

Association of Child Neurology Nurses Annual Conference
Wednesday, October 14th, 2026-Friday, October 16th, 2026
Montréal, Québec, Canada, at the Palais des Congrès de Montréal

Wednesday, October 14th, 2026

8:00am-8:10am	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Rasha Srouji, DNP, CPNP, CNRN
8:10am-9:30am	Keynote Address: Strength Based Nursing and Health care-A Value driven approach	Laurie N. Gottlieb, RN, PhD
9:30am-10:30am	Leading Change: Preparing Teams for Pediatric Neuroscience Care	Katelyn Beam, CRNP-PC/AC
10:30am-10:45am	Break	
10:45am-11:45am	Pediatric Neurology Workforce	Tara Pezzuto, DNP, APRN-BC, PNP
11:45am-12:30pm	Lunch & Learn	
12:30pm-1:15pm	Setting an Advocacy Agenda for Children living with Neurological Disease	Scott Turner, APRN, DNP, FAHS
1:15pm-2:00pm	From Idea to Implementation: The Creation and Application of a Clinical Pathway for Use of a Cerebroventricular Access Device (CAD) to Deliver Cerliponase Alfa Infusions	Taylor Schwab BSN, RN, CPN, AMB-BC Jennifer Momot



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2:00pm-3:00pm	Autism in Pediatric Neurology: A Practical Nursing Framework for Identification, Evaluation, and Management	Tuba Rashid-Khan, MD, MPH, Ed.M
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Thursday, October 15th, 2026

8:00am-8:10	Opening Remarks	Beck Reyes, MSN, CPNP, CNRN
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8:10am-9:10am	Kathy O'Hara Memorial Address	Maria Zak, MN, NP
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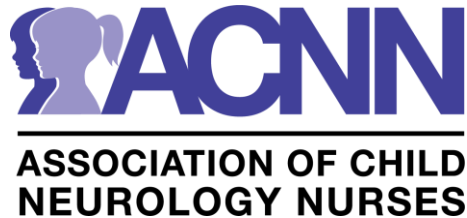
9:10am-10:00am	Impact of Social Determinants on Pediatric Epilepsy Surgery Referrals	Christiana Peterson, BA, BSN, RN Mary Wingert, MSN, RN, CPN Aymee Steidl, MSN, MA, RN
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10:00am-10:15am	Break	
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10:15am-11:00am	Interdisciplinary Pathway for EEG Monitoring in Children with Behavioral Concerns	Veronica Zielinski, MSN, RN, ACCNS-P, CPN Katelyn Beam, CRNP- PC/AC Caitlin Keiter, MSN, RN, NEA-BC
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11:00am-11:45am	Feasibility of a 12-Week Self-Management Intervention for Adolescent Headache (SMI-AH) in a Rural Adolescent Population	Suzy Mascaro Walter, PhD, APRN, FNP-BC, CNRN
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11:45am-12:00pm	Awards Ceremony and Business Meeting	Tristen Dinkel, MSPC, BSN, CNRN, CPN
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Rasha Srouji DNP, CPNP,
CNRN

12:00pm-12:45pm

Lunch & Learn

12:45pm-1:30pm

Maximizing RN Scope of
Practice in Ambulatory
Pediatric Neurology

Emilia Spalding, BSN, RN,
PHN, CNRN

1:30pm-2:30pm

Vestibular disorders in
children with dizziness: A
nursing approach

Kate Mysak, MS, RN, CPNP,
CNRN

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8:00am-9:30am

VNS Training and Updates

Susanna Fenstermacher,
CPNP

9:30am-10:15am

Building a Neuromuscular
Gene Therapy Program:
Lessons Learned

Crystal Walker, RN, MSN,
CPNP-PC
Misty Ledbetter, RN, CPN

9:45am-10:00am

Break

10:00am-10:45am

Understanding Updates to
the Genetic Disorder
Formally Known as
Neurofibromatosis Type 2

Racheal Bingham, DNP,
CPNP-PC, CPON

10:45am-11:30pm

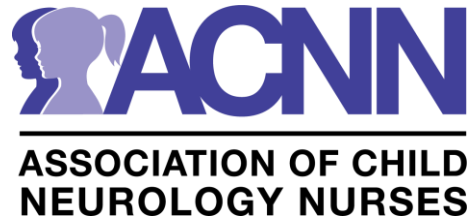
Updates in U.S. Newborn
Screening for
Neuromuscular Diseases

Samantha Weaver, DNP,
CRNP, CPNP-AC, AGN-BC

11:30pm-12:15pm

The Spectrum of Leigh
Syndrome - Insights from a
Longitudinal Natural History
Study

Shannon Kruk, RN, BSN



12:15pm-1:00pm	Lunch	
1:00pm-1:45pm	Supporting Transition to Adult Neurology Care	Jennifer A. Disabato, DNP, CPNP-PC, AC
1:45pm-2:45pm	Poster Presentations	
	Low Glycemic Index Diet and Vestibular Migraine Frequency and Severity	Kate Mysak, MS, RN, CPNP, CNRN
	Understanding Rett Syndrome: Diagnosis, Clinical Care, and Emerging Therapies	Emily Wignall, MSN, CRNP, FNP-BC
	Supporting Transition to Adult Neurology Care	Jennifer A. Disabato, DNP, CPNP-PC, AC
	Depression in Pediatric Epilepsy Patients in the Epilepsy Monitoring Unit: A Quality Improvement Project	Jennifer Hubbard, DNP, CPNP-AC
2:45pm-3:00pm	Closing Remarks	Rasha Srouji DNP, CPNP, CNRN