



Supporting the Whole Child

Session 6

Navigating Pediatric Medical Complexity in School-Based Settings

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About This Session

This session explores pediatric medical complexity across healthcare, school, and home settings. Participants will define Children with Medical Complexity (CMC), characterize key stakeholders involved in CMC care, discuss care plans, and identify available resources to support these students. A school nurse perspective will highlight day-to-day management of complex conditions, medication administration, emergency care planning, and communication between teams. Through a case-based discussion, participants will explore care coordination strategies to support student safety and promote continued participation in school despite ongoing medical needs.

By the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Identify the multidisciplinary team involved in the care of children with medical complexity (CMC).
2. Become familiar with the clinical and administrative resources available to support CMC.
3. Describe what pediatric medical complexity looks like in school-based settings, including day-to-day management, medication administration, and emergency care planning.
4. Explain the importance of communication and coordination between schools, families, and healthcare providers to support students with medical complexity and maintain school participation.



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