

UChicago Medicine Global CME Course in Washington DC

## **PEDIATRIC HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY & NEUROLOGY SEMINAR**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 (5:00 – 8:00 PM EST) / RITZ CARLTON, TYSONS CORNER**

### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

In appreciation of your continuous support and interest in UChicago Medicine, UChicago Medicine International Programs offers complimentary CME courses in Washington D.C., exclusively to health professionals in GCC Embassies.

In this course, world renowned experts from the University of Chicago Medicine will share new standards and treatment options in **pediatric stem cell transplantation and epilepsy treatment**.

All participants can claim **1.5 complimentary CME credit** for attendance.

### **PROGRAM AGENDA**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Speakers</b>
5:00 – 5:30 PM	Meet and greet, Networking	
5:30 – 5:45 PM	Introduction to UChicago Medicine	<b>Diala Atassi, MBA</b> Executive Director, International Programs
5:45 – 6:15 PM	Dinner, Break-out time	
6:15 – 7:00 PM	<b><u>CME Lecture 1</u></b> Pediatric Stem Cell Transplantation	<b>Dr. James LaBelle</b> Director, Pediatric Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation Program
7:00 – 7:45 PM	<b><u>CME Lecture 2</u></b> Pediatric Epilepsy	<b>Dr. Douglas R. Nordli</b> Chief, Section of Pediatric Neurology Director, Comprehensive Epilepsy Center
7:45 – 8:00 PM	Q&A Closing Remarks	<b>Diala Atassi</b> <b>Dr. Ziad Abdulhak</b> , Director, Business Development for Middle East

#### **CME Accreditation Statement:**

The University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 1.5 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Other healthcare professionals will receive a Certificate of Participation. For information on the applicability and acceptance of certificates of participation for educational activities certified for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* from organizations accredited by the ACCME, please consult your professional licensing board.

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## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

### **James LaBelle, MD, PhD**

Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Director, Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation Program

James LaBelle, MD, PhD, provides care for children of all ages with cancer and blood diseases, including leukemia and lymphoma. In particular, Dr. LaBelle specializes in stem cell transplantation, replacing a patient's diseased bone marrow and immune system with healthy cells.



Dr. LaBelle's laboratory research focuses on understanding at a molecular level the reason why some pediatric cancers are resistant to therapy. He currently serves as the primary investigator on a study examining a critical network of proteins that regulate whether a malignant cell lives or dies. The normal signaling between these proteins often is disturbed in cancerous cells. Through this research, he hopes to identify novel cell death regulatory mechanisms in resistant hematopoietic malignancies and design effective strategies to overcome them. Dr. LaBelle's research is currently funded by the National Institutes of Health.

A dedicated mentor, Dr. LaBelle also received special recognition for teaching medical students, residents, and fellows about pediatric hematology, oncology and hematopoietic stem cell transplantation.

### **Douglas R. Nordli, Jr., MD**

Professor of Pediatrics

Co-Director, Comprehensive Epilepsy Center

Chief, Section of Pediatric Neurology

Douglas R. Nordli, Jr., MD, is a highly skilled neurologist who specializes in treating [children with neurological conditions](#). Dr. Nordli focuses on [pediatric epilepsy](#), with a particular interest in early onset epilepsy, and he is passionate about understanding each child's unique condition so that he can provide targeted treatment for better results.



Along with Dr. Nordli's clinical work, he is also actively researching methods to improve pediatric neurology care. Dr. Nordli is investigating techniques to predict and alter the course of epilepsy and examining how a novel method of classification of epilepsy can lead to better diagnosis and treatment. Dr. Nordli has been published in numerous peer-reviewed journals, such as the *Journal of Pediatrics*, *Pediatric Neurology*, *Epilepsia* and *Epilepsy & Behavior*.

Dr. Nordli is also involved in the education of medical students, residents and fellows. He mentors fellows and has developed CME courses to help guide pediatric neurology residents and fellows. Dr. Nordli has also given multiple lectures both during ground rounds and as an invited lecturer nationally and abroad.