

# AMRPA 2026 Educational Conference & Expo | Sunday, September 27, 2026 – Wednesday, September 30, 2026

## Preliminary Schedule (subject to change)

### Sunday, September 27, 2026

9:00 AM	<b>Registration Opens</b>
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	<b>IRF Boot Camp</b>
11:00 AM - 4:30 PM	<b>eRehabData Expert Analytics and Operations Symposium</b>
12:30 - 1:00 PM	<b>Networking Lunch for IRF Boot Camp/ eRhabData Symposium</b>
2:30 - 2:45 PM	<b>Afternoon Networking Break for IRF Boot Camp/ eRehabData Symposium</b>
12:30 - 12:45 PM	Transportation from Marriott Downtown Austin to Dell Children's Medical Center
1:00 - 4:15 PM	<b>Pediatric Rehabilitation Workshop at Dell Children's Medical Center</b>
4:15 - 6:00 PM	<b>Pediatric Rehabilitation Workshop Dell Tour and Reception</b>
4:30 - 5:30 PM	<b>Pre-Conference Reception (On-site for IRF Boot Camp and eRehabData Symposium)</b>
6:00 - 6:45 PM	Transportation from Dell Children's Medical Center to Marriott Downtown Austin
7:00 – 9:00 PM	Board of Directors Dinner

### Monday, September 28, 2026

7:00 AM	<b>Registration Opens</b>
7:30 – 8:00 AM	<b>AMRPA Board of Directors Breakfast</b>

8:00 - 11:00 AM	<b>AMRPA Board of Directors Meeting</b>							
10:00 AM	<b>Exhibit Hall Opens</b>							
11:00 – 11:45 AM	<b>Networking Lunch</b>							
11:00 – 11:45 AM	<b>Fund for Access to Inpatient Rehabilitation (FAIR Fund) Membership Meeting</b>							
12:00 - 12:45 PM	<b>Conference Welcome and Medical Rehabilitation Patient Perspective Presented by TIRR Memorial Hermann and CARF International</b> Intro: Rhonda Abbott, Senior Vice President and CEO of TIRR Memorial Hermann; Chair, AMRPA Board of Directors Moderator: Terrence Carolan, MSPT, MBA, Managing Director of Medical Rehabilitation and Aging Services, CARF International							
12:45– 1:30 PM	<b>Transitioning to 2027 – The Health Care Landscape and Possible Impact of Midterm Elections: A Fireside Chat with Former HHS Secretary Dr. Donna Shalala</b>							
1:30 – 2:15 PM	<b>Rehabilitation 2.0: Transformational Care with Artificial Intelligence</b> Jason Peoples, Director of Technology & Innovation, Mary Free Bed							
2:15 - 3:00 PM	<b>Review Choice Demonstration Contractor Perspective Panel</b> Marc Duerden MD, Medical Director, Jurisdiction E, Noridian Healthcare Solutions, LLC <i>Pending confirmation from Palmetto and Novitas Directors</i>							
3:00 – 3:15 PM	<b>Networking Break with Exhibitors sponsored by Ernest Health</b>							
Concurrent Tracks	Track One Room TBD	Track Two Room TBD	Track Three Room TBD	Track Four Room TBD	Track Five Room TBD	Track Six Room TBD	Track Seven Room TBD	Track Eight Room TBD
3:20 – 4:05 PM	<b>Supporting the Next Step: Creating a Community Resource Framework for IRU Patients</b>	<b>Demonstrating the Value of Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities: Early Insights from a Scoping Review and Gap Analysis</b>	<b>Continuing the Collaborative Effort: Progressing Partnership Between Therapy and Nursing Disciplines to Achieve Ongoing Nursing Mobility Competency</b>	<b>Optimizing Upper Limb Amputee Rehabilitation: A Longitudinal, Interdisciplinary Occupational Therapy Model Across the Continuum of Care</b>	<b>Bridging the Gap: A Structured Approach to Mentorship and Clinical Support for SLPs in Complex IRF Practice</b>	<b>From Clinician to Business Leader: Financial Literacy Every Inpatient Rehabilitation Program Director Needs</b>	<b>Navigating Federal Appropriations and Earmarks: What to Submit, How to Submit, and Why It Matters</b>	<b>Circuits to Continence: A Team Based Approach to Neurogenic Bowel and Bladder in Pediatric and Adolescent Spinal Cord Injury</b>
	Arian Khoshgowari, DO, Meilani Mapa, MD, CMQ, and George Beshara, MD; Broward Health North	Emily Rosario, PhD, Casa Colina Hospital & Centers for Healthcare; Troy Hillman, AMRPA	Kaitlyn Resutek, DPT, CSRS, MRMC and Catherine Thresher, DNP, RN, MEDSURG-BC, PCCN, CRRN, NPD-BC, CBIS, Hartford Healthcare	Laura Gosselin, OT, OTR, Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital	Kate Armstrong, CCC-SLP and Mary Van Essen, MA, CCC-SLP, Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital	Scott Butcher, MBA, Hospital Corporation of America (HCA); Ron Loweke, MHA, CSSGB, CPHQ, HCA Healthcare	Laura Friedel, MA, Alston & Bird LLP	Alissa Atisme, OTR/L, TIRR Memorial Hermann; Stacey Hall, DO, UTHealth/TIRR; Rachel Leppo, PhD, TIRR; Deanna, Bennett, BSN, RN, CRRN, TIRR Memorial Hermann

