

# 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*

*MSN, APRN, ACNS-BC, TNS*

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

Mail To: HOI-AACN

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 will 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