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Strengthening Pediatric Emergency Care on Guam: GMHA to Host Critical Care Training Week

(Tamuning, Guam; April 8, 2026) — The Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) will host a Pediatric Fundamental Critical Care Support (PFCCS) Training Week from April 19–23, 2026, through its Health Education Department and Continuing Medical Education (CME) Program.

Supported through a Training and Access Program (TAP) Grant and with educational resources from the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM), the program reflects GMHA’s continued commitment to strengthening clinical capabilities and improving patient care for children across Guam and the region.

The training will bring together physicians, nurses, respiratory therapists, paramedics, and other healthcare professionals from hospitals, clinics, and emergency medical services across the community for a week of lectures, hands-on skills stations, simulation training, and mock code exercises led by experienced pediatric critical care specialists. By strengthening the skills of clinicians who respond to pediatric emergencies, the program helps enhance Guam’s overall readiness to care for critically ill children. This effort supports GMHA’s ongoing work to strengthen the island’s capacity to care for children who experience serious illness or medical emergencies.

Lead instructors include pediatric critical care physicians Dr. Vinod Havalad, Dr. Eric Norman, and Dr. Moshe Cohn, who serve as telemedicine faculty and will provide on-site instruction during the training week.

The program includes the PFCCS Certification Track (April 19–21) as well as Extended Pediatric Critical Care Training sessions (April 22–23) designed for clinicians seeking additional advanced learning opportunities.

The extended training sessions on April 22–23 are designated for 8 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ per day, with a total of 29.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ available for the full training week.

“This program reflects our commitment to investing in our workforce and ensuring our clinicians are prepared to deliver high-quality care for our patients,” said Dr. Joleen M. Aguon, GMHA Interim Hospital Administrator and CEO.





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At this time, registration for the PFCCS Certification Track (April 19–21) is closed. However, registration remains open for the Extended Pediatric Critical Care Training sessions on April 22–23, which continue to offer valuable learning opportunities for clinicians.

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