

**FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2015**

**PNC Park on the North Shore of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**

A wide-angle photograph of the Pittsburgh skyline at night, with numerous skyscrapers illuminated and their lights reflecting on the water in the foreground. The city lights create a vibrant, colorful scene against the dark night sky.

# **Clinical Care Perspectives on Prader-Willi Syndrome**

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## COURSE OVERVIEW

Join the specialists from The Children's Institute of Pittsburgh and distinguished faculty from around the nation for this one day course designed for clinical providers to gain a broad understanding of the current state of knowledge regarding the challenges of physical and behavioral healthcare for individuals with Prader-Willi syndrome (PWS).

Prader-Willi syndrome is a genetic disorder caused by the absence or disrupted functioning of genes on a portion of chromosome 15. The syndrome occurs in approximately 1 in 20,000 individuals. As a complex neurodevelopmental disorder with multi-system involvement, individuals with PWS are at risk for a broad range of physical and behavioral health impairments. As such, individuals with PWS often require the support of a multidisciplinary health care team, including primary care, endocrinology, cardiology, orthopedics, psychiatry, pulmonology and other health care professionals.

Healthcare for individuals with PWS is enhanced by interdisciplinary understanding and appreciation of the diverse needs of this population. Due to the relative rarity of the syndrome, clinical providers typically have limited exposure in training and few opportunities in practice to develop this broad-based understanding. Through individual presentations and a multidisciplinary panel discussion, participants will gain knowledge of specific areas of treatment concern, receive important updates in the field, and increase understanding of the current state of knowledge regarding the challenges of physical and behavioral healthcare for individuals with PWS.

### **Areas to be reviewed include:**

- ▶ Updates in Treatment and Research
- ▶ Cardiovascular Complications
- ▶ Orthopedics and Scoliosis
- ▶ Psychotropic Medications
- ▶ Subclinical Dysphagia in Children and Adults
- ▶ Lymphedema Management

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This conference is designed for pediatric endocrinologists, pediatricians, family practitioners, child psychiatrists, nurses, therapists, clinical nutritionists and other medical professionals interested in the management of patients with Prader-Willi syndrome.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT

The University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of *7.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Other health care professionals are awarded 0.7 continuing education units (CEU's) which are equal to 7.7 contact hours.

## CONFERENCE LOCATION

The conference will be held at PNC Park in the Lexus Club which is located on the North Shore of Pittsburgh, 115 Federal Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212. Guests should enter at the Lexus Club doors on General Robinson Street.

## PARKING

Complimentary parking for those attending the conference is available in the Blue 10 North Shore Garage. Please bring your parking ticket to the conference registration table to receive a validated exit voucher.

## SPECIAL NEEDS

Participation by all individuals is encouraged. Advance notification of any special needs will



help us provide better service. Please notify us of your needs at least two weeks in advance of the program by calling 412.420.2270.

## ONLINE REGISTRATION

Please register via our secure website at [www.amazingkids.org/PWSconference2015](http://www.amazingkids.org/PWSconference2015) by Monday, May 25, 2015. For questions about registration, please contact Sharon Kramer at 412.420.2270 or by email at [shk@the-institute.org](mailto:shk@the-institute.org).

## REGISTRATION FEE

Registration fee includes breakfast, lunch, course materials and continuing medical education credit. Early registration by March 31, 2015 is \$80. After March 31, 2015 the full amount of \$100 is due.

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

A limited number of hotel rooms are being held at the Renaissance Pittsburgh Hotel. You may book a room by calling the hotel reservation line at 800.468.3571. Mention "The Children's

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Institute – Clinical Care Perspectives on Prader-Willi Syndrome” conference for a discounted room rate of \$169 per night plus applicable taxes and fees. Reservations must be made by Friday, April 24, 2015 for the discounted rate. Early reservations are strongly recommended, as there are various other events happening throughout the city. The Renaissance Pittsburgh Hotel is less than ½ mile from PNC Park.

Renaissance Pittsburgh Hotel  
107 Sixth Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222  
Phone: 412.562.1200  
www.renaissancepittsburghpa.com

### CANCELLATION

All cancellations must be in writing and sent to us via email to [shk@the-institute.org](mailto:shk@the-institute.org). Tuition for cancellations before or on Monday, May 25, 2015 will be completely refunded. After May 25, 2015, a \$35 administrative fee will be assessed. No refunds will be made after May 27, 2015.