4:15– 5:00 PM	<b>Leading with Purpose: Structured Leader Rounding to Elevate Patient Experience, Satisfaction, and Employee Engagement</b>	<b>Bridging the Gap: Implementing an Acute Rehabilitation Unit Within a Co-Located LTACH to Address Rising Acuity and Post-Acute Access Barriers</b>	<b>Discharge is Never the End Point: Reimagining Rehabilitation Beyond the Hospital</b>	<b>Strategic Team Approaches to Bladder Management</b>	<b>Confidence Under Construction: Building Rehab Skills through Structured Simulation</b>	<b>Cost Measurement in Inpatient Rehabilitation: Patient Level Cost Modeling for Evaluating Clinical Quality Initiatives</b>	<b>OIG Report Take-Aways and IRF Strategy on Medicare Audits and Appeals</b>	<b>“Rehab Olympics” - A Tool to Improve Interdisciplinary Collaboration, Education, and Hands-on skills on an IRU with Friendly Competition</b>
	Kara Williams, BSNrn, CRRN and Joseph Piselli, OTRL, Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation at Covenant Healthcare	Joanne Fucile, RN,DNP,CRRN,NEA-BC,FAONL and Adrienne Aucoin, RN, DNP, MBA, Spaulding Rehabilitation	Christine Adair, MOT, MBA, FACHE, TIRR Memorial Hermann; Catherine Murray, OTR, MOT, MBA, LSSWB, TIRR Memorial Hermann; Rhonda Abbott, PT, FTPTA, FACHE, TIRR Memorial Hermann	Lisa Schmelz, OTR/L, Hospital Corporation of America (HCA); Alberto Lin, MD, Medical City Healthcare-Dallas/HCA; Medical City Healthcare-Frisco/HCA	Stephanie Scheppmann, MSOT	Jason Seltzer, DPT, Sheltering Arms Institute	Peter Thomas and Ron Connelly, JD, BA; AMRPA Counsel, Powers Pyles Sutter & Verville	Regina Sorkin, BSN, RN, Ascension; Catherine Harrison, PT, DPT, UT Health Austin Pediatric Neuroscience at Dell Children's; Glendaliz Bosques, MD DAAP FAAPMR, UT Health Austin Pediatric Neuroscience at Dell Children's
5:10 – 5:55 PM	<b>Inpatient Rehabilitation Trends</b>	<b>Building a Case for Rehab: A Practical Toolkit for Strengthening IRF Referrals and Documentation</b>	<b>Inpatient Rehabilitation and Major Adverse Cardiovascular Events After Acute Ischemic Stroke: A Multi-State Population-Based Analysis</b>	<b>Bridging the Gap: Function-Focused Transitional Care for Neurological Rehabilitation</b>	<b>Less is More: A Targeted Approach to Interdisciplinary Concussion Care</b>	<b>From Clinician to Leader: Building the Rehabilitation Leadership Pipeline to Strengthen Therapy Workforce Retention</b>	<b>Criteria-Forward Consults, Fewer Denials: An Operational Evaluation of Standardized PM&amp;R Documentation for IRF Prior Authorization</b>	<b>Flexible roles to meet goals: transdisciplinary therapeutic care for pediatric spinal cord injury in the inpatient rehabilitation setting</b>
	Sam Fleming, Fleming AOD	Cheryl Scott, PT, DPT, NCS, CBIST and Pamela Moeckel, MSR, CCC-SLP, Senior Market Director of Business Development, Select Medical	Abdulaziz Bako, MPH, PhD, MD, Southeast Rehab Unit; Farhaan Vahidy, MBBS, MPH, PhD, FAHA and Elizabeth Larkin, PT, DPT, PhD (c), TIRR Memorial Hermann	Mooyeon Oh-Park, MD; Erika Trovato, DO; and Sujin Lee, MD, Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital-Arizona	Kyle Binkley, DPT, GCS, NCS and Chris Young, PhD, ABPP-CN, Siskin Hospital for Physical Rehabilitation	Leslie Johnson, CSSBB, DPT, MHA, Mary Free Bed at Vandalia	Joshua Startup, MD and Tiffany Wood, DO, University of Michigan	Emily Klein, PT, DPT, TIRR Memorial Hermann; Alissa Atisme, OTR/L, TIRR Memorial Hermann; Kanyinsola Banigo, M.S., CCC-SLP, TIRR Memorial Hermann
6:00 – 7:00 PM	Networking Reception with Exhibitors							

