

eighteenth international / shaken baby syndrome/  
conference on / abusive head trauma

**SUNDAY**  
October 23

october 23, 24, and 25

philadelphia, pa, usa

**Morning Session**

8:00 AM -  
8:10 AM

**Opening Welcome**

8:10 AM -  
9:00 AM

**Keynote Presentation**

***The Rates of AHT During COVID-19***

Dr. Hank Puls, MD

9:00 AM -  
9:20 AM

**Morning Break**

**Concurrent Sessions**

***Ideal Multi-Disciplinary Response to AHT Cases***

Dr. Lori Frasier, MD

***Convincing the Jury of the Unthinkable***

Christine Keller, JD

Sharon Sexton, JD

***Your Shaken Baby Syndrome Survivor is Legally an Adult!***

***Now What?***

Dr. Carolyn Stinnett, PhD

***Forensic Pathologist's Approach to Inflicted Traumatic Head Injury***

Dr. Mary Case, MD

***Ambiguous Loss After Shaking Baby Syndrome/Abusive Head Trauma: Parental Management of Dialectical Contradiction of Grief***

Amber Sorenson, Survivor of SBS/AHT

Kari Egerbrecht, Mother of Victim of SBS/AHT

Tiffany Clark Barber, Mother of Victim of SBS/AHT

**Concurrent Sessions**

***Straw Men, Red Herrings, and Other Arguments that Distract from What's Important***

Dr. Tina Duhaime, MD

Dr. Cindy Christian, MD

***Does the PURPLE Program Have an Impact on Infant Physical Abuse Rate in British Columbia, Canada? (20-minute)***

Karen Sadler

***Coping with Crying Strategies: Findings from the Safe Baby Program Evaluations (20-minute)***

Rafaella Stein Elger, MPH, CPH

Jessica Reynolds

***Creating Virtual Education Modules to Improve Infant Crying and Shaken Baby Syndrome Literacy (20-minute)***

Karen Sadler

***Anatomy of a Not Guilty Verdict - What Went Wrong in the Carrie Heller Trial***

Matt Torbenson, JD

***What Success Looks Like***

Jennifer Sommerness, EdS

Gage Robinson, Survivor of SBS/AHT

10:30 AM -  
11:30 AM

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11:30 AM

11:30 AM -  
1:00 PM

**Morning Session (cont')**

**Concurrent Sessions**

***Cry Reaction Hierarchies as a Means to Understand the Aversive Correlates of Infant Cries (20-minute)***

Benjamin Witts, PhD

Dr. Ettien Koffi, PhD

Jennifer Bruzek, PhD

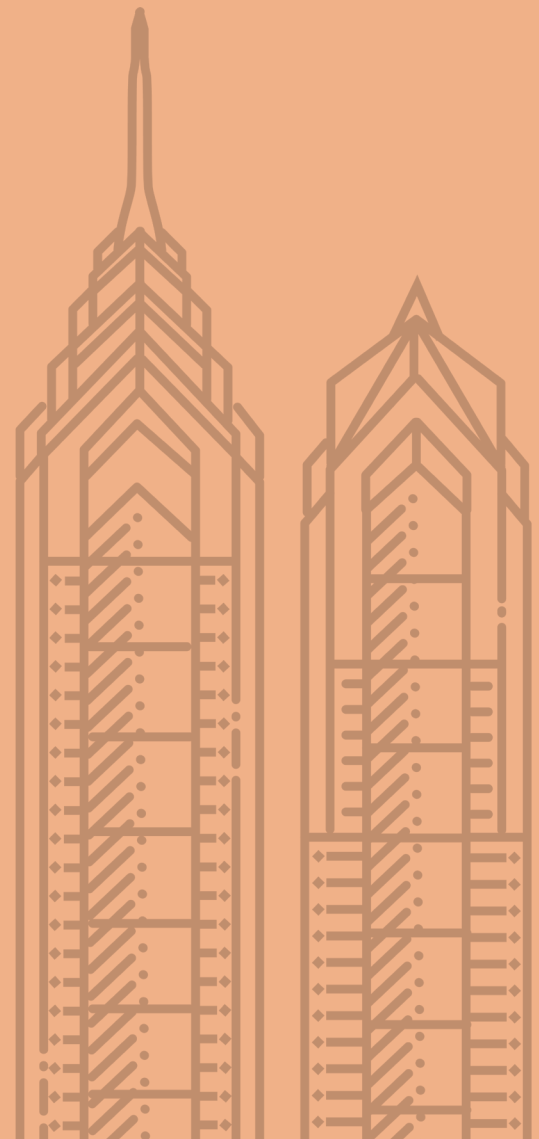
***The Complementary Roles of Whole Body Post Mortem Computed Tomography and Conventional Skeletal Survey (20-minute)***

