is honored to serve the Global Tracheostomy Collaborative community alongside like-minded patients, families, and healthcare providers and to present with her collaborators at the International Tracheostomy Symposium.



Charissa Zaga, BSpPath, MPH, CPSP

Charissa is a Senior Speech Pathologist with over 14 years of clinical experience in the acute public and private hospital systems in Australia. Charissa currently holds two roles; one as an Acute Stream Leader in the Department of Speech Pathology, and the other as a Health Services Researcher in mixed-

methods implementation science research at the Institute for Breathing and Sleep, both at Austin Health. Charissa completed her Bachelor of Speech Pathology and Master of Public Health at La Trobe University and is due to complete her PhD at the University of Melbourne at the end of 2023. Charissa is the chair of the Global Tracheostomy Collaborative database committee and co-convenor of the Victorian Critical Care and Tracheostomy Interest Group. Charissa's research interests include early facilitation of communication and swallowing in critically ill patients and examining the impact of multidisciplinary interventions more broadly.



Ben & Nicole Zietler

Nicole and Ben are parents of a nine year old who has had a trach since shortly after birth. They are regular parents who, while each holding down full time professional careers, also make complex medical decisions daily for their son who requires around the clock care. Like so many other parents,

Nicole and Ben have had to navigate the healthcare system to include, multiple surgeries, hospital stays, managing multiple doctors, coordinating care between doctors, durable medical equipment providers, multiple therapists, private duty nursing, dealing with insurance providers who often deny benefits, navigating the complex public school system, and advocate for their son. They believe that hospital administrators can really impact a families stay in a hospital. They are happy to share their experiences today.



Dr. Gil Zoizner-Agar, M.D., Eng.

48 yo, married+3. Currently an attending surgeon, Pediatric ENT, Meir Medical Center.

Previously an electronics engineer before starting medical school, I returned to Israel from New York in 2020, where I completed a clinical fellowship in Pediatric ENT at NYU,

and subsequently worked as an attending surgeon at Maimonides hospital.