

Save the date for the PCPLC 2024 Colorectal and Pelvic Course

November 13-15, 2024, Atlanta, Georgia

<https://pcplcmeeting.com/> (registration and website updating soon)

Location: Emory Conference Center Hotel, 1615 Clifton Road Northeast, Atlanta, GA, 30329

I wanted to take this opportunity to ask you to inform your fellows (both junior and senior, where applicable) to attend the PCPLC colorectal in Atlanta Georgia, November 13-15, 2024.

- **Save the Date:** Mark your calendars for the PCPLC Colorectal and Pelvic Course from November 13-15, 2024, in Atlanta, Georgia, and check <https://pcplcmeeting.com/> for updates and registration details.
- **Inform Fellows:** Please notify both junior and senior fellows about this educational opportunity, emphasizing its unique focus on colorectal and pelvic disorders and its dedication to fellow-level education.
- **Prepare for New Features:** Look forward to new additions to the 2024 course, including hands-on labs and pre-course curated content tailored for fellows.

Now in its 11th year, the course *originally* began at the Nationwide Children's Hospital to discuss common problems in managing patients with Hirschsprung disease and anorectal malformation with trainees and experts alike. For the 2nd year the educational undertaking is now being sponsored entirely by the pediatric colorectal and pelvic learning consortium (PCPLC) - a multidisciplinary international organization composed of pediatric surgical and medical providers dedicated to the care of children with colorectal and pelvic disorders. The event this year will again be held at a "neutral" site – which we feel eliminates a specific institutional bias to the course content. Dr. Casey Calkins is serving as the program chair, and I am serving as the co-chair we look forward to putting together a lively and educational program with our program committee.

While no course can comprehensively cover all training aspects quickly, our program uniquely combines diverse expertise from across institutions and specialties, focusing on best practices for patient care. Dedicated to fellow education, it features case-based interactive discussions led by field experts, covering both common and rare colorectal conditions over 3 days. We also include social events to build camaraderie among pediatric surgery trainees and professionals. *New for 2024-* a hands on lab, and pre-course curated content for fellows!

I hope you will encourage your trainees to set aside the dates and plan to join us in Atlanta in November. Further details will be forthcoming regarding registration and further course specifics.

The PCPLC was founded in 2016 and has to date established itself as a multi-center group of care providers across 20+ hospitals in the field dedicated to learning and research in pediatric colorectal and pelvic disorders. The course this year will be organized by PCPLC and its executive, education, and steering committees. Physician experts from pediatric surgery,

urology, gynecology, gastroenterology will comprise the bulk of the teaching faculty. In addition, the course also includes a separate educational program for allied health providers with an interest in colorectal disorders in the pediatric population, including but not limited to advanced practice nurses, physicians' assistants, nurse practitioners, and physical therapists.

Thank you for your consideration.

Rebecca and Casey

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