Dr. Selena de Vries, MD

***Implementation of a Participatory Preventative Interview in Pediatric Hospitals (20-minute)***

Dr. Delphine Coulon, PhD

**Lunch**



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Afternoon Session

**Keynote Presentation**

***Bio-Mechanical Study Review***

1:00 PM -  
2:00 PM

Dr. Gina Bertocci, PhD, PE  
Dr. Angela Thompson, PhD, PE

**Afternoon Break**

2:00 PM -  
2:20 PM

**Concurrent Sessions**

*AHT Versus NAHT: Characteristics, Peculiarities and Diagnostic Difficulty; Lights and Shadows of the Diagnosis (20-minute)*

2:20 PM -  
3:20 PM

Dr. Francesco Silenzi, MD

*Pediatric Cranial Suture Evaluations in Distinguishing Abusive Head Trauma: The Power of 3D Head CT (20-minute)*

Spencer Kriss, BS

*Prior Injuries in Medico-Legal Evaluations of Physical Child Abuse (20-minute)*

Dr. Michelle Nagtegaal, MD

*Abusive Head Trauma in Child Torture Cases: What Can We Learn From the Obvious?*

Matthew Torbenson, JD

*The Power of Sharing Your Story: Elevating Claire's Voice for Change*

Michelle Fishpaw, MEd, LMT, Mother of Victim of SBS/AHT

*Musculoskeletal Injuries in AHT Patients*

Dr. Jeannette Perez-Rossello, MD

*Overcoming Defense Experts*

Christine Keller, JD  
Sharon Sexton, JD

**Concurrent Sessions**

*It's All In A Game...*

Sandra Tullius, JD

*Surviving Shaken Baby Syndrome*

Gage Robinson, Survivor of SBS/AHT  
Amber Sorenson, Survivor of SBS/AHT  
Jessica Butterfield, Survivor of SBS/AHT

