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**Pediatric Hand
Study Group**

**Pediatric Hand Study Group Annual Meeting Agenda
April 24-25th, 2026
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia**

Conference Venue

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta — Support Building
1575 Northeast Expressway, Atlanta, GA 30329

Conference Hotel

Atlanta Marriott Northeast/Emory Area
2000 Century Blvd NE, Atlanta, GA 30345

Thursday April 23rd

8:00 – 10:00 PM

Social gathering at Central Rail Kitchen & Bar
Location: (First floor of conference hotel)

Friday April 24th

Transportation & Conference Check-In

6:30 — Buses arrive at Marriott Emory (meet in hotel lobby)

6:45 — Buses leave Marriott Emory (alternate transportation is responsibility of attendee)

7:00 — Buses arrive at conference venue — (check in at security desk and collect name tag)

Room A148/152/156

7:15 - 8:00 Breakfast

8:00 - 8:05 Program Chairs Welcome & Meeting Details
(Jennifer Chan, Eugene Park, & Margaret Cooke)

8:05 - 8:10 Welcome from Local Host
(Allan Peljovich)

8:10 - 8:20 PHSG Leadership Welcome and Introduction of Guest Speakers
(Andrea Bauer, Apurva Shah, Lindley Wall)

8:20 - 8:45 Attendee Introductions
8:45 - 9:00 Presentation of Manske Award
(Charles Goldfarb, Ann Van Heest)



SESSION 1: Brachial Plexus Birth Injury 1

Moderators: Roger Cornwall, Katharine Hinchcliff

Time	Title	Presenter
9:00 - 9:05	Glenohumeral Morphology in Very Young Infants with BPBI	Mary Claire Manske
9:05 - 9:10	Nerve Grafts Versus Transfers in the Treatment of Brachial Plexus Birth Injury	Rebecca Aguiar
9:10 - 9:15	Beyond Upper-Extremity Dysfunction: Developmental Delay Risk in Children with Brachial Plexus Birth Injury	Andrea Biaggi-Ondina
9:15 - 9:20	Pain Interference in Young Adults with Brachial Plexus Birth Injuries	Emily S. Ho
9:20 - 9:30	Discussion	Moderators

 **Coffee & Snack Break: 9:30 – 9:45**

SESSION 2: Congenital/CP/Arthrogyrosis 1

Moderators: Nina Lightdale-Miric, Stephanie Russo

Time	Title	Presenter
9:45 – 9:50	A Delphi Consensus of OMT Classification for Twelve, Rare Congenital Upper Extremity Differences	Charles Goldfarb
9:50 – 9:55	Game On: Physical Activity, Sports, and Self-Efficacy in Children with Congenital Upper Limb Differences	Fernanda Canizares
9:55 – 10:00	Predictors of Complications in 1621 Polydactyly Reconstructions: Do Syndromes Increase Risk?	Brooke Elizabeth Allen
10:00 – 10:05	SHAPE-UP and AI: Advancing Functional Assessment in Pediatric Arthrogyrosis	Lisa Wagner
10:05 – 10:15	Discussion	Moderators

 **Special Topic Panel: Rock Climbing as Therapy — 10:15 – 10:35**

Moderator: Andrea Bauer | Presenters: Megan Pehnke, Edward Dockery, Allison Tarrash, Nina Lightdale-Miric



SESSION 3: Trauma

Moderators: Michael Aversano, Elizabeth Graesser

Time	Title	Presenter
10:35 - 10:40	Hand Acute Traumatic Allodynia of Childhood (ATAC) – A Case Series	Stephanie Lamer
10:40 – 10:45	Acute and Delayed Primary Flexor Tendon Repair Outperform Reconstruction for Reducing Tenolysis and Revision in Children	Steven Koehler
10:45 – 10:50	Avascular Necrosis of the Scaphoid Associated with Radial Longitudinal Deficiency	Felicity Fishman
10:50 - 10:55	Understanding Injury Patterns, Operative Management, and Complications Following Operative Treatment of Pediatric Radial Head and Neck Fractures	Dylan Parsons
10:55 - 11:00	Injury and Outcome Characteristics of Acute Pediatric Monteggia Injuries: A Large Cohort from the Monteggia Skeletal Trauma Elbow Registry (MonSTER)	Ismael Ignacio Cañete-Campos
11:00 - 11:10	Discussion	Moderators

 **International Guest Lecture - 11:10 – 11:30**

Iryna Harbuznak, Lviv, Ukraine | “Between the Sirens & the Operating Room: Treating Children During War”

11:30 – 11:40 Guest Speaker Q&A

11:40 – 12:00 Group Photograph

12:15 - 1:00 Lunch

 **Founders' Lecture: 1:00 – 1:30**

Ann Van Heest | “Reflections on a Career as a Pediatric Upper Extremity Surgeon: Belonging in PHSG”

