



CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

September 2026

CME Activities & Announcements

GRAND ROUNDS CALENDAR

The following activities meet the requirements for 1 hour of AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ or as noted.

CMU COLLEGE OF MEDICINE GRAND ROUNDS	THURSDAY 7:30am—8:30am Online	September 10 – Virtual Reality for Stress and Anxiety Management: Evidence, Applications, and Implementation. Hala Darwish, PhD, RN, PMHNP-BC, FAAN, Associate Professor, University of Michigan School of Nursing, Ann Arbor, MI. https://cmich.webex.com/cmich/j.php?MTID=m51cd5f8021dcf075653efbc9e3578d6c <i>For additional information, contact Alison Radabaugh at radab1a@cmich.edu</i>
EMERGENCY MEDICINE GRAND ROUNDS	THURSDAY 9:15am—10:15am CMED SEB 1008	No Grand Rounds in September. <i>For additional information, contact Melinda Wardin at melinda.wardin@cmich.edu</i>
FAMILY MEDICINE GRAND ROUNDS	THURSDAY 7:45am—8:45am CMED SEB 1018	September 3 – Beyond Source Control: A Review of Fournier's Gangrene. Sai Suseel Sarvepalli, MD, Resident Physician, Family Medicine, CMU Medical Education Partners, Saginaw, MI. September 17 – Mind the Gap: Closing Referral Delays in Family Medicine. Anuraag Manjunatha, MD, Chief Resident Physician, Family Medicine, CMU Medical Education Partners, Saginaw, MI. <i>For additional information, contact Cindy Letzkus at letz1ca@cmich.edu</i>
INTERNAL MEDICINE GRAND ROUNDS	TUESDAYS 12:00pm—1:00pm Maidlow Educational Center Covenant FRIDAYS 08:00am—09:00am MyMichigan Medical Center Saginaw MASUD Lecture Hall	September 8 – Updates in (Inflammatory Bowel Disease) IBD-including the hospitalized patient and outpatient updates. Michael Raphael, D.O. F.A.C.O.I, F.A.C.G, F.A.S.G.E, Assistant Clinical Professor, Covenant HealthCare College of Medicine, Saginaw, MI. <i>For additional information contact Amy Meskill at meski1a@cmich.edu</i>
OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY GRAND ROUNDS	MONDAY 8:00am—9:00am CMED SEB 1008/Online QA Location: Harrison Side Rooms C&D	September 14 – Quality Assurance. Kristine Spence, DO, OB Section Chair, Covenant Healthcare, Saginaw, MI. September 21 – Placental Metastatic Cancers. Cassandra Ross, MD, Ob/Gyn Resident, CMU Medical Education Partners, Saginaw, MI. September 28 – Morbidity and Mortality NICU Conference. Joan Kronick, DO, Resident Physicians Ob/Gyn, CMU Medical Education Partners, Saginaw, MI. <i>For additional information, please contact Donelle Booms at kiess1de@cmich.edu</i>

PEDIATRIC GRAND ROUNDS	WEDNESDAY 12:00pm–1:00pm CMED SEB 1018	No Grand Rounds in September. <i>For additional information, please contact Daisy Benemann at benem1dr@cmich.edu</i>
PSYCHIATRY GRAND ROUNDS	THURSDAY 2:00pm–3:00pm CMED SEB 1018 and Webex	September 3 – Forgetting to Remember, Remembering to Forget: A Neuropsychiatrist Thinks About Memory. Sheldon Benjamin, MD, DLFAPA, FANPA, FAAN, Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry and Neurology, University of Massachusetts T. H. Chan School of Medicine, Newton, MA. <i>For additional information, please contact Danielle Childs at child1dv@cmich.edu</i>
SURGERY GRAND ROUNDS	THURSDAY 7:00am–8:00am MyMichigan Medical Center	September 24 – Preoperative Hernia optimization and controversies. Young Yoon, FACS, Assistant Professor General Surgery, CMU Medical Education Partners, Saginaw, MI. <i>For additional information, please contact Taylor Musselman at musse1t@cmich.edu</i>
COVENANT HEALTHCARE INPATIENT PRACTICES GRAND ROUNDS	TUESDAY 12:00pm–1:00pm Cooper – Maidlow Educational Center	September 22 – Neuroprognostication in Post-Cardiac Arrest Coma. Eric Bracken, MD, Neurohospitalist, Covenant HealthCare, Saginaw, MI. <i>For additional information, please contact Anne Moskal at Anne.Moskal@chs-mi.com</i>
COVENANT HEALTHCARE TRAUMA GRAND ROUNDS	WEDNESDAY 7:00am–8:00am Online	September 2 – Ventilator Associated Pneumonia and Pulmonary Concerns. Omar Mirza, MD, Critical Care Medical Director, Covenant HealthCare, Saginaw, MI. <i>For additional information, please contact Laura Walker at lwalker@chs-mi.com</i>