8:00 AM	Registration & Exhibit Hall Opens
8:00 – 8:50 AM	<p><b>Networking Breakfast &amp; Educational Roundtables</b></p> <p><b>Artificial Intelligence in Rehabilitation</b> Jason Peoples, Director of Technology &amp; Innovation, Mary Free Bed</p> <p><b>Building a Strong Interdisciplinary Team</b> Chloe Slocum, Director of Health Policy / Associate Chair for Quality, Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital</p> <p><b>Business Development</b> Janet Herbold, SVP of Post Acute Operations, Burke Rehabilitation Hospital Joyal Pavey, VP of Mary Free Bed Advisory Group &amp; John F. Butzer Center for Research &amp; Innovation, Mary Free Bed Grand Rapids</p> <p><b>Certifications</b> Natasha Woolery, Director of Business Development, Post Acute Services, HCA Healthcare Julia To Dutka, Chief, Global Health Workforce Development Institute, TruMerit</p> <p><b>Employee Engagement, Recruitment &amp; Retention</b> Johnny Harrison, Regional Vice President, HCA</p> <p><b>Legislative &amp; Regulatory</b> Robert G. Larrison Jr., President, Atrium Health (Carolinas Rehabilitation), Kate Beller, President, AMRPA</p> <p><b>Nursing</b> Julie Hensler-Cullen, Director of Quality &amp; Education, MossRehab</p> <p><b>Pediatric Rehabilitation</b> Cindi Hobbes, PT, MSPT, International Pediatric Rehabilitation Collaborative (IPRC) Jackie Bultman, Director of Inpatient Rehab, Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation</p> <p><b>Prior Authorization</b> Emily Green Conrad, Director of Government Relations and Regulatory Policy, AMRPA Tracey Nixon, Compliance Officer, Nobis Rehab Partners</p> <p><b>Quality</b> Karl Sandin, Assistant Professor of Surgery, Creighton University School of Medicine</p> <p><b>Rehabilitation Physicians</b> Sandeep Singh, CMO SVP of Medical Affairs, Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital Malav Shah, Faculty Physician, Burke Rehabilitation Hospital</p> <p><b>Review Choice Demonstration</b> Nate Miller, SVP of Operations, ClearSky Health</p> <p><b>Transitions to IRF from Acute Care</b> Alberto Esquenazi, Chief Clinical Officer, MossRehab Jeff Munford, Vice President of Referral Development, Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation</p> <p><b>Unit Managers</b> Michelle Marshina, Program Director, MossRehab</p>
9:00 – 9:30 AM	<p><b>State of the Association &amp; AMRPA National Leadership Excellence Award</b> Rhonda Abbott, Senior Vice President and CEO of TIRR Memorial Hermann; Chair, AMRPA Board of Directors</p>
9:30 – 9:45 AM	<p><b>AMRPA Edward A. Eckenhoff Memorial Award</b></p>

