

WFPICCS Traveling around the #PedsICU community: Management of Pediatric Sepsis

Speaker bios

Professor Niranjan “Tex” Kissoon, MB BS, FRCP(C), FCCM, FACPE is the University of British Columbia BC Children’s Hospital (UBC BCCH) Endowed Chair in Acute and Critical Care Global Health. He is also the Past President of the World Federation of Pediatric Critical and Intensive Care Societies (www.wfpiccs.org) and Professor of Pediatrics and Surgery (Emergency Medicine) Department of Pediatrics at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, BC. He is the President of the Global Sepsis Alliance (<https://www.global-sepsis-alliance.org/>) and co-chair of the Pediatric Surviving Sepsis Campaign as well as Vice-President of the Canadian Sepsis Foundation; Advisory Board Member of Sepsis Alliance USA and the African Sepsis Alliance. He is the Chair of World Sepsis Day, the International Pediatric Sepsis Initiative. Dr. Kissoon is the recipient of the 2020 Drs. Vidyasagar and Nagamani Dharmapuri Award for his sustained exemplary and pioneering achievements in the care of critically ill and injured infants and children globally, The BNS Walia PGIMER Golden Jubilee Oration 2015 Award for major contribution to Pediatrics In India, Postgraduate Institute Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh, India. 2015, the Society of Critical Care Master in Critical Care (their highest award), the American Academy of Pediatrics Distinguished Career Award, and the University of British Columbia Outstanding Academic Performance (OAP) for 2018 calendar year, Faculty of Medicine. He also received the University of West Indies Medical Alumni Association Canadian Chapter Giving Back. Advancing Medical Excellence Distinguished Service Award In Recognition of Exceptional Service in National and International Paediatric Critical Care, 6 May 2018.

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Carl Britto, MB ,BS is a fellow in pediatric critical care at Boston Children’s Hospital, currently working towards an academic career studying the immunobiology of pediatric

infections, particularly in pediatric ICU patients. His main academic passion is to decrease infection-related morbidity and mortality by leveraging a combination of clinical data, gene expression and bioinformatic techniques to guide preventive and therapeutic strategies in the context of critical care infections. He has published over 35 manuscripts and has been cited over 1400 citations.

Adrienne Randolph, MD, MSc is Professor of Anaesthesia and Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School and an attending physician in the pediatric intensive care unit at Boston Children's Hospital in Massachusetts. She is the founder and first Chair of the Pediatric Acute Lung Injury and Sepsis Investigator's (PALISI) Network, a clinical research consortium of over 80 pediatric ICUs in the U.S. and Canada. She is also a Council member of the International Sepsis Forum and is active in the Society for Critical Care Medicine and the American Thoracic Society. She has published numerous multicenter trials, cohort studies and clinical practice guidelines in the area of sepsis, ARDS and management of acute lung failure in children. She has received multiple grants to study life-threatening and fatal influenza infection and currently leads a 40 center Pediatric Critical Care Influenza (PICFlu) Study Group.

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