REGULARLY SCHEDULED SERIES (RSS) ACTIVITIES

<u>CMU Surgery</u> Mortality & Morbidity Conference Thursday: 9/3, *9/10, 9/17, and 9/24 MyMichigan Medical Center Saginaw MASUD Lecture Hall & Online 8:00a–9:00a *8:30a–9:30a	<u>Covenant HealthCare</u> Breast Conference Wednesday: 9/2, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30; 7:30a–8:30a Covenant Cancer Care Center, Lower-Level Conference Room & Online Tumor Conference Thursday: 9/3, 9/10, 9/17, and 9/24; 7:30a–8:30a Covenant Cancer Care Center, Spence Maidlow Conference Room & Online
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FEATURED CME ACTIVITIES

Maternal Cardiovascular Emergencies Simulation Training

CMU SIM Lab

Jennifer Caruso, DO & Steve Vance, MD

Thursday, September 3, 2026, and Thursday, September 24, 2026. 8:00am – 3:00pm; In person

See attached flyer to register and for additional information; 5.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™;

Description

This comprehensive simulation-based course addresses a critical need in maternal healthcare by equipping professionals with the knowledge, skills, and teamwork strategies required for effective management of cardiovascular emergencies. With a focused agenda, clear objectives, and robust evaluation plan, this program aims to enhance clinical outcomes and foster a culture of continuous improvement among maternal care teams.

CME ONLINE EDUCATIONAL COURSES

We have a variety of online courses to enhance physicians' lifelong learning available at [CMU CME ONLINE](#) or scan the QR code. The CME Online Educational Courses Catalog can be accessed here: [CME Enduring Material Course Catalog](#)



CME FORMS

CME application forms are continually being updated as ACCME changes and modifies requirements. We suggest that you visit our webpage to obtain the most recent version: [Documents and Forms](#). If you have any questions about our CME application documents or the process to obtain AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™, please contact us at cmedcme@cmich.edu.

CME GENERAL INFORMATION

Credit for Teaching

CMU College of Medicine appreciates ALL that you do in teaching our residents and medical students! To ensure that you adequately obtain your Category 2 Credit for Teaching, visit our website to submit the hours spent teaching. Instructions are available on our website at [Claim Credit and Transcript](#) under **Category 2 Credit Forms**.

CME Credit and Certificate Process To claim *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* go to [Claim Credit and Transcript](#), then click on the “Claim Credit” box or scan this QR code. If you need assistance, please email cmedcme@cmich.edu or call 989-746-7555 or 989-746-7602. **Activities are available for 30 days post-events to claim CME credit.**



CME Comments and Suggestions

We are listening! Your comments and suggestions about CME are always invited (and are very important to us!). They may be submitted at any time on our website [Continuing Medical Education](#) under **Continuing Medical Education Team** [Comments and Suggestions](#).

CME Accreditation and Joint Providership

Covenant HealthCare College of Medicine at Central Michigan University is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME®) for four years as a provider of continuing medical education (CME) for physicians.

The Office of Continuing Medical Education (OCME) offers joint providership accreditation to non-accredited providers for conferences, courses, seminars, regularly scheduled series, and symposiums (virtual and/or in-person) for healthcare professionals.

