

5th Annual OT in Acute Care Symposium (5 PDU's)

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OTAC 2026
5TH Annual
ACUTE CARE
SYMPOSIUM
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DATE, TIME, AND
LOCATION

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Saturday

April 11, 2026
9:00AM to 3:00PM



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April 1, 2026 through
April 9, 2026

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April 9, 2026

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Schedule

- 9:00am-9:15am Welcome and Introductions**
- 9:15am-10:15am Considerations in ECMO: Safety and Interdisciplinary Approaches**
Jen-Ting (Tina) Chen, MD, MS
- 10:15am-11:15am OT Lens Through the A-F Bundle**
Andreana K. Karavias, MS, OTR/L
- 11:15am-11:30am Break**
- 11:30am-12:30pm Addressing Sexuality in the Acute Care Setting**
Lynn Kim, OTD, OTR/L
- 12:30pm-1:30pm Navigating Patients with Dementia in the Acute Care Setting**
Alisa Kim, OTD, OTR/L
- 1:30pm-1:45pm Break**
- 1:45pm-2:45pm Upper-Extremity Protection and Early Activation After Acute Stroke: Practical Strategies for Occupational Therapy Practitioners**
*Abigail Haury, MSOT, OTR/L,
Danny Pavlovich, OTD, OTR/L*
- 2:45pm-3:00pm Q&A; Wrap-Up**

REGISTRATION FEES

	MEMBERS	NONMEMBERS	MEMBER STUDENTS	NONMEMBER STUDENTS
EARLY BIRD*	☐\$89	☐\$119	☐\$59	☐\$79
ADVANCE**	☐\$109	☐\$139	☐\$79	☐\$99

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9:00am – 9:15am – **Welcome and Introductions**

9:15am – 10:15am

Considerations in ECMO: Safety and Interdisciplinary Approaches

Jen-Ting (Tina) Chen, MD, MS

This presentation will discuss the integration of safety considerations and clinical reasoning for occupational therapy in ECMO (extracorporeal membrane oxygenation) patients, highlighting the interdisciplinary approach to achieving successful liberation from ECMO.

10:15am – 11:15am

OT Lens Through the A-F Bundle

Andreana K. Karavias, MS, OTR/L

This presentation will explore the role of occupational therapy (OT) within the AF-bundle (ICU Liberation Bundle – ABCDEF), with a focus on functional outcomes in critical care. Case studies will be reviewed to help participants better understand OT's role in practice and to promote functional recovery.

11:15am – 11:30am – **Break**

11:30am – 12:30pm

Addressing Sexuality in the Acute Care Setting

Lynn Kim, OTD, OTR/L

This presentation will review common impairments affecting sexual function and body image for various diagnoses and review how to address these issues in the acute care clinician's treatment plan.

12:30pm – 1:30pm

Navigating Patients with Dementia in the Acute Care Setting

Alisa Kim, OTD, OTR/L

This presentation will explore strategies to manage patients with dementia in acute care settings. Topics include communication techniques, agitation management, interdisciplinary and caregiver collaboration, environmental modifications, and occupational engagement with an emphasis on promoting dignity, optimizing patient participation, and supporting safe and successful discharge planning.

1:30pm – 1:45pm – **Break**

1:45pm – 2:45pm

Upper-Extremity Protection and Early Activation After Acute Stroke: Practical Strategies for Occupational Therapy Practitioners

Abigail Haury, MSOT, OTR/L;

Danny Pavlovich, OTD, OTR/L

This presentation will provide a practical, evidence-informed overview of occupational therapy's role in acute stroke care. Topics will include evaluation and screening priorities, upper-extremity protection and positioning, early activation strategies, visual-perceptual considerations, and trauma-informed interdisciplinary collaboration. Case studies will bring content to life and support clinical reasoning from ICU (intensive care unit) to acute care discharge. The main objective is for participants to leave with tools that are easy to implement in their workplaces to support occupational performance and recovery following stroke.

