

VPS 2025

QUALITY SUMMIT & USER CONFERENCE

APRIL 30 ~ MAY 2, 2025 | KANSAS CITY, MO

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Start	Topic	Speaker
8:00 AM	VPS's QI Collaborative: Respiratory	By Invitation Only
10:15 AM	VPS's QI Collaborative: Patient Flow	By Invitation Only
12:30 PM	VPS's QI Collaborative: Nutrition	By Invitation Only
10:00 AM	Pre-Session A: VPS 101 - Nuts & Bolts of VPS Data Collection	
10:00 AM	Pre-Session B: Advanced Data Usage / Query Building: Navigating the VPS Reporting Platform and Leveraging Existing Resources	
1:00 PM	Check-In	
2:00 PM	Welcome	Randall Wetzel and Geoffrey Allen
Wednesday, April 30, 2025	Track 1: Clinical Data Collectors / Support	
	2:15 PM Key Qualities of an Exceptional Site Coordinator	Ashley Sweeney and Kelly Jackson
	Challenges in Clinical Data Collection	Pamela Marshall and Janah Stewart
	VPS University and VPS U Graduate Recognition	Nancy Brundage
	Before you Click "Submit"..... Being VPS Submission Ready	Jill Hall and Janah Stewart
	VPS Beyond Data Collection: Panel	Cheryl Hulbert
	- Ensuring Data Quality	Brittney Critcher
	- Creating a VPS Data Scorecard	Cassandra Bergero
	- Thinking Outside the Box	Jaime LaVelle
	2:15 PM Track 2: Physicians	
	3:30 PM Trivia Time with VPS's Engineering Team / Physicians Return	
	3:40 PM Utilization of VPS Data for Real-Time ICU Operational Decision Making	Tara Benton and Hannah Cunningham
	4:00 PM Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR) Overview	Alex Kaminski, Cheryl Hulbert and Kathryn Menges
	5:00 PM Closing Remarks	Randall Wetzel
	6:30-8:30 PM Networking Reception and Cocktail hosted by Registry Partners	At "The Terrace" at the Sheraton Hotel

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7:00 AM	Continental Breakfast and Networking	
8:00 AM	Welcome	Tom Rice
8:50 AM	VPS Beyond the U.S. - Panel	Moderator: Ramesh Sachdeva
	- VPS in Canada	Daniel Garros
	- VPS in Qatar	Ikram Ul-Haque
	- VPS in Saudi Arabia	Tareq AlAayed
	Keynote Speaker: Moving Beyond The Dashboard: Engaging Interdisciplinary Improvement in the PICU	Daniel Kelly
9:55 AM	Morning Break	
10:15 AM	Quality Improvement with Registry Data - Panel	Ramesh Sachdeva
	- Integrating Registries & EMR Systems	Dana Favatella
	- Advancing Healthcare via a Clinical Registry Program at Stanford: Building a Learning System	Cassandra Bergero
	- Real-Time Quality Dashboards to Drive Quality Improvement	Michael Wilhelm
	- Identifying Patient Risk Factors for Prolonged PICU Stay Following Posterior Spinal Fusion	Cara Holton
11:25 AM	State of VPS: A Candid Look at Where We Are and Where We're Going	Randall Wetzel
11:50 AM	Lunch and Roundtable Discussions	
	- Roundtable 1: Challenges of Flying Solo as a Site Coordinator	<i>for Site Coordinators</i>
	- Roundtable 2: Quality Checks in VPS Data	<i>for Site Coordinators</i>
	- Roundtable 3: What is VPS University?	<i>for Site Coordinators</i>
	- Roundtable 4: QI Discussion with Dr. Kelly	<i>for All</i>
	- Roundtable 5: Improving Data Collection Efficiency	<i>for Site Coordinators</i>
	- Roundtable 6: Getting C-Suite Support for VPS and Providing ROI to the Hospital C-Suite	<i>for All</i>
	- Roundtable 7: Role of Clinical Champions in VPS - Engaging Others	<i>for VPS Physician Leaders</i>
	- Roundtable 8: Tips From Seasoned Site Coordinators	<i>for Site Coordinators</i>
1:00 PM	Updates on VPS's QI Collaboratives	Cheryl Hulbert
	- VPS's QI Collaborative: Respiratory	Tom Rice and I. Federico Fernandez Nieves
	- VPS's QI Collaborative: Patient Flow	Ramesh Sachdeva and Michael Wilhelm
	- VPS's QI Collaborative: Nutrition	Theresa Mikhailov and Melissa Mahabee
	Looking Ahead: 2026 VPS Collaborative Work	Ramesh Sachdeva and Tom Rice
1:55 PM	QI and Clinical Practice	Nancy Brundage
	- Trending Data Over Time Using Statistical Process Control	Cassandra Bergero
	- Respiratory Therapist and RN Driven Extubation	Ehren Goren
	- Decreasing Unscheduled Post-Op Admissions	Michael McCrory and Janah Stewart
	- Leveraging Data To Develop a Pediatric Neurocritical Care Model From Acute Care & Beyond	Dana Favatella
2:45 PM	Breakout #1	
	1. Complex Medical Conditions in the PICU	Apton Lane
	2. VPS and FHIR	Alex Kaminski and Manoj Naik
	3. Change Management	Pamela Petersen and Tom Rice
	4. Research with VPS Data	Howard Jeffries and Nancy Brundage
	5. VPS Coffee Talk Live! (Clinical Data Collector focused)	Jill Hall and Cheryl Hulbert
	6. Tips and Tricks for Using the VPS Application (Clinical Data Collector focused)	Jeff Valdez and Eddie Lee
	7. Registry Partners Information	Pamela Marshall and Kevin Osborne
3:20 PM	Afternoon Break	
3:50 PM	Breakout #2	
	1. QI with VPS	Tom Rice and Cheryl Hulbert
	2. Challenges with AI	Ramesh Sachdeva
	3. Neuro Critical Care and VPS	Binod Balakrishnan, Jose Pineda and Pamela Petersen
	4. Nutrition in VPS	Theresa Mikhailov
	5. Heatmap and SOI scores made easy	Gerardo Soto Campos and Jamie Palumbo
	6. VPS 911 (Clinical Data Collector focused)	Jill Hall and Kelly Jackson
	7. Social Determinants of Health in the PICU	Kayla Phelps
	8. Poster Judges	Howard Jeffries
4:30 PM	Poster Presentations and Wine & Cheese Reception	Children's Mercy Research Center Lobby
7:00 PM	VPS's PICU Advisory Group ("PAG") Dinner	By Invitation Only

