

Respiratory Excellence: A Conference for the Whole Team

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

7:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. (CT)

Agenda

- 7:00 – 7:30 a.m. Registration and Light Breakfast
- 7:30 – 7:45 a.m. Welcome
- 7:45 – 8:45 a.m. Chest Tube**
Learn the indications, procedural steps, and troubleshooting techniques essential for safe and effective chest tube management.
- 8:45 – 9:00 a.m. Break
- 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. Brain Death - Pediatric**
Develop confidence in navigating brain death determinations in neonatal and pediatric care with practical guidance on protocols, testing, and communication.
- Brain Death - Adult**
Learn best practices for adult brain death determination, from protocols and confirmatory testing to clear, empathetic communication.
- 10:15 – 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:30 – 12:00 p.m. Ethics**
Beyond protocols: examine the ethical dilemmas respiratory professionals face when science, law, faith, and emotion collide in decisions about life support and beyond.
- 12:00 – 12:45 p.m. Lunch
- 12:45 – 1:45 p.m. Ethics Round Table**
Engage in interactive small and large-group sessions to work through real-world scenarios and discover practical strategies for ethical decision making.
- 1:45 – 2:00 p.m. Transition to Clinical Simulation Center
- 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. Brain Death Protocols - Pediatric**
Bridge theory and practice by working through realistic brain death scenarios. Strengthen your skills in assessment, communication, and ethical decision making.
- Brain Death Protocols - Adult**
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- Needle Decompression - Pediatric**
Learn and practice the essential steps of pediatric needle decompression in a realistic, hands-on session focused on precision and patient safety.
- Chest Tube - Adult**
Gain real-world skills with hands-on chest tube insertion practice. Experience guided techniques that build confidence and competence.
- 4:30 - 4:45 p.m. Evaluation