

2026 St. Jude/PIDS Pediatric Infectious Diseases Conference

Symposia in Pediatric ID Research, Transplant/Immunocompromised
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TUESDAY, MARCH 3	
6:00 – 8:00 PM Peabody Memphis	Early Registration Check-In
4:30 – 5:30 PM	Networking Cocktail Hour
5:30 – 7:00 PM Peabody Memphis	Dinner and Career Panel Presentation
	Carrie I. Byington, MD University of California, San Diego <i>Careers in Peds ID - Administration as Part of the Mission in an Academic Health Center</i>
	Annabelle de St. Maurice, MD Los Angeles Department of Public Health/UCLA <i>Careers in Peds ID - Public Health</i>
	Riley Hospital for Children/Indiana University School of Medicine <i>Careers in Peds ID - Medical Education</i>
	Jack G. Schneider, MD Riley Hospital for Children <i>Careers in Peds ID - Antimicrobial Stewardship</i>
	Ibukun Christine Kalu, MD Duke University School of Medicine <i>Careers in Peds ID - Hospital Epidemiology/Infection Control</i>
	Surabhi (Sara) Vora MD, MPH Seattle Children's Hospital/University of Washington <i>Careers in Peds ID Panel - Transplant ID</i>
7:00 – 8:00 PM	Guided Conversation Tables

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4	
7:55 – 8:00 AM Auditorium	Welcome and Introduction Miguela A. Caniza, MD, MPH Director, Infectious Diseases Division of Global Pediatric Medicine St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital
8:00 – 9:30 AM	Luminaries in Global Health
8:00 – 8:30 AM	Luminary 1 A. Desiree LaBeaud, MD, MS, FASTMH Stanford University Vector-borne Disease Prevention
8:30 – 9:00 AM	Luminary 2 Eva Harris University of California, Berkeley Characteristics and Evolution of Arboviruses
9:15 – 9:30 AM	Q & A with Luminaries
9:30 – 10:00 AM	Oral Abstracts Session 1 Abstract Presentation 1: Transplant Abstract Presentation 2: Global Health Abstract Presentation 3: General Research
10:00 – 10:30 AM	BREAK
10:30 – 11:00 AM	Frontiers in Pediatric Infectious Diseases, Lecture 1 Rana El Feghaly, MD, MSCI, CPHQ Children's Mercy Kansas City <i>Leading the Charge: Advancing Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship, One Child at a Time</i>
11:00 – 11:30 AM	Frontiers in Pediatric Infectious Diseases, Lecture 2 Joe Real, MD Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center <i>Leveraging Virtual Reality to Address Vaccine Hesitancy and Top Threats to Childhood Health</i>
11:30 – 11:45 AM	Q & A with Frontier Speakers
11:45 – 1:45 PM	LUNCH

1:45 – 3:00 PM	State of the Art Session 1 - CMV
	Mark R. Schleiss, MD University of Minnesota CMV Research - Universal Screening
	Asuncion Mejias, MD, PhD, MsCS St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Biomarkers in Congenital CMV
	Ajit Limaye, MD University of California, San Francisco Updates to the Diagnosis and Management of Refractory/Resistant CMV in Transplant Recipients
3:00 – 3:15 PM	Q & A
3:15 – 3:30 PM	BREAK – POSTER SET UP
3:30 – 4:30 PM Board Room	Poster Session 1

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Thursday, March 5	
7:50 – 8:00 AM Auditorium	Welcome and Announcements Monica I. Ardura, DO, MSCS Nationwide Children's Hospital Chair, St. Jude/PIDS Symposium Planning Committee Gabriela Maron, MD, MSc Director IDS–BMTCT Department of Infectious Diseases St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital
8:00 – 9:00 AM	Grand Rounds Joshua Hill, MD, FIDSA Fred Hutch Cancer Center <i>HHV-6: Advances and Ongoing Challenges in Immunocompromised Hosts</i>
9:00 – 9:30 AM	Pediatric Transplant/Immunocompromised Hosts Platform #1 Marian Michaels UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh "Do I Accept This Donor?" Discussion on Calls About Infectious Risks in Prospective Solid Organ Donors
9:30 – 9:45 AM	Q & A
9:45 – 10:15 AM	BREAK
10:15 - 10:45 AM	Updates from the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Transplant (PIDTRAN)
10:45 – 11:30 AM	Oral Abstracts Session 2 Abstract Presentation 4: Transplant Abstract Presentation 5: General Research Abstract Presentation 6: Global Health
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	LUNCH TID Jeopardy (12 - 1PM) - Auditorium
1:00 – 1:45 PM	Challenging Cases Case 1 - TBD Case 2 - TBD Case 3 - TBD
1:45 – 2:15 PM	Pediatric Transplant/Immunocompromised Hosts Platform #2 Kaitlin J. Devine, MD, MS Children's Hospital of Philadelphia <i>PTLD in Children</i>

2:15 PM – 3:15 PM	Interactive Debate/Panel Discussion Joshua A. Hill, MD, FIDSA Fred HutchCancer Center <i>HHV-6: Advances and Ongoing Challenges in Immunocompromised Hosts</i> and Alexandra Freeman, MD National Institutes of Health Immunizations in Special Populations
3:15 – 3:30PM	Q & A with Platform and Interactive Debate
3:30 – 3:45 PM	BREAK/Poster Set up
3:45 – 4:45 PM Board Room	Poster Session 2
6:00 – 10:00 PM	25th Anniversary Celebration at the Peabody Hotel Skyway

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FRIDAY, MARCH 6	
7:50 – 8:00 AM Auditorium	Welcome and Announcements Debra Palazzi, MD, MEd, FPIDS President, Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society Octavio Ramilo, MD Chair, Department of Infectious Diseases St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
8:00 – 8:30 AM	Frontiers in Pediatric Infectious Diseases, Lecture 3 Michael Silverman, MD, PhD Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Early Life Microbiome and Immune Development/Infection Risk
8:30 – 8:45 AM	Q&A
8:45 – 10:00 AM	State of the Art Session 2 - CNS
	Emma Mohr, MD, PhD University of Wisconsin - Madison From Outbreak to Answers: Zika CNS Pathogenesis
	Charles Chiu, MD, PhD University of California, San Francisco Advances in Sequencing-based Infectious Disease Diagnostics in Children and Immunocompromised Hosts
	Speaker 3 TBD
10:00 – 10:15 AM	Q & A
10:15 – 10:45 AM	BREAK
10:45 – 11:00 AM	Oral Abstracts Session 3 Abstract Presentation 7: Top Abstract
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	LUNCH
12:00 – 1:00 PM	2026 John H. Erskine Lecture in Infectious Diseases Drew Weissman, MD, PhD University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine Nucleoside Modified mRNA-LNP Therapeutics Moderator: Octavio Ramilo, MD
1:00 PM	ADJOURN