2:45pm – 3:00pm -- **Q&A; Wrap-Up**

OT in Acute Care Symposium Committee

Amicia (Amy) Godwin, OTR/L, BCPR, CAPS

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Kimberly Lenington, OTD, OTR/L

Danny Pavlovich, OTD, OTR/L

Rachelle Yamboa, MS, OTR/L

About Our Presenters



Jen-Ting (Tina) Chen, MD, MS, is an associate clinical professor of medicine in the Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care, Allergy & Sleep Medicine at UCSF. She is a board-certified intensivist with expertise in ICU operations, quality improvement, and clinician education. Chen completed her internal

medicine residency at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and her pulmonary and critical care fellowship at Columbia University Medical Center, where she also earned a master's in clinical research. She has held multiple leadership roles, including medical ICU (intensive care unit) director, director of quality improvement, and director of a gold-level ELSO (extracorporeal life support organization) respiratory ECMO (extracorporeal membrane oxygenation) program. At UCSF, she serves as co-lead of the ICU Liberation Task Force, director of critical care medicine grand rounds (CME-accredited), and co-medical director of the Stanyan ICU. Her work spans ICU workflow redesign, sedation and liberation practices, point-of-care ultrasound education, and sustainability initiatives in critical care. She is actively engaged in national professional societies, currently serving as chair-elect of the American Thoracic Society (ATS) Critical Care Assembly Programming Committee and chair-elect of the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) Internal Medicine Section.



Abigail Haury, MSOT, OTR/L, is an acute care occupational therapy practitioner at Kaweah Health in Visalia, California. She earned a Master of Science in Occupational Therapy from California State University, Dominguez

Hills. Haury practices exclusively in the acute care setting, where she works with a diverse patient population. Her primary clinical interests include neurological conditions and orthopedic surgeries,

while also providing care across a broad range of medical diagnoses. Haury is passionate about helping patients regain functional independence, navigate complex hospital stays, and transition safely to the next level of care, collaborating closely with interdisciplinary teams to promote meaningful participation in daily life.



Andreana K. Karavias, MS, OTR/L, graduated from Western Michigan University and has 14 years of experience in acute care, including med-surg, neuro, and cardiac ICUs. She has also worked as a travel therapist and brings additional expertise in custom seating and

mobility, as well as teaching and volunteer roles. Originally from Detroit, Karavias now resides in the San Francisco Bay Area (California).



Alisa Kim, OTD, OTR/L, is an occupational therapy practitioner specializing in acute care. She focuses on functional preservation, patient safety, and person-centered care for patients with dementia, helping optimize outcomes in complex hospital environments.



Lynn Kim, OTD, OTR/L, is the occupational therapy manager at City of Hope National Medical Center located in Duarte, California. Her primary area of practice is cancer rehabilitation, and her current practice focuses on sexuality, lifestyle

management, and survivorship in the outpatient setting. Kim has presented at the local, national, and international levels on various oncology topics and will be presenting at the upcoming AOTA Aspire conference in Anaheim, California.



Danny Pavlovich, OTD, OTR/L, is an inpatient rehabilitation occupational therapy practitioner at Kaweah Health Rehabilitation Hospital in Visalia, California, and serves as adjunct faculty for the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program at Clovis

Community College. He earned his Doctor of Occupational Therapy from Pacific University in Oregon and has worked across acute care, home health, and mental health practice settings. Pavlovich specializes in the care of individuals who have experienced stroke and brain injury and is particularly interested in the cognitive and psychosocial elements of care and complex discharge planning across the continuum of care. He teaches a stroke education class for patients and families and co-leads a brain injury support group at Kaweah Health, supporting long-term recovery and community reintegration. He is passionate about advancing acute care occupational therapy practice and enjoys working with medically complex patients and interdisciplinary teams to support meaningful participation in daily life.

About This Symposium

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