9:45 – 10:30 AM	<b>AMRPA Legislative &amp; Regulatory Updates</b> Kate Beller, JD, President, AMRPA Troy Hillman, Director of Quality and Health Policy, AMRPA Emily Green Conrad, Director of Government Relations and Regulatory Policy, AMRPA							
10:30 – 11:00 AM	<b>Networking Break with Exhibitors sponsored by Casa Colina Hospital &amp; Centers for Healthcare</b>							
11:00 – 11:45 AM	<b>Stroke Rehabilitation Panel</b> Lauren Shapiro, MD, MPH, Medical Director, Stroke Rehabilitation Program, Brooks Rehabilitation Joel Stein, MD, Simon Baruch Professor and Chair, Department of Rehabilitation and Regenerative Medicine, Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons; Professor and Chair, Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, Weill Cornell Medicine; Psychiatrist-in-Chief, NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital							
12:00 – 1:00 PM	<b>Networking Lunch sponsored by Neuro Rehab VR</b>							
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1:15 – 2:00 PM	<b>Ambiguous Loss in Brain Injury-The Impact of Unresolved Grief During Rehabilitation</b>	<b>Breaking the Bottleneck: A Cross-Continuum Model to Unlock Stroke Rehabilitation Throughput and Capacity</b>	<b>Turning Questions into Change: A Hands-On Approach to Evidence-Based Practice</b>	<b>Early Orthotic Intervention in Inpatient Rehabilitation: A Team-Based Model to Accelerate Functional Recovery</b>	<b>Utilizing Telehealth Technology to Drive TEAM Model Hospital Outcomes</b>	<b>If Taylor Swift Ran a Rehab Hospital: Leadership Lessons from a Superstar</b>	<b>IRF Quality Reporting Program (QRP) and Policy Update</b>	<b>Comparative Analysis of Therapy Dosage in Pediatric Inpatient Rehabilitation: Impact of Cancer Diagnosis on PT, OT, and SLP Interventions</b>
	Anna Teodorczyk, Licensed Social Worker, Rehab Care Coordinator Supervisor and Arielle Fallon, MS, OTR, CBIS, Hackensack Meridian Health JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute	Teresa Hayes, MSW, Poonam Saraf, DPT, NCS, and Amy Richards, MS, CCC-SLP, Spaulding Rehabilitation Network Hospitals	Jamie D'Ausilio, DNP, RN and Lisa Vlamakis, RN, CRRN, Intermountain Medical Center	Lyndzie Motcheck, MS, Mary Free Bed Grand Rapids; Brittany A. Weeks, Certified Orthotist, Mary Free Bed Orthotics and Prosthetics + Bionics	Suzanne Quillen, RN, CNP, MPA; Maureen Arias, RN; and Chris Diguette, Ernest Health	David Storto, MA, Storto Healthcare Strategies	Mary Ellen DeBardeleben, MBA, MPH and Elisabeth Plush, MPH, Encompass Health	Christopher Hendley, DPT, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta; Nashifa Momin, SLPD, CCC-SLP, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta; Katie Liu, MS, Emory University
2:10 – 2:55 PM	<b>Defining Clinical Excellence: A Structured Career Progression Framework for Rehabilitation Nursing</b>	<b>Implementing a Learning Health System in Inpatient Rehabilitation: A Community-Academic Partnership Model</b>	<b>Implementing a Comprehensive Unit-Based Safety Program (CUSP) in Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation: Building a Culture of Safety and Zero Harm</b>	<b>Enhancing Collaboration Between Case Management and Therapy: A Director's Guide to Improving Outcomes and Transitions of Care</b>	<b>Homeward Bound: Improving Community Discharge Rate from IRF in Medicare Patients</b>	<b>Using Negotiation Analysis to Improve Operations, Employee Engagement, and Risk Awareness</b>	<b>Review Choice Demonstration (RCD) Participant Perspective Panel</b>	<b>Going the extra breath: Speech-Language Pathology and Physical Therapy collaboration to improve breath support and postural control in adolescent spinal cord injury</b>