Thursday, May 1, 2025

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7:00 AM	Continental Breakfast and Networking	
8:00 AM	Welcome	Randall Wetzel
	Keynote Speaker: Geospatial Science	Jon Tan
9:05 AM	Reports from VPS's Taskforce Groups	Moderator Tom Rice
	- Complex Medical Conditions	Brittany Fitts
	- Social Determinants of Health	Christopher Page-Goertz
	- Altered Code Status	Maria Galletto
	- VPS's Star Rankings	Leslie Hayes
	- VPS Reporting	Brian Boville
10:00 AM	Morning Break	
10:20 AM	Research Panel	Howard Jeffries
	- PHIS and VPS	Matt Hall
	- VPS's QI Collaborative Nutrition Abstract	Lece Webb
	- Strain in the PICU and its Association with Patient Outcomes	Jaime LaVelle
11:30 AM	VPS Research and QI Awards	Howard Jeffries, Nancy Brundage and Cheryl Hulbert
11:40 AM	Lunch and Roundtable Discussions	
	- Roundtable 1: New Site Coordinators/Data Collectors	<i>Clinical Data Collector focused</i>
	- Roundtable 2: VPS & PHIS	<i>For all</i>
	- Roundtable 3: Ideas for VPS Application Updates	<i>Clinical Data Collector focused</i>
	- Roundtable 4: All things Statistical	<i>For all</i>
	- Roundtable 5: Talk with VPS Leadership	<i>For all</i>
	- Roundtable 6: VPS Research	<i>For all</i>
	- Roundtable 7: Getting my Data into hands of the stakeholders	<i>Clinical Data Collector focused</i>
	- Roundtable 8: Sharing ideas with VPS Clinical Team	<i>For all</i>
	- Roundtable 9: QI with VPS Data	<i>For all</i>
	- Roundtable 10: Geospatial Concepts in PICU	<i>For all</i>
1:00 PM	Statistical Update	Gerardo Soto-Campos, Jamie Palumbo
1:25 PM	Looking Forward to Application Advances	Alex Kaminski and Ashley Sweeney
2:00 PM	Adjourn	

Friday, May 2, 2025

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