IROC Fall 2026 Learning Session Agenda – Park City, Utah

Theme: *New Horizons: A Decade of Progress, A Future of Accomplishment.*

Objectives:

- **Reflect on the Journey:** Celebrate key milestones, lessons learned, and transformative successes from IROC's first decade.
- **Align Around the Horizon:** Build shared understanding and commitment to the strategic vision and priorities that will guide IROC through the next five years.
- **Advance the Practice and Ignite Innovation:** Strengthen improvement, leadership, and operational capabilities through focused education and peer learning. Explore new ideas and opportunities that will accelerate progress across the network.
- **Connect the Community:** Deepen relationships among patients, families, clinicians, researchers, and partners.
- **Launch the Next Chapter:** Leave with renewed purpose, actionable plans, and a collective commitment to achieving the vision ahead.

Wednesday, November 4, 2026

Pre-Event: Standardized Rejection Clinical Treatment Pathways

Blair Education Center - 900 Round Valley Dr, Park City, UT 84060

Closed Session: *Attendees must be registered for the pre-event and have completed associated pre-work.*

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM MT	**PRE-EVENT REGISTRATION & LUNCH**
12:00 – 6:00 PM MT	**Pre-Session: Standardized Rejection Clinical Treatment Pathways** • A day of focused discussion and consensus-building exercises to finalize a set of standardized rejection care pathways for antibody-mediated rejection
6:00 PM MT	**PRE-EVENT ADJOURNS**

Educational Welcome Dinner – Sponsored by Merck

Sheraton Park City – 1895 Sidewinder Dr, Park City, UT 84060

Open to Learning Session IROC center team attendees. Family Partner dinner plans will be communicated separately.

Space is limited! Contact paul_kannady@merck.com (406) 451-3218 to confirm your seat and include meal preference.

6:30 – 7:30 PM MT	**Considerations for CMV Disease Prevention in Kidney Transplantation** Kellie Goodlet, PharmD, University of Southern California and Providence Health, St. Joseph's Hospital • Discuss the burden of CMV infection and disease in kidney transplantation • Review clinical data for an option to help prevent CMV disease in high-risk kidney transplant recipients

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Day 1: Thursday, November 5, 2026

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8:00 – 9:00 AM MT	**BREAKFAST WITH EXHIBITORS & REGISTRATION OPENS** ***Sponsored by University of Utah and Intermountain Primary Children's Hospital***
8:00 – 8:45 AM	**Research Committee & Family Partners Collaborative Meeting** *Open to all Learning Session Attendees* Meeting Facilitators: Nancy Rodig, MD and Paul Brakeman, MD, PhD, Lyndsey Fedorko, Family Partners Program Manager • Enjoy breakfast while we discuss strategies to strengthen collaboration between the Research Committee and Family Partners in support of meaningful patient-centered research.
9:00 AM MT	**LEARNING SESSION BEGINS**
9:00 – 9:05 AM	**Welcome to IROC's 10th Anniversary Learning Session!** Mary Bauer, MSHS, RDL, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
9:05 – 9:15 AM	**Welcoming our Community to Utah** Evy Clark, MBA, University of Utah and Intermountain Primary Children's Hospital • A message and welcome from our Utah colleagues
9:15 – 9:30 AM	**A Decade of Impact: Reflections on the Journey** Jack Lennon, MBA • Join us for a special reflection from a longtime member of our community whose journey has intersected with and impacted the IROC Learning Network in many ways.
9:30 – 9:50 AM	**State of our Network: A Decade of Progress, A Future of Accomplishment** David Hooper, MD, MS, University of Utah and Intermountain Primary Children's Hospital Lindsey deMaintenon, MBA, IROC Inc.
9:50 – 10:05 AM	**Strategic Pillar: HEALTH AND QUALITY OF LIFE OUTCOMES** David Hooper, MD, MS, University of Utah and Intermountain Primary Children's Hospital
10:05 – 10:30 AM	**How Will We Know: Defining and Measuring Improvement in Quality of Life and Ideal Health** Drew Warmin, MBA, MS, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center Scarlett Minnie, MHA-MBA, PMP, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center • What does thriving look like after a pediatric kidney transplant? In this interactive session, participants will explore how to measure "quality of life" and "ideal health".
10:30 – 10:40 AM	**Advancing Capacity for Patient-Centered Research** Lyndsay Harshman MD, University of Iowa – Stead Family Children's Hospital Kendon Holdaway, IROC Family Partners Member • Learn how our network is pursuing the partnerships and infrastructure needed to meaningfully engage patients and families in patient-centered comparative clinical effectiveness research.

