

Rusk Rehabilitation Presents

Transforming Care for Medically Complex Children: Addressing Developmental Challenges Through Multidisciplinary Interventions

Friday, October 9, 2026

550 1st Avenue, New York, NY 10016
Alumni Hall B, 1st Floor

Live Stream available

8:00 am EST	Registration & Breakfast
8:50	Welcome & Introduction Megan Conklin, PT, DPT Patricia Tan, MD
9:00	How Prematurity and Medical Complexity Shape Neurodevelopmental Outcomes Sadaf Kazmi, MD
9:30	Early Identification of Infants at High Risk for Neurodevelopmental Sequelae in the NICU Jaclyn Rothman, PT, DPT Nashwa Khalil, PT, DPT
9:50	Neurodevelopmental Intervention in the NICU Ramona McAulay, MS, OTR/L, CNT, CPST, CLC
10:10	Feeding and Swallowing Considerations in the NICU Diahann Cuevo, MA, CCC-SLP, CLC Mia Litwack, MS, CCC-SLP, CLC
10:30	BREAK
10:45	From NICU to Childhood: Psychological and Family Dynamics in Caring for Medically Complex Children Barbara Storch, PhD
11:05	Social Determinants of Health and Access to Care Cara Macari, LCSW
11:25	A Physiatrist's Role in the Continuum of Developmental Outcomes Patricia Tan, MD
11:55	Question & Answer
12:15 pm	LUNCH (On your own)
1:15	A Palliative Care Perspective on Quality of Life and Navigating Complexity Zeena Audi-Saba, MD

1:35	Pulmonary Care for Children with Complex Needs Katharine Kevill, MD
1:55	SLP Management of the Child with a Tracheostomy Melissa Levy, MS, CCC-SLP, CNT
2:15	From Breathing to Function: A Hands-On Physical Therapy Approach to Respiratory Care Kathryn Knote, PT, DPT
2:35	BREAK
2:50	Medical Intervention for Tone and Orthopedic Management: an Interdisciplinary Approach Audrey Marie Esquivel, MSN, RN, CPNP-PC Mara S. Karamitopoulos, MD, MPH
3:20	Assistive Technology and Augmentative Communication: Facilitating Communication, Play and Independence Lacey Blair, MS, CCC-SLP, TSSLD Camille-Anne Peredo, OTD, OTR/L, CBIS, ATP
3:40	Optimizing Function, Positioning, and Participation: Pediatric Seating & Mobility Nicole Schwam, DrOT, OTR/L, BCP Abigail Eschmann, OTR/L, CBIS
4:00	Question & Answer
4:15	Transition time from lecture to case studies
4:25	Case Study One: Therapy Interventions Across the Continuum Lauren Lalo, MS, OTR/L Claire Manix-Cramer, PT, DPT Elizabeth Nutter, PT, DPT Casey Stewart, MS, OTR/L Patricia Tan, MD
4:50	Case Study Two: Therapy Interventions and the Transition to Community Sarah Elzayat, CCC-SLP Lauren Fried, MS, OTR/L, CLT Sonoko Morimoto, MS, OTR/L, ATP Patricia Tan, MD Shannon Vu, CCC-SLP, ATP Amanda Wirth, PT, DPT
5:15	Closing Remarks Nicole Greene, PT, DPT Tina M. Tan MS, CCC-SLP, BCS-S
5:20	Adjourn
5:30	Networking Event