	Melissa Kaas, BSN, RN; Jolene Massey, BSN, RN; and Sonia Zafra, MSN, RN, CRRN, University Of Utah Health	Joshua Startup, MD, University of Michigan Health System; Emine Poyraz, MD, University of Michigan; Kelly Chan, PT, MPT, Chelsea Hospital	Stacey Schaab, MBA, BSN, RN, NE-BC, CPHQ, CJCP, GERO-BC; D'andra Fortune, BSBA, BSN, RN, CRRN; and Charity Brown, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, CCRN, Inova Mt. Vernon Hospital	Hannah Gresham, MA, CCC/SLP, CBIS, Ochsner Rehabilitation Hospital; Amanda Stumbo, RN, CCM, Select Medical	Lauren Hofmann, PT, DPT, Northwestern Medicine Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital	Chloe Slocum, MD, MPH, Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital	Chantal Kwiatkowski, DPT, and Samantha Kauffman, MS, OTR/L, MRMCC, CLT, CSRS, CBIS-T, CNS, Lehigh Valley Health Network; Maria Lomba, MD, Ernest Health; Barbara Mohr, MHA, PT, EnduraCare Acute Care; Ariel Ketchersid, MHA, Siskin Hospital for Physical Rehabilitation	Emily Klein, PT, DPT, TIRR Memorial Hermann; Kiana Gardner, M.A., CCC-SLP, TIRR Memorial Hermann; Randi L. Thompson, MBA, BSRC, RRT-ACCS, RRT-NPS, RCP, Memorial Hermann Health System, and Sabrina Filoteo, MA, CCC-SLP, UT Health Pediatric Movement Disorders Center
2:55 – 3:15 PM	<b>Networking Break with Exhibitors</b>							
3:20 – 4:05 PM	<b>Building Safer Rehabilitation Hospitals: Implementation and Evaluation of a Workplace Violence Prevention Toolkit</b>	<b>Differences in Care and Outcomes between MA and traditional Medicare during and after IRF Stay</b>	<b>Should Exercise Physiologists be Part of the Interdisciplinary Rehabilitation Team to Increase Exercise Intensity to Promote Improved Outcomes? Are Exercise Physiologists Associated with Greater Functional Gains and Shorter Length of Stay in Inpatient Rehab?</b>	<b>Improving Stroke Transition Outcomes: A Structured Post-Discharge Follow-Up Program from Inpatient Rehabilitation to Home</b>	<b>Implementing a Targeted Team Approach to Preventing Pressure Injury with a Focused Interdisciplinary Call to Action</b>	<b>QI Squared: Advancing Organizational Quality Improvement Through a Culture of Inquiry, Alignment, and Impact</b>	<b>AI - Artificial Intelligence or Accurate Information - the key to compliance in IRF</b>	<b>If You Build It, They Will Come... and Stay: Growing Pediatric Rehab Census Through Strategy, Not Chance!</b>
	Shayne Perkovich, MHA, M.S. CCC-SLP and Christina Masters, BSN, RN, CRRN, Ernest Health	Amol Karmarkar, PhD; Sheltering Arms; Amit Kumar, BPhT, MPH, PhD, University of Utah; Jon Cook, PT, MBA, Rehabilitation Hospital of Northern Arizona	Elizabeth Hartzog, MS, OTR/L; Victoria Zangotsis, ACSM-CEP; and Dana Ravaioli, MS, ACSM-CEP, Atrium Health, Carolinas Rehabilitation	Jaelyn Barcikowski, DO and Michelle Marshina, OTD, OTR/L, Jefferson Moss Magee Rehabilitation	Shari Scheider, PT DPT CWS MBA and David Poss, MBA, MSN, CRRN, Hospital Corporation of America (HCA)	Jacob Williams, PhD and Juliette Lowe, BSN, RN, CWON, CLSSWB, TIRR Memorial Hermann	Jane Sniecinski, FACHE, MBA, Post Acute Advisors	Kenneth Ngo, MD, FAAPMR, FACHE; Stephanie Judycki, OTD, OTR/L; Kerry Maher, PT, MD; Steven, Walczak, PT, DPT, PCS, Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital

4:15-5:00 PM	<b>Fueling Success: Measuring the Impact of Positive Energy on Program Evaluation Model (PEM)</b>	<b>Right Patient, Right Place – Understanding Medicare Advantage Plans and advocating for patient’s admission to Inpatient Rehabilitation</b>	<b>Bridging the Confidence Gap: Enhancing Discharge to Home through Early and Frequent Family Training</b>	<b>The Readmission Reset: Team Powered, Evidence Based Strategies with Real Results</b>	<b>Transforming Culture: Interdisciplinary Falls Prevention for Improved Patient Safety</b>	<b>You are not Alone - Manager Burnout &amp; Caregiver Engagement</b>	<b>Updates from CARF International: Artificial and Augmented Intelligence, Easing the Burden of Accreditation, the Impact of Accreditation on Key Performance Indicators, and Disorders of Consciousness Specialty Program Standards</b>	<b>Growing with Tone: Pediatric Lessons in Multidisciplinary Spasticity Management</b>
	Corina Gonzalez, OTR, MOT, CLT, UDS MR® IRF PPS Certified, Priscilla Espinoza, BSN, RN, and Erica Labasbas, OTR, UDS MR® IRF PPS Certified, Rio Grande Regional Hospital	Kara Simpson, MPT and Hailey DeGuzman, NA, Ernest Health	Kate Turner, MS, CCC-SLP, Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation Hospital	Alicia Ancarrow, MSPT, MHA and Shannon Tucker, MS SLP, MBA, Hospital Corporation of America (HCA)	Erin Kuerbitz, CRRN and Brandon Peer, PT, DPT, CBIS, UNC Health	Cara Greenwald, DPT, NCS, Intermountain Health	Terrence Carolan, MBA, MSPT and Michael Connolly, DO, CARF International	Stacey Hall, DO, TIRR Memorial Hermann; Deanna Bennett, BSN, RN, CRRN, TIRR Memorial Hermann; Teresa Cramer, PT, DPT, MBA, TIRR Memorial Hermann
5:15 – 6:30 PM	<b>Interactive Poster Presentations</b>							
6:30 – 7:30 PM	<b>Networking Reception with Exhibitors sponsored by Bioness</b>							

**Wednesday, September 30, 2026**

8:00 AM	<b>Registration &amp; Exhibit Hall Opens</b>
7:00 – 8:00 AM	<b>AMRPA Education Committee Meeting &amp; Breakfast</b>
7:00 - 8:00 AM	<b>Breakfast in General Session Hall</b>
8:00 – 8:45 AM	<b>Forecasting Future Payment Policy Panel</b> Steven M. Perlin, Senior Vice President, LS Point, LLC Zach Gaumer, Vice President, Health Policy, Bipartisan Policy Center