3:30 PM -  
4:30 PM

*Legal Challenges to Science in Court and Society*

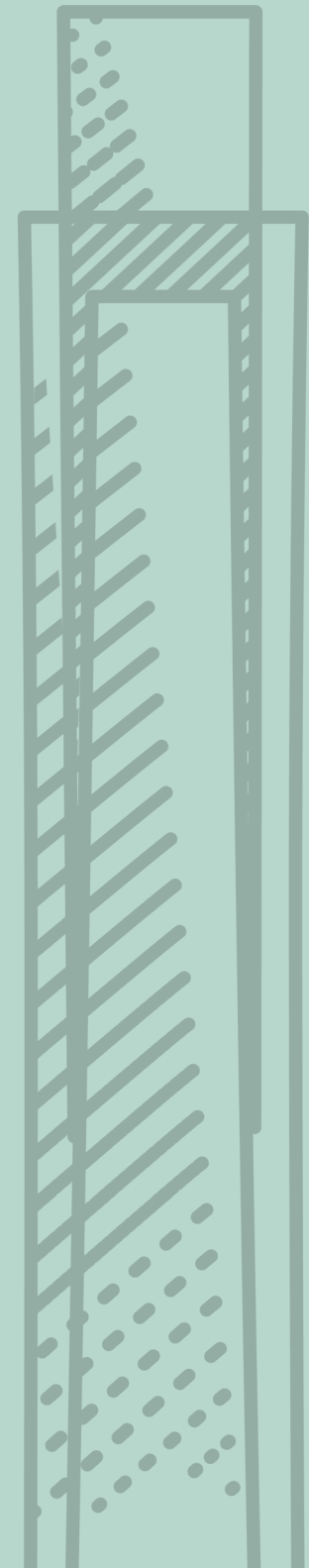
Joëlle Moreno, JD

*Bruising & AHT*

Dr. Lynn Sheets, MD, FAAP

*Reaching the Community: PURPLE Partners Share Implementation Efforts*

Shantel Wakley, BS  
Gabriella Riche, BSPH



**Opening Reception**

**5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

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**MONDAY**  
 October 24

	Morning Session	Afternoon Session
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	<b>Keynote Presentation</b> <b><i>Racial Disparity in Child Abuse</i></b> Dr. Vincent Palusci, MD, MS, FAAP	<b>Keynote Presentation</b> <b><i>Combatting Scientific Misinformation</i></b> Dr. Paul Offit, MD
9:00 AM - 9:20 AM	<b>Morning Break</b>	<b>Afternoon Break</b>
9:20 AM - 10:20 AM	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b> <i>Retinal Hemorrhage 101: State of the Science</i> Dr. Alex Levin, MD, MHSc, FRCSC  <i>Overtuned AHT/SBS Convictions in the United States: Prevalence, Legal Bases and Medical Evidence</i> Kajal Sachdev, MSc  <i>Florida-Implemented Safe Sleep Program</i> Dr. Randall Alexander, MD, PhD  <i>Advocacy After Abuse: Advocating and Navigating Systems While Dealing With Multilayered Trauma</i> Kari Egerbrecht, Mother of Victim of SBS/AHT	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b> <i>"Ask the Experts" Panel</i> Dr. Randall Alexander, MD, PhD Dr. Lori Frasier, MD Tom Fallon, JD Joëlle Moreno, JD  <i>Child Abuse and Intimate Partner Violence Cases: Teamwork Improves Outcomes in Child Protection, Investigation and Prosecution</i> Dr. Sandra Murray, MD Pak Kouch, DDA  <i>Medical Outcomes of Observed Infant Shaking (30-minute)</i> Dr. John Melville, MS, MD  <i>Abusive Head Trauma Prevention at Yale New Haven Hospital (30-minute)</i> Dr. Kirsten Bechtel, MD  <i>A Daubert Analysis of the AHT Literature</i> Dr. Sandeep Narang, MD, JD, FAAP
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b> <i>The Eye and AHT (30-minute)</i> Dr. Brian Forbes, MD, PhD  <i>Does Increased Intracranial Pressure Cause Retinal Hemorrhage? (30-minute)</i> Dr. Alex Levin, MD, MHSc, FRCSC  <i>Overcoming Defense Expert Testimony in Abusive Head Trauma Cases</i> Dermot Garrett, JD  <i>Bringing the Pittsburgh Infant Brain Injury Score to Clinical Use</i> Dr. Rachel Berger, MD, MPH  <i>Infants Deaths and Application of SUIDI Form</i> Patricia M. Ross, D-ABMDI, LPN	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b> <i>False, Fake, and Fallacious Testimony, the Bane of Pediatric Radiologists</i> Dr. Debra Esernio-Jenssen, MD Dr. Alexander M. Kowal, MD  <i>Aquiring and Admitting the Expert Opinion in AHT Cases</i> Tom Fallon, JD  <i>A Victim's Quest for Answers</i> Tori Bleecker  <i>Retinal Hemorrhage Nuance: When Do We Get it Wrong or Just Don't Know?</i> Dr. Alex Levin, MD, MHSc, FRCSC
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	<b>Lunch</b>	



**Parent Networking Meeting**  
**5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

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**TUESDAY**

October 25

## Morning Session

### Keynote Presentation

#### *Justice for Rehma*

Sameer Sabir, MBA, SM, BSc, Father of Victim of SBS/AHT

8:00 AM -  
9:00 AM

### Morning Break

9:00 AM -  
9:20 AM

### Concurrent Sessions

#### *Baby and Toddler Fatality Investigations*

Leigh Bishop, JD

#### *Evidence-Based Screening for Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma:*

##### *Are Three Variables Enough? (30-minute)*

Dr. Kent Hymel, MD

#### *Retinal Findings of Head Trauma: New Paradigms in*

##### *Interpretation and Imaging (30-minute)*

Dr. Gil Binenbaum, MD, MSCE

#### *Using a Team Model in Investigating and Determining the*

##### *Position of the Child in an AHT Case*

Vicki E. Light, MPH, CWLS, Esq.

Sara H. Reisberg

Hope Acevedo

#### *Misdiagnosed & Wrongly Convicted? A Review of 17 Adjudicated*

##### *Cases of Abusive Head Trauma (AHT) in Norway*

Mary Jo Sandholm

9:20 AM -  
10:20 AM

### Concurrent Sessions

#### *The Evolution of Shaken Baby Simulations (20-minute)*

Jennifer Bruzek, PhD

#### *Analyzing Abusive Head Trauma: Experiences from a National*

##### *Multicenter Study (20-minute)*

Dr. Daniel Wittschieber, MD

#### *What is the Impact of COVID-19 Policies on Traumatic Head*

##### *Injury - Child Maltreatment/Shaken Baby Syndrome Rates in*

##### *British Columbia, Canada (20-minute)*

Karen Sadler

#### *Abusive Head Trauma/Shaken Baby Syndrome -*

##### *An Investigator's Perspective*

Mr. Craig Smith, BGS

#### *Josh Sorrels: "A Survivor's Story" - Film Presentation (80-minute)*

Christopher Baier

#### *What Do We Know About Prevention? A Review of Recent*

##### *Published Literature*

Dr. Vincent Palusci, MD, MS, FAAP

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11:30 AM

### Lunch

11:30 AM -  
1:00 PM

## Babies and Toddlers Investigative Bootcamp

### *Welcome and Case Study Introduction*

Leigh Bishop, JD

1:00 PM -  
1:15 PM

### *A Case Study and Medical Crib Sheet for Homicide Investigators and Prosecutors*

Dr. Cindy Christian, MD

Dr. Vincent Palusci, MD, MS, FAAP

1:15 PM -  
2:45 PM

### Afternoon Break

### *The Media Perspective on Covering High-Profile Criminal Cases*

Andy Newman

2:45 PM -  
3:00 PM

### *Moderated Questions for the Panel*

3:30 PM -  
4:00 PM