### FACULTY

**Gregory Cherpes, MD**, Child Psychiatrist, Director of Behavioral Health and The Center for Prader-Willi Syndrome, The Children’s Institute

**Roxann Diez Gross, PhD, CCC-SLP**, Director of Research, The Children’s Institute

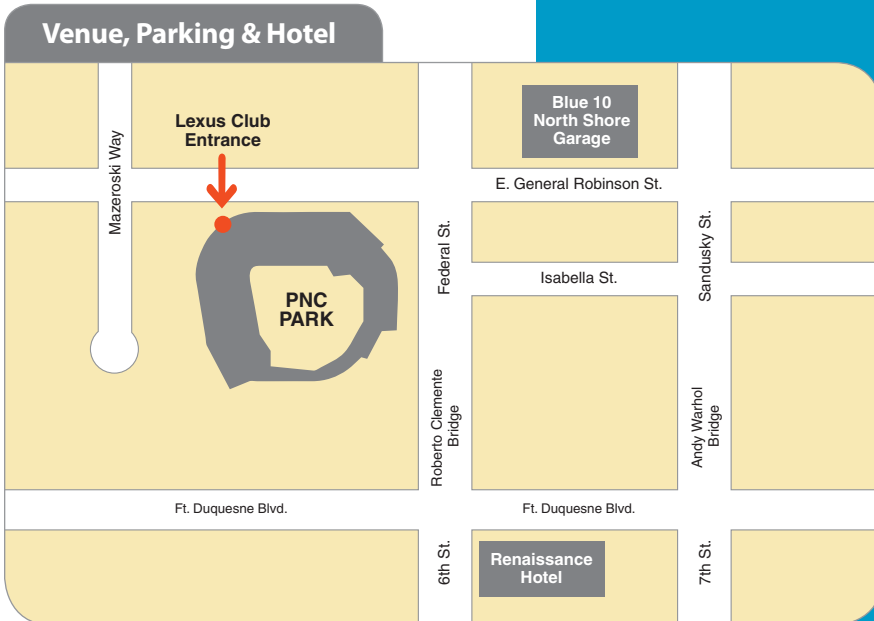
**Lisa Kennedy, PT, DPT, CLT**, Physical Therapist, The Children’s Institute

**James L. Loker, MD, FAAP, FACC**, Pediatric Cardiologist, Bronson Children’s Hospital, Michigan

**Jennifer Miller, MD**, Pediatric Endocrinologist, Associate Professor, University of Florida Department of Pediatrics in the College of Medicine

**Leslie Paat, MOT-OTR/L, CLT**, Occupational Therapist, The Children’s Institute

**Harold van Bosse, MD**, Orthopedic Surgeon, Shriners Hospitals for Children, Philadelphia



## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE Friday, May 29, 2015

7:30 am     **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

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8:00 am     **Welcome**

Matthew G. Masiello, MD, MPH, FAAP, FCHPS, Chief Medical Officer,  
The Children's Institute

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8:10 am     **Updates in Treatment and Research**

Jennifer Miller, MD, University of Florida Department of Pediatrics in  
the College of Medicine

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9:15 am     **Orthopedics and Scoliosis**

Harold van Bosse, MD, Shriners Hospitals for Children

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10:15 am    Break

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10:35 am    **Subclinical Dysphagia in Children and Adults**

Roxann Diez Gross, PhD, CCC-SLP, The Children's Institute

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1:00 pm     **Antipsychotic Medication Use**

Gregory Cherpes, MD, The Children's Institute

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2:05 pm     **Cardiovascular Complications**

James L. Loker, MD, FAAP, FACC, Bronson Children's Hospital

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3:05 pm     Break

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3:20 pm     **Lymphedema Management**

Lisa Kennedy, PT, DPT, CLT, and Leslie Paat, MOT-OTR/L, CLT,  
The Children's Institute

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4:10 pm     **Panel Discussion**

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5:15 pm     **Closing Comments**

Gregory Cherpes, MD, The Children's Institute

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5:30 pm     Adjournment

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