

Speakers

Ann M. Lage

MSN, APRN, ACNS-BC, TNS

- 2014-Present Carle Neuroscience Institute
Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana, IL
 - Neurosurgery APRN
 - APP Lead -Neuroscience Institute
 - APP & APRN Student Preceptor
- 2020-Present Instructor for Illinois College of Medicine – Dept. of Clinical Sciences

Yasmin Ali O'Keefe, MD

- 7/2025 -Present OSF HealthCare
Saint Francis Medical Center,
 - Neurointensivist
 - Director of Neurocritical Care
- Oklahoma State University SOM
 - Clinical Assistant Professor- Neurology
- Certified in Neurology & Neurocritical Care

Tara L. Plunkett

MSN, APRN, CPNP-AC/PC

- OSF HealthCare Children's Hospital of IL
- Pediatric Critical Care APRN
 - Supervisor of Advanced Practice Services – Pediatric Critical Care, Pediatric Almost Home Kids, Pediatric Pulmonology
 - Supervisor of APP Fellowship Program - Pediatric Acute Care

Kaitlyn A. Wenger

MS, APP, PA-C

- 6/2025-Present OSF HealthCare
- Saint Joseph Medical Center
 - Neurosurgery APP- Cranial / Spinal surgery, hemostasis, microsurgical instrumentation, hardware placement
 - Inpatient & Outpatient Neurosurgery Patient Management
- Masters in Health Sciences, Physician Assistant Studies

Schedule

January 17, 2026

7:15AM – 7:45AM Registration & Coffee

7:45AM – 8:00AM Announcements

8:00AM – 9:00AM

**“Under Pressure:
Managing Intracranial Hypertension”**

**Kaitlyn A. Wenger
MS, APP, PA-C**

9:00AM – 10:00AM

“Houston... We Have Confusion”

**Ann. M. Lage
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10:00AM – 11:00AM

Brunch & Break

11:00AM – 12:15PM

**“Twists & Turns:
Navigating Reversible Cerebral
Vasoconstriction Syndrome”**

Yasmin Ali O'Keefe, MD

12:15PM – 1:15PM

**“When Seconds Count: Pediatric Stroke
Recognition & Response”**

**Tara L. Plunkett
MSN, APRN, CPNP-AC/PC**

1:15PM – 1:30PM

Evaluations

This activity has been submitted to the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses for approval to award contact hours. The American Association of Critical-Care Nurses is accredited as an approver of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

January 2026

Neuroscience Brunch

Registration Form for

January 17, 2026

Deadline: January 10, 2026

Name _____

Home Address: _____

Phone: Home: _____

Work: _____

E-Mail: _____

Employer/School: _____

RN/APRN/ PA Fee: \$40.00

**Student RN Fee (Initial RN Program):
\$20.00**

Make Checks To: HOI-AACN

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P.O. Box 10032

Peoria, IL. 61612

Registration: Registration fee includes morning coffee items, brunch, and access to any speaker handouts. Fee must accompany the registration form.

Checks: Send registration fee to address above with registration form.

**Credit Cards ONLY: Please go to
<https://hoiaacn.nursingnetwork.com>**

Go to 'Upcoming Events' to register if wanting to use a credit card for payment. Print your confirmation when using website to register and pay, that is your confirmation! **NO REFUNDS after Jan.10, 2026.**

If canceled for blizzard conditions, another date will be selected. Your registration fee will automatically be applied to the selected date.

Room Temperature:

Please bring sweater or light jacket due to room temperature variations.

Directions

To
Par-A-Dice Hotel
East Peoria, Illinois

From Bloomington:

- Take I-74 West to East Peoria, Illinois
- Take Exit 95 for North Main St. / U.S. 150 West / IL 116 West.
- Turn right onto US-150 W/E / Caterpillar Trail / North Main St. Toward Metamora
- Turn left onto Blackjack Blvd at Blackjack Stoplight
- Then turn left into Par-A-Dice Hotel parking lot

From Peoria

- Take 74 East across the river
- Take Exit 95A for US-150 W. / IL-116 / N. Main St.
- Turn left on Caterpillar trail / N. Main St. Toward Metamora
- Turn left onto Blackjack Blvd at Blackjack Stoplight.

Parking

Free parking for conference participants at Par-A-Dice Hotel



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Saturday
January 17, 2026

Par-A-Dice Hotel
7 Blackjack Blvd
East Peoria, Illinois