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8:55 – 9:40 AM	<p><b>Promoting Dignity and Safety: How We have Delivered Over a Decade of Restraint-Free Rehabilitation Care</b></p>	<p><b>Eighteen-year Trends in Motor Recovery During Inpatient Rehabilitation After Ischemic Stroke</b></p>	<p><b>Optimizing Length of Stay Opportunities for Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Patients through Enhanced Provider Documentation</b></p>	<p><b>Navigating Uncertainty: Innovative approach to promote emergence from disorders of consciousness state</b></p>	<p><b>The Interdisciplinary Approach to Wound Care in the Inpatient Rehabilitation Setting</b></p>	<p><b>Leading Through Disruption: A Model for Building Resilient Teams and Leadership Pipelines in a Healthcare Workforce Crisis</b></p>	<p><b>A Clearer View of Care: Dashboarding GG Self Care, GG Mobility, and Performance Indicators in Rehab</b></p>	<p><b>Strengthening the Pediatric Care Continuum through a Strategic Liaison Model</b></p>
	<p>Mitchell Renninger, MSN, RN, CRRN, NE-BC and Jolene Klotz, MSN, RN, CRRN, Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital</p>	<p>Elizabeth Larkin, PT, DPT, PhD(c); Abdulaziz Bako, MBBS, MPH, PhD; and Farhaan Vahidy, PhD, MBBS, MPH, FAHA, TIRR Memorial Hermann</p>	<p>Clifford Monda, DO, MS, Ernest Health, Inc.</p>	<p>Uzair Hammad, DPT, NCS, ATP and Daniela Anica, MD, Orlando Health; Sean Coad, PsyD, Orlando Health Advanced Rehabilitation Institute</p>	<p>Reece Dawson Beeler, MS, RD, LD, CNSC; Ashley Dionne McCluney, RN, BSN; and Kali Anne Junker, MBA, RN, BSN, ACM, Ernest Health-Spartanburg Rehabilitation Institute</p>	<p>Heather Monihan, DPT, Lehigh Valley Health Network; Samantha Kauffman, MS, OTR/L, MRMC, CLT, CSRS, CBIS-T, CNS, and Matthew Nelson, PT, DPT, MBA, Jefferson Health   Lehigh Region</p>	<p>Caitlin Wright, OTR/L and Haily Cook, PT, DPT, Sheltering Arms Hospital</p>	<p>Colleen Lawson, OTR/L, Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital; Teresa Hayes, MSW, LICSW, Mass General Brigham Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital</p>
9:50 – 10:35 AM	<p><b>From Smart Hospital Room to Smart Home: Preserving Independence After Discharge Through a Unified Access Platform</b></p>	<p><b>People and Process: How to Maintain a 96% Occupancy Rate for Three Consecutive Years in a 25 Bed Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit</b></p>	<p><b>HD and PD in the setting of Inpatient Rehab and Benefits to an underserved population</b></p>	<p><b>Reducing Opioid Utilization in Inpatient Rehabilitation Through Therapy-Driven, Interdisciplinary Pain Management</b></p>	<p><b>Cancer Rehabilitation: An Integrative Approach to Survivorship</b></p>	<p><b>Maximizing Value and Innovation in Rehab Technology: Strategies for Effective Vendor Collaboration and Continuous Improvement</b></p>	<p><b>From Probe to Payment: A Collaborative, Multi-Prong Approach to Successfully Navigating the TPE Process</b></p>	<p><b>Improving on-boarding and clinical growth for therapists by creating training based on stratification of pediatric cardiac complexity</b></p>
	<p>James Gardner, OTR/L, University of Utah Health; Jeffrey Rosenbluth, MD, Craig H Neilsen Rehabilitation Hospital</p>	<p>Jill Slagal, PT, Mary Free Bed at Munson</p>	<p>Erika Brynildsen, BSN, CRRN, MHA, RN, Lifepoint Rehabilitation</p>	<p>Lindsay Childs and Alyssa Hall, MS, OTR/L, Ernest Health</p>	<p>Hilary Knecht, MSPT, Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation Hospital</p>	<p>Donna Robacker, MOT, Lifepoint Health</p>	<p>Brittany Sapliway, MSOT; Heather Hennessy, MS OTR/L, C-PPS; and Jamie Cason, PT, C-PPS, Inova Rehabilitation Center</p>	<p>Hannah Whipple, PT, DPT, NTMTC, Glendaliz Bosques, MD, and Carlie Spence, ORT/L, NTMTC, Dell Children's Medical Center; Cat Harrison, PT, DPT, UT Health Austin Pediatric Neuroscience at Dell Children's</p>
10:35 - 10:45 AM	<p><b>Morning Coffee Break</b></p>							