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Maternal Cardiovascular Emergencies Simulation Training

Improving Recognition, Response, and Outcomes in Obstetric Cardiac Emergencies



Course Objectives:

- Recognize and evaluate early signs of maternal cardiovascular deterioration, including hypertensive disorders and peripartum cardiomyopathy.
- Develop evidence-based management skills through hands-on simulation
- Strengthen teamwork and communication through interdisciplinary simulation and structured debriefing to improve patient safety and outcomes.

Dates of Training:

September 3 – 7:30am–3pm
OR

September 24 – 7:30am–3pm

Who Should Attend:

- Family medicine physicians
- Emergency/Urgent care staff
- Anesthesiologists
- Cardiologists
- Residents
- Nurses
- EMS, etc

5.50 CME Credits Available

Funding generously provided by Region 5 Perinatal Quality Collaborative.



Covenant HealthCare Simulation Center
1632 Stone Street
Saginaw, MI 48602

To register scan QR
code or click link
[HERE](#)



Course Directors



Jennifer Caruso, D.O.

Dr. Caruso is a board-certified Maternal-Fetal Medicine specialist and Director of the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine at Central Michigan University in Saginaw.

Passionate about education, she has served as Associate Program Director for the MSU-affiliated OB/GYN residency at Ascension Providence, held leadership roles with the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists, co-chaired its 90th Annual Conference, and currently serves as a board examiner for the Maternal-Fetal Medicine subspecialty.

Disclosure: The planners and speakers have no relevant financial relationship with ineligible companies to disclose.

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Steve Vance, M.D., M.B.A.

Associate Dean for Clinical Education at Covenant HealthCare College of Medicine at Central Michigan University, where he oversees the third- and fourth-year curriculum, including the innovative longitudinal integrated clerkship program, and played a key role in the College's successful LCME accreditation.

A leader in simulation-based medical education, he founded SYNAPSE—now the Covenant HealthCare Simulation Center — and has secured major grant funding to expand distance learning and mobile simulation training for rural communities.

Nationally recognized for his work in educational technology and simulation, Dr. Vance continues to advance innovative learning opportunities for medical students, residents, and faculty.

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COVENANT HEALTHCARE
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Ventilator Associated Pneumonia and Pulmonary Concerns

Covenant Trauma Education Series

Wednesday September 2, 2026
Virtual via Teams at 0700

EMS CE
Available

Course Description

Rib fractures and chest trauma cause significant pain in trauma patients, often leading to shallow breathing, ineffective coughing and secretion retention increasing the risk of atelectasis, pneumonia, respiratory failure and ventilator associated pneumonia. Early intervention can prevent these complications, decrease hospital stay and improve patient outcomes.

Objectives

- Define ventilator associated pneumonia
- Review the correlation of rib fractures and ventilator associated pneumonia
- Identify markers to diagnosis and manage ventilator associate pneumonia

Target Audience

Clinicians (MD, DO, NP, PA, RN)
Residents and Medical Students
Respiratory Clinicians, Pharmacy and EMS

Activity Director

John Sharpe, MD MS FACS

Speaker Information

Dr Omar Mirza joined Covenant in 2005 and is the current director of critical care. He completed his residency in both critical care and Internal Medicine studying in Pakistan, Toronto Ontario, and the United States. He participates in and leads quality committees in the hospital, a faculty of CMU medicine and is known for his pride in teaching staff, families and patients.



Register <https://tinyurl.com/53rjkbyu>



Questions?

Contact Covenant Trauma Program:
Laura Walker, RN BSN EMT
lwalker@chs-mi.com or 989-583-7451

Disclosure: Speaker and planner have no relevant financial relationships with ineligible companies.

Accreditation: This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of Covenant HealthCare College of Medicine at Central Michigan University and Covenant HealthCare. Covenant HealthCare College of Medicine at Central Michigan University is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

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Successful completion of this CME activity enables the learner to earn credit toward the CME requirement of the American Board of Surgery's Continuous Certification program. It is the CME activity provider's responsibility to submit learner completion information to ACCME for the purpose of granting ABS credit.



Microsoft Teams:

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-teams/?rtc=1join-a-meeting>

Meeting ID 270 633 441 452 753 Pass Code: wr7aK36N



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