

Advocate Health Critical Care Symposium 2026

November 6-7, 2026

AGENDA

November 6, 2026

State of Science & Shock and Respiratory Care - Recognition, Stabilization, and Escalation in Critical Illness

8:00 – 8:25 am	Registration, Breakfast & Open Exhibits
8:25 – 8:30 am	Keynote Speaker Introduction
8:30 – 9:15 am	Keynote Presentation: RAAS Dysfunction in Septic Shock - A Precision Medicine Approach <i>Ashish Khanna, MD, MS, FCCM, FASA</i>
9:15 – 10:00	Shock at the Bedside <i>Gage Stuntz, MD</i>
10:00 – 10:15 am	Break & Exhibits
10:15 – 11:00 am	The State of ARDS and Respiratory Failure in 2026 <i>Kevin Gibbs, MD</i>
11:00 – 11:45 am	Current Updates in Mechanical Circulatory Support and ECMO <i>Joe Mishkin, MD, FACC</i>
11:45 – 12:30 pm	ICP Emergencies - Christa Swisher, MD, FNCS, FACNS
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Lunch & Exhibits
1:30 – 2:30 pm	Breakout Sessions – Decompensations Advanced Ventilator Troubleshooting Lead Panelist: <i>Bowa Lee, MD</i> Panel: <i>Greg Marler, PhD, DNP, ACNP-BC, FCCP, Rosy Mata, RCP, RRT, BSRT</i> Safe Mobility in the Critically Ill Patient Lead Panelists: <i>Emma McCarthy, BA, MS, OTR/L, CSRS, Karah Sizemore, PT, DPT</i> Panel: <i>Andrew Blocker, MSN, APRN, AGACNP-BC, FNP-BC, Christine Cullen, RN, Alicia Short, BSRT RRT RCP</i> Neurologic Decompensations Lead Panelist: <i>Christa Swisher MD, FNCS, FACNS</i> Panel: <i>Brenna Buckley PT, DPT, Alex Dellabella, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP, Heidi Kreis, OTR/L, Amelia Moffatt, BSN, RN, SCRNP, CCRN</i>
2:30 – 2:45 pm	Change Breakout Rooms

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2:45 – 3:45 pm	Breakout Sessions – Adjuncts · Bedside Tools for Hemodynamic Assessment – This is How I Do It Lead Panelist: <i>Gage Stuntz, MD</i> Panel: <i>Vladyslav Dieiev, MD, MSc, Andrew Petrilli, MD, MA Ed., Matt Yoder, PA-C, FAPACVS</i> · Tracheostomy- Decision Making, Complications, and Beyond Lead Panelist: <i>John Green, MD, FACS</i> Panel: <i>Tiffani Carrington, RCP, ACCS-RCP, BSRT, Jeannine Mortenson, MA, CCC-SLP, Meghan Smart, MSOT, OTR/L</i> · Pharmacotherapy and Pharmacology in ARDS and ECMO <i>Sonia Everhart, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP, FCCM, Stormi Gale, PharmD, BCPS, BCCP, FHSA</i>
3:45 – 4:00 pm	Return to Auditorium
4:00 – 4:30 pm	ICU Survivor Stories and Clinician Reflections *Not Accredited*
4:30 – 5:30 pm	ICU Survivors Reception *Not Accredited*

November 7, 2026

Implementation, ICU Liberation, and Advanced Therapies: Delivering Reliable, Team-Based, Patient-Centered ICU Care

8:00 – 8:25 am	<i>Registration, Breakfast, and Open Exhibits</i>
8:25 – 8:30 am	Keynote Speaker Introduction
8:30 – 9:30 am	ICU Liberation <i>Kali Dayton, DNP, AGACNP</i>
9:30 – 10:30 am	Panel: Preventing ICU-Acquired Weakness Lead Panelist: <i>Sydney Hammond, PT, DPT, NCS, CSRS, Katherine Stacks, OT, CSRS</i> Panel: <i>Jennifer Krall, MD, Kayla McFarland PharmD, BCCCP</i>
10:30 – 10:45 am	Break & Exhibits
10:45 am – 12:15 pm	Panel: Interdisciplinary Rounds: Communication, Escalation, and Team-Based Care Lead Panelist: <i>Susan Evans, MD, MBA, FACS, FCCM, FACHE</i> Panel: <i>Andy Lapenas, PA-C, Nicole Miller, BSRT, RRT, RCP, Kaitlyn Rickher, PT, DPT, NCS, Lacey Spangler, MSN, APRN, ACCNS-AG, CCRN, Morgan Tobin, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP</i>
12:15 – 1:15 pm	Lunch & Exhibits
1:15 – 2:15 pm	Panel – Transitions in Care: Considerations and Best Practice Lead Panelist: <i>Justin Swartz, MD</i> Panel: <i>Kayla Fuller, MSN, APRN, ACCNS-AG, CCRN, Desiree Kosmisky, PharmD, BCCCP, FCCM, Heidi McNeill, AGACNP-BC, DNP, Hayley Rhyne, PT, DPT, Katherine Stacks, OT, CSRS, Nehal Thakker, MD, FCCP, Antoine Williams, BSRT, RRT</i>

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Closing Remarks