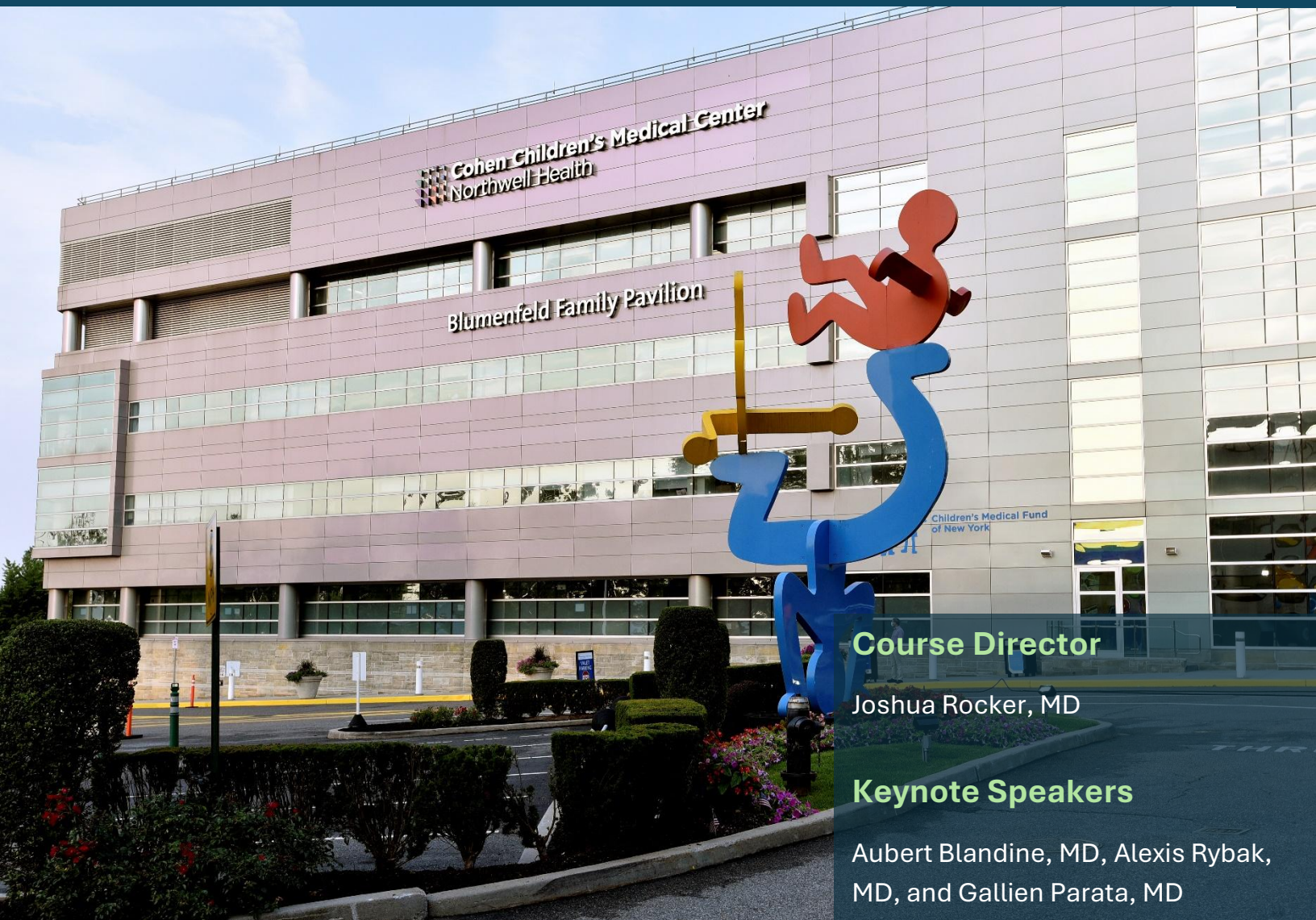


# 15TH ANNUAL PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY MEDICINE SYMPOSIUM: UNDERSTANDING THE EXTREMES

Wednesday, May 27th, 2026

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Zoom Virtual Conference



## Course Director

Joshua Rocker, MD

## Keynote Speakers

Aubert Blandine, MD, Alexis Rybak, MD, and Gallien Parata, MD



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## Program Agenda

9:00 am	<b>Introduction</b> Joshua Rocker, MD	1:00 pm	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>
9:05 am	<b>Managing Severe Pain</b> Michelle Kars, MD	1:30 pm	<b>Best PEM Articles</b> Joshua Rocker, MD
9:25 am	<b>Q&amp;A</b>	1:55 pm	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
9:30 am	<b>Emergency Management of Button Battery Ingestion</b> Neha Patel, MD	2:00 pm	<b>Feeling the Heat: Evidence-Based Care for High Fevers</b> Kristy Williamson, MD
9:45 am	<b>Q&amp;A</b>	2:20 pm	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
9:50 am	<b>Whole Blood Transfusions in Trauma</b> Matthew Harris, MD	2:25 pm	<b>Oral Antibiotics are the Best</b> Alasdair Munro, BSc, BM
10:05 am	<b>Q&amp;A</b>	2:40 pm	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
10:10 am	<b>BREAK</b>	2:45 pm	<b>BREAK</b>
10:15 am	<b>Swiss Ski Lodge Fire Disaster</b> Aubert Blandine, MD Alexi Rybak, MD Gallien Parata, MD	2:50 pm	<b>Syncope/Chest Pain</b> Elise Perlman, MD
11:00 am	<b>Q&amp;A</b>	3:10 pm	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
11:15 am	<b>Pediatric Burn Care Update</b> James Gallagher, MD	3:15 pm	<b>Too Fast, Too Slow, Too Late: Pediatric Arrhythmias in the ED</b> Jaqueline Rausa, DO
11:40 am	<b>Q&amp;A</b>	3:35 pm	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
11:45 am	<b>PICO Competition</b> Josee-Marie (Jo) Goff Daniel Prentice Trenton Rivera Eliana Segal Danielle Steinberg Shemin Vash Hector Zelaya	3:40 pm	<b>OTC Medications – What’s Toxic?</b> “Evan” Hung Ho, MD
12:35 pm	<b>PICO Q&amp;A</b>	3:55 pm	<b>Q&amp;A</b>
		4:00 pm	<b>Conclusion</b> <b>PICO Champion Announcement</b> <b>Adjourn</b>

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**Statement of need:** Pediatric Emergency Medicine is an extremely important and versatile field. Advancements in Pediatric Emergency Medicine are constantly happening, and the recommended guidelines are evolving. Members of the healthcare team must know and apply structured guidelines, and new advancements to optimize patient care. Although the new standards are in literature, they are not always necessarily applied due to barriers such as: Difficulty applying knowledge to real-world scenarios, Lack of exposure to specific cases, Resource constraints. The healthcare team needs a course teaching and exposing them to the application of recent and innovative tools and techniques for patient care. This course will cover the broad scope of addressing and applying best practices to optimize patient care per guidelines. The platform this year emphasizes the breadth of knowledge and skills required for our profession. This includes navigating pediatric surgery, radiology, OB/GYN, infectious disease, artificial intelligence in the pediatric emergency room, and evidence-based medicine. Professional practice gaps result from not all healthcare team members being constantly up to date on the most recently discovered evidence-based practices in PEM.

**Program objectives:** All Northwell Health CME activities are intended to improve patient care, safety and outcomes. At the conclusion of this conference, participants should be able to:

- **Identify** the roles of all members of the healthcare team and effectively collaborate to improve patient outcomes and ensure optimal practice.
