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Education in Palliative and End-of-life Care (EPEC) Paediatrics

Auditorium Antonianum

October 24-26, 2026. Rome, Italy



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Day 1: Saturday, October 24, 2026

| Start Time | End Time | Duration | Title | Presenter |
|------------|----------|----------|--|--|
| 08:00 | 08:30 | 30 min | Registration | |
| 08:30 | 09:30 | 60 min | Welcome, Announcements | All Faculty |
| 09:30 | 10:00 | 30 min | EPEC-Paediatrics Train-the-Trainer Introduction "You are here to learn how to <i>teach</i> Pediatric Palliative Care" | Joanne Wolfe, MD, MPH |
| 10:00 | 10:30 | 30 min | COFFEE BREAK | |
| 10:30 | 11:45 | 75 min | "Attitude, Knowledge & Skill" Teaching Through Interactive Lecture (Module 23) – using Module 13 "Procedural Pain Management Strategies" | Stefan Friedrichsdorf, MD |
| 11:45 | 11:50 | 5 min | BREAK | |
| 11:50 | 12:50 | 60 min | BREAKOUT SESSION: Teaching with EPEC-Paediatrics in the face-to-face or Zoom setting: Case Studies (Module 9) <i>LEAD: Baker</i> | Room 1: Francesca Burlo, MD [Baker] Room 2: Marco Bolognani, MD [Downie] Room 3: Deborah Gubler, MD [El Khoury] |
| 12:50 | 13:50 | 60 min | LUNCH | |
| 13:50 | 14:50 | 60 min | What is Pediatric Palliative Care and Why Does it Matter? (Module 1) | Jonathan Downie, MD & Nicholas Puroil, LCW |
| 14:50 | 14:55 | 5 min | BREAK | |
| 14:55 | 15:55 | 60 min | BREAKOUT SESSION: Self-care for Professionals (Module 5) <i>LEAD: Puroil</i> | Room 1: Ragnhild Fretland, PhD [Friedrichsdorf] Room 2: Gražina Kokešová Kleinová, PhD [McIntosh] Room 3: Melissa Lindsell, RN [Hrdličková] |
| 15:40 | 15:55 | 15 min | COFFEE BREAK | |
| 15:55 | 16:55 | 60 min | BREAKOUT SESSION: Management of Respiratory Symptoms (Module 16) <i>LEAD: Downie</i> | Room 1: Anthony Herbert, MD [Puroil] Room 2: Satiajit Ray, MD [Remke] Room 3: Marco Bolognani, MD [Wolfe] |
| 17:00 | 18:00 | 60 min | Build Your PPC Teaching Mascot - Social Mixer | |

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Day 2: Sunday, October 25, 2026