1:30 – 1:40 Founders' Lecture Q&A

SESSION 4: Social/Therapy/Other

Moderators: Christine Ho, Peggy Fausett

Time	Title	Presenter
1:40 – 1:45	A 3-D Printed Prosthetic Option Designed for Children Diagnosed with Partial Hand Limb Loss/Limb Differences	J. Nicolas Barajas
1:45 - 1:50	The Upper Extremity Life Impact Measure – Youth (UE LIM-Y): An Acceptability Study	Jenny Dorich
1:50 – 1:55	A Crosswalk Analysis of the Pediatric Outcomes Data Collection Instrument (PODCI) Upper Extremity and Pain/Comfort Scales and the Patient-Reported Outcome Measurement Information System (PROMIS) Upper Extremity (UE) and Pain Interference (PI)	Brittany N. Garcia
1:55 - 2:00	Beyond the Operation: Evaluating the Longitudinal Impact of Pediatric Hand Surgical Missions Using a Mixed Methods Approach	Sayaka Mori
2:00 - 2:05	Psychological Impact of Pediatric Upper Extremity Surgery on Parents and Caregivers	Lindley Wall
2:05 - 2:15	Discussion	Moderators

SESSION 5: Congenital/CP/Arthrogryposis 2

Moderators: Michael Galvez, Kareem Hassan

Time	Title	Presenter
2:15 – 2:20	Comparative Outcomes of Conservative Rehabilitation Treatment of Camptodactyly	Emily S. Ho
2:20 – 2:25	Long Term Outcomes of Surgical Versus Nonsurgical Management of Madelung Deformity: A TriNetX Propensity-Matched Analysis	Diala Burjak
2:25 - 2:30	How Well Do Parents Know Their Children? Comparing Patient- and Parent-reported Outcomes of Congenital Upper Limb Differences Over Time	Hannah Young
2:30 - 2:35	Upper Extremity Entrapment Neuropathies in Adults with Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita: A National Database Study	Adam Boukind
2:35 – 2:45	Discussion	Moderators

 **Coffee & Snack Break: 2:45 – 3:00**



 **Evidence to Practice: 3:00 – 3:30**

Medial Epicondyle Fractures – To Fix or Not to Fix? | Moderator: Apurva Shah | Panelists: Donald Bae, Lisa Lattanza

SESSION 6: Brachial Plexus Birth Injury 2

Moderators: Kristen Davidge, Amber Leis

Time	Title	Presenter
3:30 – 3:35	Beyond Known Risk Factors for Brachial Plexus Birth Injury: Exploring Population-Level Predictors	Apurva S. Shah
3:35 – 3:40	Mapping the Nerve Transfer Paradigm Shift: Epidemiology of Surgical Techniques in Pediatric Brachial Plexus Birth Injuries, 2005-2024	Steven Koehler
3:40 – 3:45	Natural History and Timing of Spontaneous Recovery in Brachial Plexus Birth Injury	Benjamin Gundlach
3:45 – 3:50	The Association of Concomitant Humerus Fractures in Brachial Plexus Birth Injury Patients	Thomas Nayak
3:50 – 4:00	Discussion	Moderators

4:00 First bus back to hotel (meet in lobby; bus will leave promptly at 4:15)

4:00 – 4:45 CoULD Meeting

5:00 Second bus to hotel (meet in lobby)

6:00 Buses to reception (meet in hotel lobby)

 **Evening Reception - 6:30 – 9:30 PM**

Skyline at Ponce City Market

675 Ponce De Leon Avenue NE, Atlanta, GA 30308

Phone: (770) 999-1530 | Contact: Matt Breska

<https://poncecityroof.com/skyline-park>

Attire: Smart casual | Complimentary drinks and hors d'oeuvres



Saturday April 25th

6:30 Buses arrives at Marriott Emory (meet in hotel lobby)

6:45 Buses leave Marriott Emory


7:00 Buses arrive at conference venue

Room A148/152/156

7:15 - 8:00 Breakfast


8:00 - 8:20 PHSG business meeting and announcement of next year's program chairs
(Andrea Bauer, Apurva Shah, Lindley Wall)

8:20 – 8:30 CoULD Registry Update
(Donald Bae, Charles Goldfarb)

 **Guest Lecture - 8:30 – 8:45**
Sarah Tuberty | "Voices from the Limb Different Community"

8:45 - 8:55 Guest Lecture Q&A

9:00 Transition to breakout sessions

 **Breakout Sessions 9:00 – 11:30**
Two Concurrent Tracks
Surgeon Track - Room A148/152/156
Hand Therapy Track - Room A128/133

11:45 – 12:00 Closing remarks/announcements

12:00 – 12:30 Lunch (with optional industry talk)

1:00 Bus back to hotel (meet in lobby of conference venue)



