Pediatric Pain & Palliative Care Annual Conference: How Culture Influences Family Understanding of the Health Care System

Thursday, November 6, 2025

Holiday Inn and Kinnick Event Center

(formerly Radisson Hotel and Conference Center)

1220 1st Ave, Coralville, IA 52241



Intended Audience

All health care practitioners, including physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, social workers, child life specialists, physical therapists, etc., who care for pediatric patients with chronic conditions

Objectives

- 1. Describe the basics of narrative medicine and how its practice can lead to increased trust and outcomes for all patient populations.
- 2. Utilize narrative medicine strategies to highlight patient stories from all cultures.
- 3. Describe new insights regarding healthcare access for LEP (Limited English Proficiency) populations.
- 4. Develop strategies for providing culturally responsive care to patients and families.
- 5. Assess awareness of cultural beliefs, values, and fears that shape pediatric palliative care experiences.
- 6. Illustrate culturally responsive strategies that reduce fear, promote emotional safety, and strengthen trust within the medical system.

Schedule

7:30am

8:00	Welcome/Introductions
8:10	Keynote Presentation - Gwen E. Erkonen, MD, MME, FAAP, Nicklaus Children's Hospital, Miami, FL
9:10	Break/Vendor Exhibits
9:30	Visiting the Doctor, the LEP (Limited English Proficiency) Experience - Adrián Silva, UI Health Care
10:15	Small Group Discussion
10:45	Break/Vendor Exhibits
11:00	Family Panel
12:30 pm	Lunch/Vendor Exhibits

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1:30 Healing Begins with Trust: Culturally Safe Practices in Palliative Pediatrics - Deb Dunkha

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2:45 Break/Vendor Exhibits

3:00 Closing Presentation – Gwen E. Erkonen, MD, MME, FAAP, Nicklaus Children's Hospital, Miami, FL

4:00 Wrap up/Evaluation/CEU Recording/Adjourn

Registration/Vendor Exhibits



Education will be held in Kinnick Center.
Vendor exhibits will be in Kinnick AB.

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Attendee	Early Bird Registration (through 10/16/25)	Registration (10/17/25 - 10/30/25)
All Healthcare Professionals	\$115.00	\$140.00
Students	\$75.00	\$75.00

- No registration refunds can be issued.
- Group rates are not available.



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