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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 teach Pediatric Palliative Care"*	**Joanne Wolfe, MD, MPH** *[Aburn]*
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** *[Baker]*
11:45	**11:50**	**5 min**	**BREAK**	
11:50	**12:10**	**20 min**	BREAKOUT SESSION: **Small group Introductions**	**Room 1: Francesca Burlo, MD** **Room 2: Marco Bolognani, MD** **Room 3: Deborah Gubler, MD**
12:10	**13:00**	**50 min**	BREAKOUT SESSION: **Teaching with EPEC-Paediatrics in the face-to-face or Zoom setting: Case Studies (Module 9)** *LEAD: Baker*	**Room 1: Francesca Burlo, MD** *[Downie]* **Room 2: Marco Bolognani, MD** *[El Khoury]* **Room 3: Deborah Gubler, MD** *[Hrdličková]*
13:00	**14:00**	**60 min**	**LUNCH**	
14:00	**15:00**	**60 min**	**What is Pediatric Palliative Care and Why Does it Matter? (Module 1)**	**Jonathan Downie, MD & Nicholas Purol, LCW** *[Morvant]*
15:00	**15:05**	**5 min**	**BREAK**	
15:05	**16:05**	**60 min**	BREAKOUT SESSION: **Self-care for Professionals (Module 5)** *LEAD: Purol*	**Room 1: Gemma Aburn, RN, PhD** *[McIntosh]* **Room 2: Gražina Kokešová Kleinová, PhD** *[Purol]* **Room 3: Melissa Lindsell, RN** *[Remke]*
16:05	**16:20**	**15 min**	**COFFEE BREAK**	
16:20	**17:20**	**60 min**	BREAKOUT SESSION: **Multi-Modal Analgesia (Module 10)** *LEAD: El Khoury*	**Room 1: Alexis Morvant, MD** *[Aburn]* **Room 2: Anthony Herbert, MD** *[Remke]* **Room 3: Satiajit Ray, MD** *[Baker]*
17:20	**18:30**	**70 min**	**Zoom in/Zoom Out? Working in a Team Challenge** **Followed by Aperitif**	

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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	Justin Baker, MD
08:45	10:15	90 min	Management of Neuropathic Pain Management and Adjuvant Analgesia (Module 6)	Stefan Friedrichsdorf, MD & Gemma Aburn, RN, PhD *[Downie]*
10:15	11:15	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 *[El Khoury]*
11:15	11:30	15 min	COFFEE BREAK	
11:30	12:30	60 min	BREAKOUT SESSION: **Management of Respiratory Symptoms (Module 16)** *LEAD: Downie*	**Room 1: Anthony Herbert, MD** *[Wolfe]* **Room 2: Satiajit Ray, MD** *[Aburn]* **Room 3: Marco Bolognani, MD** *[Baker]*
12:30	13:30	60 min	LUNCH	
13:30	14:30	60 min	Teaching with EPEC-Paediatrics in the face-to-face or Zoom setting: Role Play (Module 9)	Justin Baker, MD & Gražina Kokešová Kleinová, PhD *[Remke]*
14:30	14:35	5 min	BREAK	
14:35	15:35	60 min	BREAKOUT SESSION: **Caring for the Imminently Dying Child and Their Family (Module 20)** *LEAD: Remke*	**Room 1: Gemma Aburn, RN, PhD & Marco Bolognani** *[Downie]* **Room 2: Melissa Lindsell, RN & Francesca Burlo, MD** *[Hrdličková]* **Room 3: Ragnhild Fretland, PhD & Anthony Herbert, MD** *[El-Khoury]*
15:35	15:40	5 min	BREAK	
15:40	16:40	60 min	BREAKOUT SESSION: **M11: Opioid Selection and Opioid Rotation** *LEAD: El Khoury*	**Room 1: Justin Baker, MD & Melissa Lindsell, RN** *[Hrdličková]* **Room 2: Deborah Gubler, MD** *[McIntosh]* **Room 3: Francesca Burlo, MD** *[Morvant]*
16:40	17:10	30 min	"Planning your next Educational Session" Part 1 (Introduction) + Homework	Lucie Hrdličková, MD, Jonathan Downie, MD & Justin Baker, MD *[Purol]*

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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)	Stefan Friedrichsdorf, MD & Stacy Remke, LiCSW *[McIntosh]*
09:45	10:45	60 min	Management of Gastrointestinal Symptoms (Module 15)	Diana McIntosh, MD & Alexis Morvant, MD *[Purol]*
10:45	11:00	15 min	COFFEE BREAK	
11:00	12:00	60 min	Grief and Bereavement (Module 4)	Stacy Remke, LiCSW & Joe El Khoury, MD *[Wolfe]*
12:00	13:00	60 min	LUNCH	
13:00	13:50	50 min	BREAKOUT SESSION: **"SPIKES" and "NURSE": Sharing difficult news and reacting to emotions (Module 7)** *LEAD: Wolfe*	**Room 1: Deborah Gubler, MD & Nicholas Purol, LSW** *[Wolfe]* **Room 2: Ragnhild Fretland, PhD & Diana McIntosh, MD** *[Aburn]* **Room 3: Gražina Kokešová Kleinová & Satiajit Ray, MD** *[El Khoury]*
13:50	13:55	5 min	BREAK	
13:55	15:55	120 min	BREAKOUT SESSION: **Communication and Planning (Module 7)** *LEAD: Friedrichsdorf*	**Room 1: Justin Baker, MD & Lucie Hrdličková, MD** *[Purol]* **Room 2: Joanne Wolfe, MD & Joe El Khoury, MD** *[Downie]* **Room 3: Stacy Remke, LiCSW & Diana McIntosh, MD** *[Morvant]*
15:55	16:35	40 min	BREAKOUT SESSION: **From "Hook, Attitude, Knowledge, and Skill": Planning your next Educational Session**	**Room 1: Alexis Morvant, MD & Satiajit Ray, MD** *[Remke]* **Room 2: Jonathan Downie, MD & Ragnhild Fretland, PhD** *[Baker]* **Room 3: Nicholas Purol, LCW & Gražina Kokešová Kleinová, PhD** *[Wolfe]*
16:35	17:05	30 min	Teach-Back, next steps and Farewell	

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