- **Create** a thoughtful MCI plan with their institution.
- **Describe** protocols to most expeditiously care for patients with button battery foreign bodies.
- **Identify** the pros and cons of whole blood transfusion in trauma patients.

**Target audience:** This activity was planned by and for physicians, nurses, and nurse practitioners. All other members of the health care team who are interested in pediatrics, emergency medicine and primary care are welcome to attend.

**Joint accreditation statement:** In support of improving patient care, Northwell Health is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the health care team.



## Credit designation statements:

**Physicians:** Northwell Health designates this live activity for a maximum of *6.50 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

**Nurses:** Northwell Health designates this activity for 6.50 ANCC contact hours.

**Verification of attendance:** This will be provided to all other attendees.

**Location:** Zoom Virtual Conference

## Course offering and registration fees:

**\$25** Non-Northwell

**No charge:** Northwell employees

**Registration fee includes:** CME/Verification of attendance certificate.

**Cancellation policy:** To receive a refund, all cancellations must be confirmed in writing to Simran Sohal (ssohal@northwell.edu) by Wednesday, May 20th 2026. No refunds will be made after this date or for “no-shows.”

**Disclosure policy:** Northwell Health adheres to the ACCME’s Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education. Any individuals in a position to control the content of a CME-CE activity, including faculty, planners, reviewers or others are required to disclose all financial relationships with ineligible companies. All relevant financial relationships have been mitigated prior to the commencement of the activity.

**Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA):** This conference is in compliance with provisions of the ADA and is accessible for individuals with special needs. If you would like to attend this conference and require any special accommodations, **please contact the Office of Pediatric Emergency Medicine at (718) 470-3296.**

**Symposium Recording:** A recording of the Pediatric Emergency Medicine Symposium will be available and sent out to all registered participants *for educational purposes only.*

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University of Luusanne, Switzerland

### Gallien Parata, MD

Pediatric Surgery  
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Aronson Family Foundation Associate Professor  
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New York Presbyterian Hospital  
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Fellow – 1st Year  
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University of Nebraska Medical Center

### **Daniel Prentice, MD**

Fellow – 3<sup>rd</sup> Year  
Pediatric Emergency Medicine  
Newark Beth Israel Medical Center

### **Trenton Rivera, MD**

Fellow – 2nd Year  
Pediatric Emergency Medicine  
Nicklaus Children's Hospital

### **Eliana Segal, MD**

Fellow – 1st Year  
Pediatric Emergency Medicine  
The Children's Hospital at Montefiore

### **Danielle Steinberg, MD**

Fellow – 2<sup>nd</sup> Year  
Pediatric Emergency Medicine  
NYU/Bellevue Hospital

### **Shemin Shaileshkumar Vyas, MBChB, MSc**

Trainee - 6th Year  
Emergency Medicine  
St Mary's Hospital, London

### **Hector Zelaya, DO**

Fellow – 2<sup>nd</sup> Year  
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