| Start Time | End Time | Duration | Title | Presenter |
|------------|----------|----------|--|---|
| 08:15 | 08:30 | 15 min | Registration | |
| 08:30 | 08:45 | 15 min | Reflections & Teachback | Stacy Remke, LICSW |
| 08:45 | 09:45 | 60 min | Multi-Modal Analgesia (Module 10) | Stefan Friedrichsdorf, MD |
| 09:45 | 10:45 | 60 min | "Addressing Hope at Times of Clinical Uncertainty: The Goals of care discussion as a fundamental PPC intervention" (New Module 25) | Joanne Wolfe, MD, MPH & Ragnhild Fretland, PhD |
| 10:45 | 11:00 | 15 min | COFFEE BREAK | |
| 11:00 | 12:00 | 60 min | BREAKOUT SESSION: M11: Opioid Selection and Opioid Rotation <i>LEAD: El Khoury</i> | Room 1: Joe El Khoury, MD & Melissa Lindsell, RN <i>[Downie]</i> Room 2: Deborah Gubler, MD <i>[Friedrichsdorf]</i> Room 3: Francesca Burlo, MD <i>[McIntosh]</i> |
| 12:00 | 12:05 | 5 min | BREAK | |
| 12:05 | 12:35 | 30 min | "Planning your next Educational Session" Part 1 (Introduction) + Homework | Lucie Hrdličková, MD & Jonathan Downie, MD |
| 12:35 | 13:30 | 55 min | LUNCH | |
| 13:30 | 14:30 | 60 min | Grief and Bereavement (Module 4) | Stacy Remke, LICSW & Joe El Khoury, MD |
| 14:30 | 14:35 | 5 min | BREAK | |
| 14:35 | 15:35 | 60 min | BREAKOUT SESSION: Management of Neuropathic Pain Management and Adjuvant Analgesia (Module 6) <i>LEAD: El Khoury</i> | Room 1: Jonathan Downie, MD <i>[El Khoury]</i> Room 2: Anthony Herbert, MD <i>[Hrdličková]</i> Room 3: Satiajit Ray, MD <i>[Puro]</i> |
| 15:35 | 15:40 | 5 min | BREAK | |
| 15:40 | 16:40 | 60 min | BREAKOUT SESSION: Caring for the Imminently Dying Child and Their Family (Module 20) <i>LEAD: Remke</i> | Room 1: Gražina Kokešová Kleinová, PhD & Marco Bolognani <i>[Remke]</i> Room 2: Melissa Lindsell, RN & Francesca Burlo, MD <i>[Wolfe]</i> Room 3: Ragnhild Fretland, PhD & Anthony Herbert, MD <i>[Baker]</i> |

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Day 3, Monday, October 26, 2026

| Start Time | End Time | Duration | Title | Presenter |
|------------|----------|----------|--|--|
| 08:15 | 08:30 | 15 min | Registration | |
| 08:30 | 08:45 | 15 min | Reflections & Teachback | Joanne Wolfe, MD |
| 08:45 | 09:45 | 60 min | Methadone in Paediatrics (Module 24) | Justin Baker, MD & Stacy Remke, LICSW |
| 09:45 | 10:45 | 60 min | Management of Gastrointestinal Symptoms (Module 15) | Diana McIntosh, MD & Nicholas Purol, LCW |
| 10:45 | 11:00 | 15 min | COFFEE BREAK | |
| 11:00 | 12:00 | 60 min | Teaching with EPEC-Paediatrics in the face-to-face or Zoom setting: Role Play (Module 9) | Stefan Friedrichsdorf, MD & Gražina Kokešová Kleinová, PhD |
| 12:00 | 13:00 | 60 min | BREAKOUT SESSION: "SPIKES" and "NURSE": Sharing difficult news and reacting to emotions (Module 7) <i>LEAD: Wolfe</i> | Room 1: Deborah Gubler, MD & Nicholas Purol, LSW <i>[Baker]</i> Room 2: Ragnhild Fretland, PhD & Diana McIntosh, MD <i>[Wolfe]</i> Room 3: Gražina Kokešová Kleinová, PhD & Satiajit Ray, MD <i>[Remke]</i> |
| 13:00 | 14:00 | 60 min | LUNCH | |
| 14:00 | 16:00 | 120 min | BREAKOUT SESSION: Communication and Planning (Module 7) <i>LEAD: Friedrichsdorf</i> | Room 1: Justin Baker, MD & Lucie Hrdličková, MD Room 2: Joanne Wolfe, MD & Joe El Khoury, MD Room 3: Stacy Remke, LICSW & Diana McIntosh, MD |
| 16:00 | 16:40 | 40 min | BREAKOUT SESSION: From "Hook, Attitude, Knowledge, and Skill": Planning your next Educational Session | Room 1: Stefan Friedrichsdorf, MD & Satiajit Ray, MD Room 2: Jonathan Downie, MD & Ragnhild Fretland, PhD Room 3: Nicholas Purol, LCW & Gražina Kokešová Kleinová, PhD |
| 16:40 | 17:10 | 30 min | Teach-Back, next steps and Farewell | |

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