

Pediatric Device Showcase

Cardiovascular Focus

Morning Agenda

8:00AM	9:00AM	Showcase Registration	
9:00AM	9:15AM	Opening Remarks	Cory N Criss, MD COO & MPI, Midwest Pediatric Device Consortium (MPDC) Angela Lorts Co-Founder & Co-Director, Advanced Cardiac Therapies Improving Outcomes Network (ACTION)
9:15AM	9:45AM	Keynote: Clinical Trial Infrastructure	Kolaleh Eskandarian Program Director, SPARK for Innovations in Pediatrics Hub
9:45AM	10:15AM	Clinical Frontiers in Pediatric Cardiovascular Trials	Rachel Brucker-Guenther Sr Program Manager, CRM Special Requests, Medtronic Cardiac Rhythm Management Kathryn Olsen VP of Strategic & Product Marketing, Starlight Cardiovascular Shahnawaz Amdani, MD Section Head, Pediatric Heart Function and Transplant, Cleveland Clinic Christopher Breuer, MD Director, Center Regenerative Medicine, Nationwide Children's Hospital Moderator: Animesh (Aashoo) Tandon, MD, MS; FAAP, FACC, FAHA Cleveland Clinic Children's
10:15AM	10:45AM	Startup Pitches Round 1	
10:45AM	11:15AM	Networking Break	
11:15AM	11:45AM	Evidence Generation in Pediatric Innovation	Julia Finkel Founder, AlgometRx Yashi Sharma VP, Global Evidence Strategy & Scientific Affairs, AtriCure Robert Kroschwitz President & CEO, Berlin Heart Inc. David Rosenthal Stanford Medicine Children's Health Moderator: Aaron TenHuisen COO, Project Medtech



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Afternoon Agenda

11:45AM	1:00PM	Lunch	
1:00PM	1:30PM	Beyond Traditional Funding: Donor Access Funds & Creative Capital Pathways	Kirstie Keller, PhD CEO, Additional Ventures Katie Bales CEO & President, EverPulse Emma Off President & CEO, CincyTech Dave Kereiakes Managing Partner, Windham Capital Ventures Moderator: Emma Moran Head of CobiCure MedTech, CobiCure
1:30PM	2:00PM	Startup Pitches Round 2	
2:00PM	2:30PM	Networking Break	
2:30PM	3:00PM	SPS Call to Action & 2027 Showcase Announcement	Cory N Criss, MD COO & MPI, Midwest Pediatric Device Consortium (MPDC)
3:00PM	3:30PM	Awards, Matchmaking Demo, & Closing Remarks	David M. Eckmann, PhD, MD CEO, Midwest Pediatric Device Consortium (MPDC) McKay Noll Managing Director, Midwest Pediatric Device Consortium (MPDC) Cory N Criss, MD COO & MPI, Midwest Pediatric Device Consortium (MPDC)
3:30PM	5:30PM	Happy Hour	



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Featured Speakers

Keynote



Kolaleh Eskandarian

Program Director | SPARK for Innovations in Pediatrics Hub
Senior Research Scientist, MedStar-Georgetown AI CoLab | MedStar Health



Cory N Criss, MD

Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery | Nationwide Children's
Director & Founder | Innovation Center
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Angela Lorts, MD, MBA

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