



Pediatric Critical Care Colloquium

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PEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE COLLOQUIUM Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Meeting Location: Virtual Meeting

Members present: K. V. Biagas, MD, Chair, (Presiding)
B.M. Greenwald, MD
Z. L. Harris, MD
P. R. Holbrook, MD
H. E. James, MD
R. A. Orellana, MD
S. Pasala, MD

Members absent: P. S. Lubinsky, MD
J. P. Marcin, MD, MPH
J. M. Schwartz, MD

Others present: T. Conlon, MD
A. Sochet, MD [Coordinator, SCCC 2026]
R. Sutton, MD

The meeting was called to order by K. V. Biagas, M.D., who welcomed all those present.

She called for review and comments of the Steering Committee Meeting minutes of September 30, 2025, a copy of which is available on the website www.pedccc.org (under "Minutes"). With no items questioned, the minutes were approved.

Dr. Biagas then requested Dr. Sochet to provide an update on the current status of preparations of the 28th PCCC that will be held October 15-18, 2026, in St. Petersburg, FL.

Dr. Sochet informed those present the program was next to completed and the procedural venues such as CME accreditation has been provided by John Hopkins CME office. A brief overview of the meeting plans was shared. On Thursday, October 15th there will be two pre-conference workshops entitled "Fundamental Critical Care Support: Pediatrics" and "Pediatric Critical Care Medical Educator Leadership Development." Both workshops would be held from 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. On Friday, October 16th there would be a continuation of the conference workshops from 7:30 – 11:30 a.m.

General sessions would start on Friday after the welcome address and announcements. A grand general session entitled “Multidisciplinary Teams for Complex ICU Immune Dysregulation Syndromes” would follow. On Saturday, a morning general session includes the practical introduction to artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning as well as ethical and regular frontiers with AI-decision support. The afternoon session would have general topics on inflammatory endotypes in sepsis, neuroinflammatory syndromes in pediatric critical care. Subsequently there would be two clinical tracks: one on thrombosis risk and related, and the other on interprofessionalism. On Sunday there would be general sessions on various topics, including simulation for resiliency, simulation as a hospital-wide safety initiative. Subsequently there would be sessions with oral abstract and poster presentations. There would also be tracks on matters of life, death, and decision-making, and another session on interprofessionalism. In the afternoon, a second track on neurocritical care horizons will be held on issues of neuroprotective management and protecting the penumbra zone. Moderated poster sessions will be held. There will also be exhibits as part of the meeting. Dr. Sochet stated conference registration for physicians would be \$550, with an early pre-registration reduction to \$500. For non-physicians, the registration would be \$400, with early pre-registration reduction to \$350. Residents, fellows and students would have a registration fee of \$300, and early pre-registration of \$250. There will be separate registrations for pre- and post-conference workshops.

A subsequent discussion was held of the various aspects of the meeting, registration, deadline for abstract submission and other subjects. Dr. Sochet also informed the members present that the main conference hotel would be the Hyatt Regency in St. Petersburg, with a reduced rate for timely registration.

Dr. Biagas congratulated Dr. Sochet for detailed information and excellent work by he and members of his team for the thorough preparations of the 28th PCCC.

Dr. Biagas invited Dr. Sutton to provide information regarding consideration for a PCCC sponsored by the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). Dr. Sutton stated the plans for his team hosting a meeting were currently in development and requested input as to the possibility of aligning a PCCC in Philadelphia to one of the CHOP annual resuscitation courses. He emphasized those courses received significant attendance from various parts of the world and associating the timetable of the meeting with the PCCC could maximize the registration for both venues. He introduced Dr. Thomas Conlon, who coordinated the resuscitation meetings and has vast experience in the meeting preparation. Dr. Sutton stated his team was considering the year 2029 as a potential time for meeting if the alignment could be coordinated. He indicated he would present an update of the subject with further information in the next Steering Committee meeting in October 2026.

Dr. Biagas announced the Steering Committee has not received any current information from Dr. Srinivasan as to the possibility of Children’s Hospital of Atlanta/Emory University hosting a future PCCC. Dr. James stated the team had indicated interest and there may have been a conflict that did not allow them to provide the input at this time. He would contact them and provide feedback.

Dr. Biagas informed the SC that Dr. Nilesh Mehta (Boston Children’s) was unable to attend the meeting today due to a scheduling conflict. She also announced that Dr. Lubinsky requested to step down as member due to the current commitments and limitations in his schedule. Dr. Biagas stated she would respond with a letter of thank you for his time and support.

Dr. Biagas voiced her thoughts on associating a future PCCC program with PALISI Meetings. She explained she found PALISI had many similarities in their interests and venues and collaboration might harmonize well with their membership and participation. A brief discussion followed. Positive thoughts were expressed by many members that Dr. Biagas should pursue the possibility of coordinating with PALISI and engage in communication with the Executive Committee. She agreed to do so and provide feedback.

Dr. Biagas thanked all of the meeting participants for their time and effort in attending today. With there being no further items to discuss at this time, the meeting was closed.

Dr. Biagas reported the next Steering Committee will be held during the 28th PCCC in St. Petersburg on Sunday, October 18, 2026, from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. (location TBD).

Respectfully submitted,

K. V. Biagas, M.D., Chair

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cc: Members of the PCCC Steering Committee