

the Children's Cochlear Implant Center at UNC presents

HEAR 'N' NOW CONFERENCE 2024

FEATURING

Caitlin Sapp, AuD, PhD Amanda Sloop, AuD
Nicholas Thompson, MD

MONDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2024



AGENDA

8:00 **Registration**

8:30 **Welcome**

8:40 - 10:00 **First Session**

Dr. Caitlin Sapp

Parent Counseling in Pediatric Audiology:

Creating Urgency for Intervention

10:00 - 10:30 **Break**

10:30 - 11:40 **Second Session**

Dr. Caitlin Sapp

11:40 - 12:00 **Question & Answer**

12:00 - 1:00 **Lunch**

1:00 - 2:00 **Third Session**

Dr. Amanda Sloop

Research Updates from the
UNC Cochlear Implant Clinical Research Lab

2:00 - 2:30 **Break**

2:30 - 3:30 **Fourth Session**

Dr. Nicholas Thompson

Gene Therapy for Hearing Loss: Current
status and implications for hearing technology

3:30 - 4:00 **Question & Answer**

4:00 - 4:15 **Closing Remarks**

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THE RIZZO CENTER

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REGISTRATION

INCLUDES LUNCH & PARKING

General Admission **\$103**
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Registration Deadline: 10/30/2024

Program Information: 919-419-1428

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Caitlin Sapp, AuD, PhD

is the head of Pediatric Audiology at UNC Medical Center in Chapel Hill, NC and the director of the Early Hearing Loss Lab at UNC. She completed her Au.D. training and her Ph.D. at the University of Iowa. She has extensive experience in infant hearing assessment and case management and has collaborated with state EHDI departments on quality improvement efforts related to audiology services. Her research interests include examining the factors that improve language and social outcomes for children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing, in particular malleable clinician factors like parent counseling.

Amanda Sloop, AuD

is a Research Assistant Professor in the Department of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's School of Medicine. She is a research audiologist in the UNC Cochlear Implant (CI) Clinical Research Lab, on a team dedicated to investigating the effectiveness of CI use for new patient populations and individualized mapping techniques for CI patients. Among many things, Dr. Sloop is passionate about providing high-caliber audiology care to the adult CI population, the intersections of audiology and social health, and finding creative, community-based approaches to dismantling barriers to accessible audiology care in areas facing healthcare inequities.

Nicholas Thompson, MD

is an assistant professor in the Department of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery at the University of North Carolina. He completed medical school at the University of Iowa followed by Otolaryngology/Head & Neck Surgery residency at the University of North Carolina. He then completed a fellowship in Otology/Neurotology & Lateral Skull Base Surgery at the University of North Carolina.

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Conference Objectives

The primary objective of this conference is to provide information to professionals regarding current research on parent counseling after diagnosis of early hearing loss, expansion of cochlear implant candidacy, and current gene therapy for children who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Learning Outcomes

- Recognize the gaps in our current parent counseling approach about early hearing loss from the literature.
- Contrast audibility-based counseling and degree-based counseling after diagnosis and during early audiological management.
- Evaluate a model of driving parent urgency after diagnosis, including both semantic and procedural cues about the importance of early hearing loss.
- Describe ongoing research projects and recognize appropriate referral criteria for patients
- Identify target areas for expansion in cochlear implant candidacy criteria
- Describe the status of gene therapy as it pertains to intervention techniques for children with a hearing loss.



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