SURGEON BREAKOUT

Room A148/152/156

SURGICAL TECHNIQUES

Moderators: Aaron Berger, Caroline Hu

Time	Title	Presenter
9:00 – 9:05	Central Ligament Reconstruction for Complex Elbow Instability	Dan Zlotolow
9:05 – 9:10	Vascularized Metacarpal Autograft for Carpal Stabilization in Radial Aplasia: A Novel Surgical Technique	Jonathan Jeger
9:10 – 9:15	Daniel Riordan Long Arm Splint and Stocking (DR LASS)	Osama Aldokewat
9:15 – 9:20	The Anatomic Subunit Approach to Syndactyly Release	Raymond Tse
9:20 – 9:25	Snapping Triceps – Centralization of the Medial Head	Hilton Gottschalk
9:25 – 9:40	Discussion	Moderators

CASE REPORTS 1

Moderators: Hilton Gottschalk, Emilie Bougie

Time	Title	Presenter
9:40 – 9:43	Grandma Knows Best: A Case of Rotational Digit Deformity from Finger Sucking	Rey Ramirez
9:43 – 9:46	Management of Essex-Lopresti Variant Injury in Children: A Case Report	Camille Rabhi
9:46 – 9:49	Multiple Bilateral Trigger Fingers? Camptodactyly-Arthropathy-Coxa Vara-Pericarditis (CACP) Syndrome	Christine Cheng
9:49 – 9:52	Dorsal Polydactyly with a Dorsal Dimelia	Jennifer Ty
9:52 – 10:00	Discussion	Moderators

 **Panel: Contemporary Management of Radial Longitudinal Deficiency - 10:00 – 10:25**

Moderator: Lindley Wall | Panelists: Charles Goldfarb, Scott Oishi

 **Coffee & Snack Break: 10:25 – 10:40**



CASE REPORTS 2

Moderators: Deborah Bohn, Charity Burke

Time	Title	Presenter
10:40 – 10:43	Surgical Treatment of Congenital Radial Head Dislocation: New Technique Utilizing Vascularized Muscle Flap and Interosseous Ligament Reconstruction	Timothy Irwin
10:43 – 10:46	Staged Reconstruction of Bilateral "Rich" Blauth Type III-B Hypoplastic Thumbs: Case Report with Description of a Novel Surgical Technique	J. Nicolas Barajas
10:46 – 10:49	Treatment of Distal Ulna Growth Arrest with Proximal Radial Head Escape in Multiple Hereditary Exostosis	Michael Kwon
10:49 – 10:52	Reusing Nerve Grafts from Primary Failed Nerve Transfers for Reanimation in Brachial Plexus Birth Injury Patients	Steven Koehler
10:52 – 11:00	Discussion	Moderators

EMERGING IDEAS/OTHER

Moderators: Nicholas Pulos, Jessica Hanley

Time	Title	Presenter
11:00 – 11:05	Expanding the Indications For Wide Awake Local Anesthesia No Tourniquet (WALANT) in Pediatrics: Microsurgical Applications	Emily Bougie
11:05 – 11:10	Pediatric Hand Burns	Charity Burke
11:10 – 11:15	Supporting Clinician Education in Pediatric Brachial Plexus Birth Injury Evaluation Through E-Learning on the Active Movement Scale	Yvette Elias
11:15 – 11:20	"Don't Throw Out Your Polydactylous Thumbs!!"	Douglas Hutchinson
11:20 – 11:30	Discussion	Moderators

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HAND THERAPY BREAKOUT

Room A128/132

THERAPY TECHNIQUES 1

Moderator: Victoria Cheong

Time	Title	Presenter
9:10 – 9:25	Implementing Donor Activation Focused Rehabilitation Approach (DAFRA) following Nerve Transfers for Children with Brachial Plexus Birth Injury	Megan Horowitz
9:25 – 9:40	Optimizing Hand Function Post-Surgery: Insights from Mirror Neuron Therapy Protocol	Christopher Goodman
9:40 – 9:55	Optimizing Hand Function After Neonatal Compartment Syndrome: A Developmentally Informed Occupational Therapy Case Study	Meagan Pehnke
9:55 – 10:15	Discussion	Moderator

 **Coffee & Snack Break: 10:15 – 10:30**

THERAPY TECHNIQUES 2

Moderator: Amy Bohn

Time	Title	Presenter
10:30 – 10:45	The Therapeutic Challenge of the UNRELENTING Stiff Elbow Review	Jenny Dorich
10:45 – 11:00	Seeing the Whole Nervous System: Assessing Sensory Processing in Hand Therapy Patients	Hannah Gift
11:00 – 11:15	Serial Casting, A Tool to Consider to Gain Passive Range of Motion for Children with Limb Differences	Peggy Faussett
11:15 – 11:30	Discussion	Moderator

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