

# APRN/PA Pharmacology Summer Conference **2026**

Monday, June 22 | 8 a.m.–4:15 p.m

Hybrid event (in-person and online)



## LOCATION

Cleveland Clinic Administrative Campus  
Building 4  
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## OVERVIEW

Join us for the **APRN/PA Pharmacology Summer Conference!** **In-person attendance is preferred for local attendees to facilitate networking with colleagues and engagement with industry sponsors.**

The conference will close the gap in pharmacological care for advanced practice providers managing diseases and symptoms in a constantly changing healthcare environment.

## TARGET AUDIENCE

The educational activity is intended for APRNs and PAs.

## OBJECTIVES

- Recognize medications and substances that can potentially lower the seizure threshold.
- Understand common drug–drug interactions involving anti-seizure medications.
- Review commonly asked questions when taking care of patients with epilepsy.
- Review mechanism of action of factor XI inhibitors.
- Describe the potential role of asudexian to reduce the risk of stroke recurrence.
- Explain the historical use of pregnancy risk categories and why they were replaced.
- Describe how and when medications may cause fetal or neonatal effects.
- Recognize pharmacokinetic factors that influence the transfer of medications across the placenta and into breast milk.
- Discuss trusted resources available to evaluate the safety and efficacy of medications in pregnancy and lactation.
- Identify basic components of the human immune system that play an important role in how clinicians use immunosuppressive therapy to promote graft tolerance.
- Understand the six major categories of transplant pharmacology to include the use, side effects and potential adverse effects of each medication.
- Recognize additional medications that may be needed for special populations.
- Apply the pharmacologic mechanisms of the four pillars of guideline-directed medical therapy (GDMT) to optimize initiation and titration in heart failure.
- Evaluate clinical trial evidence supporting the four GDMT pillars to guide shared decision-making and improve cardiovascular outcomes in heart failure.
- Understand the etiology and common causes of hypothyroidism and its treatment options.

## AGENDA

- 8 a.m. Registration
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome and opening remarks
- 8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Essential Pharmacology for Epilepsy Care: Recognizing Risks and Navigating Common Medication Questions  
*Marina Feldman*
- 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Anticoagulants: What's New?  
*Mike Militello*
- 10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Break and vendor exhibits
- 10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Pharmacological Considerations in Obstetric and Breastfeeding Patients  
*Morgan King*
- 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Defending the Graft: Immunology and Pharmacology in Transplant Care  
*Loni Adams*
- 12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Lunch and vendor exhibits
- 1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Four Pillars and Beyond: Mastering Modern Heart Failure Pharmacology  
*Keith Anderson*
- 2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. Hyperthyroidism and Hypothyroidism: Pharmacologic Management  
*Zita Jasper*
- 3:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Closing Remarks and Q&A



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## GENERAL/REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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For further information about this activity, contact  
[APPEducationCouncil@ccf.org](mailto:APPEducationCouncil@ccf.org).

Register online at [clevelandclinic.org/apppharmacology](https://clevelandclinic.org/apppharmacology)

Registrations are accepted online until 9 a.m. EST, Wednesday, June 17. No in-person registrations. No late registrations. A full refund will be issued for cancellations made by June 17. NO CANCELLATIONS OR REFUNDS AFTER June 17.

## FEES

**Cleveland Clinic employee: \$100**

**Non-Cleveland Clinic employee: \$125**

*Breakfast and lunch are included with in-person attendance.*



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