10:45 – 11:30 AM	<p><b>Coaching, Mentoring and Compassionate Leadership Practices in a Diverse and Ever-Changing Rehabilitation Workforce</b></p>	<p><b>Innovating at the Point of Care: Building Decision Support into the EMR</b></p>	<p><b>Understanding the Components of the IRF QRP Discharge Function Scores</b></p>	<p><b>Interdisciplinary Approach to Pain Management in the Inpatient Rehabilitation Setting</b></p>	<p><b>Creating a Transitions of Care Management Program in Rehab: Workflow Design, Team Alignment, and Implementation Strategies</b></p>	<p><b>Building a High Reliability Performance Improvement System in Inpatient Rehabilitation: A Practical Model for Data Review, Analysis, and Action</b></p>	<p><b>Building a Real Time Defense: Leveraging Concurrent Auditing to Combat AI-Driven Technical Denials in Inpatient Rehabilitation</b></p>	<p><b>Staying Ahead of the Curve: Alternative Approaches to Managing Scoliosis After Pediatric Spinal Cord Injury</b></p>
	Cheryl Miller, OTR/L, PhD, Encompass Health Corporation	Caitlin Wright, OTR/L, Sheltering Arms Hospital	Lisa Werner, MBA, Fleming AOD	Julie Salyers, RN, CRRN, ONC, UDSmr® PPS and John Costantine, PT, CLT, HCA Healthcare	Shaylyn Bragg, MHA; Austin Allred, BSN, MHA; and Benedict Isabel-Tarver, MS, RN, CPHQ, Craig H. Neilsen Rehabilitation Hospital-University of Utah	Erin Wuerz, PT, DPT, and Paul Bosse, BSN, RN, CRRN, CNML, UT Southwestern Medical Center	Patricia Komosinski, CRRN, Mary Free Bed Grand Rapids	Simra Javaid, DO, TIRR Memorial Hermann; Mary-Catherine Brooks, PT, DPT, TIRR Memorial Hermann; Alissa Atisme, OTR/L, TIRR Memorial Hermann
11:40 AM – 12:25 PM	<p><b>Training the “Home Team”:</b> Enhancing Discharge Success Through Standardized Interdisciplinary Family Trainings: A Rubric-Based Approach</p>	<p><b>From Storytelling to Strategy: How Content Drives Access, Trust and Growth in Rehabilitation</b></p>	<p><b>Vestibular Screening in Inpatient Rehabilitation: A High-Value Strategy for Improving Outcomes, Reducing Falls, and Enhancing Operational Efficiency</b></p>	<p><b>From Breakthrough to Bedside: Implementing AI-Enabled Brain-Computer Interface Technology in Inpatient Neurorehabilitation for Patients with Disorders of Consciousness</b></p>	<p><b>Trust but Verify - Using Interdisciplinary Assessment and Technology to Improve Safe Discharge to Community</b></p>	<p><b>Scaling Leadersip for a Growing Future: A Blueprint for Nurse Leader Development and Retention in Rehabilitation Care</b></p>	<p><b>Why Admission Coding Matters: IRF PAI Accuracy and Its Impact on Case Mix, Risk Adjustment, and Facility Performance</b></p>	<p><b>Integrating Interdisciplinary Communication from the Therapy Gym to Bedside</b></p>
	Angela Cirami, OTR/L, Margaret Irwin, PT, and Kelly Atkins, MS, CCC-SLP, Northwell Health Glen Cove Hospital	Melissa Meitz, MPH, Mary Free Bed Grand Rapids	Katie Sewell, PT, DPT, NCS and Claire Spech, PT, DPT, Advocate Health Carolinas Rehabilitation	Farhaan Vahidy, MBBS, MPH, PhD, FAHA; Abdulaziz Bako, MBBS, MPH, PhD; and Elizabeth Larkin, PT, DPT, PhD (Candidate), TIRR Memorial Hermann	Monica Scott, CCC-SLP, MRMC; Lizette Taylor, OTR, WCC, MRMC; and Amy Robnett, PT, MBA, Lifepoint Health	Pamela Vitale, BSN, RN, CRRN and Adam Francis, MSN, RN, CRRN, Brooks Rehabilitation Hospital	Stephanie Stockton, MS and Erin Duffey-Dupré, MS, CPTM, UDSMR, now part of Netsmart	Cat Harrison, PT, DPT, UT Health Austin Pediatric Neuroscience at Dell Children’s; Jennifer Farrell, PT, DPT, NCS, Dell Children’s Medical Center; Luis Cedeno, RN, MHA, Dell Children’s Medical Center
12:30 – 1:00 PM	<p><b>Hot Topics for the Upcoming Year</b> Rhonda Abbott, Senior Vice President and CEO of TIRR Memorial Hermann; Chair, AMRPA Board of Directors Kate Beller, JD, President, AMRPA</p>							