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10:40 – 10:55 AM	**BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS**
10:55 - 11:35 AM	**The Three Vital Questions** Stephen Gibbons, MS, PCC, MCS-ACC, MCS-PCC, Intermountain Healthcare • This session will examine strategies for developing leaders, enhancing team engagement, and translating effort into organizational success.
11:35 – 11:50 AM	**Strategic Pillar: LEADERSHIP, GROWTH, AND SUSTAINABILITY** Lindsey deMaintenon, MBA, IROC Inc.
11:50 – 12:05 PM	**Strategic Pillar: QUALITY IMPROVEMENT** David Hooper, MD, MS, University of Utah and Intermountain Primary Children's Hospital
12:05 – 12:35 PM	**The Puzzling Improvement Challenge: A Center Networking & Quality Improvement Activity** Drew Warmin, MBA, MS, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center Mary Bauer, MSHS, RDL, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center • A systems-based approach unlocks opportunities for quality improvement and better outcomes. This interactive session will demonstrate how anyone can drive change, regardless of the system in which they operate.
12:35 – 1:35 PM	**LUNCH** ***Sponsored by CareDx***
12:50 – 1:35 PM	**Emerging AlloSure Insights in Pediatric Kidney Transplantation** Dechu Puliyanda, MD, Cedars-Sinai Hospital • All attendees are welcome
1:35 – 1:40 PM	**TRANSITION TO BREAKOUT SESSIONS**
1:40 – 2:20 PM	**CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS: COMMUNITY PROPOSED SESSIONS**
	Six Sigma – Building an Improvement Mindset Across a System Craig Gygi, MS, Board of Directors, IROC Inc. • Explore how Six Sigma principles can empower everyone in the system to identify improvement opportunities, contribute innovative ideas, and drive lasting process change.
	Using AI & Excel Tools to Extract & Analyze Your Center's Registry Data William Minor, MHA, CPHQ, Atrium Health – Levine Children's Hospital Dan Jeffers, MS, Director, HIVE Networks, Inc. • Please bring your **laptop** if participating in this breakout session, participants will engage in a hands-on activity during the session. • This session will begin 5 minutes **early**
	Introduction to the Standardizing Care Pilot *(Invite Only: Pilot Center Teams Only)* Paul Brakeman, MD, PhD, UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Rouba Garro, MD, Children's Hospital of Atlanta • Kick-off introduction to the Standardizing Care Pilot and its purpose of developing and implementing clinical pathways, guidelines, and tools.
	Family Partners: Education & Community Facilitator: Lyndsey Fedorko, Family Partners Program Manager, IROC Inc. • Parents, Patients, Caregivers, and Families – please join this breakout!

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2:20 – 2:25 PM	**TRANSITION TO NEXT BREAKOUT**
2:25 – 3:05 PM	**CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS: IROC ROLE SPECIFIC**
	Providers David Hooper, MD, MS, University of Utah - Intermountain Primary Children's Hospital
	Care Team Professionals & Data Specialists Gina Gregg, MHA, BSN, RN, CPHQ, Mercy Kansas City; Brian Darnell, DNP, MSN-ED, RN. Arkansas Children's Hospital
	Family Partners Lyndsey Fedorko, Family Partners Program Manager, IROC Inc.
3:05 – 3:20 PM	**BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS & TRANSITION BACK TO PLENARY ROOM** Snack Provided
3:20 – 3:40 PM	**Ask. Listen. Partner. Practical Communication Skills for Adherence Conversations (Part 1)** Charles 'Chuck' Varnell Jr., MD, MS, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center Jessica Parsons, MD, MSEpi, University of Utah and Intermountain Primary Children's Hospital
3:40 – 3:55 PM	**Celebrating our Centers** Clark Crane, MD, Rady Children's Hospital and UC San Diego • Celebrating teams advancing efforts and achievements
3:55 – 4:10 PM	**Celebrating our Family Partners: Recognizing the Power & Impact of Partnership** Lyndsey Fedorko, Family Partners Program Manager, IROC Inc.
4:10 – 4:25 PM	**Strategic Pillar: ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNITY** Lindsey deMaintenon, MBA, IROC Inc.
4:30 – 5:15 PM	**Growing up Grafted: Learning to Rock and Roll** ***Patient Representative Panelists:*** Kendon Holdaway Calvin 'Cal' Upton Rachel Jackson Shirley Brizuela Joseph Carrasco ***Panel Moderators:*** Lyndsey Fedorko, Family Partners Program Manager, IROC Inc. Melissa Meyers, MD, MSCE, Children's National Jessica Parsons, MD, MS, University of Utah and Intermountain Primary Children's Hospital • Hear firsthand from adult transplant recipients who received their kidney transplants during pediatric care as they reflect on their transition to adult healthcare.
5:15 – 5:20 PM	**Closing Remarks** Evy Clark, MBA, University of Utah and Intermountain Primary Children's Hospital • Reflections from the day by our Utah Colleague
5:20 PM MT	**DAY ONE ADJOURNS**
5:30 – 6:30 PM	**SOCIAL HOUR WITH EXHIBITORS** Join us for a networking reception to connect and mingle with colleagues. Complimentary appetizers and access to a cash bar
6:30 – 7:30 PM	**DINNER & EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION – Registration Required** ***Sponsored by Alnylam Pharmaceuticals*** **RNA inhibitor Therapy in Primary Hyperoxaluria Type 1 (PH1)** David Hooper, MD, MS, University of Utah and Intermountain Primary Children's Hospital

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Day 2: Friday, November 6, 2026

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7:00 – 8:00 AM MT	**REGISTRATION & SPONSORED BREAKFAST PRESENTATION** ***Sponsored by Biogen***
7:15 – 8:00 AM MT	**Exploring the Burden and Unmet Needs of C3G and Primary IC-MPGN** Leal Herlitz, MD, Cleveland Clinic • All attendees are welcome
8:00 AM MT	**LEARNING SESSION BEGINS**
8:00 – 8:05 AM	**Welcome** Mary Bauer, MSHS, RDL, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
8:05 – 8:20 AM	**Strategic Pillar: DATA & TECHNOLOGY** Jason Misurac, MD, University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital
8:20 – 9:05 AM	**Architecting the Future: Annual Data Briefing** Melissa Meyers, MD, MSCE, Children's National Hospital Dan Jeffers, MS, Director, HIVE Networks, Inc. • IROC Hub Platform's Registry, Charts, Reports, and AI features advancements and updates
9:05 – 9:35 AM	**Ask. Listen. Partner. Practical Communication Skills for Adherence Conversations (Part 2)** Charles 'Chuck' Varnell Jr., MD, MS, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center Jessica Parsons, MD, MS, University of Utah and Intermountain Primary Children's Hospital
9:35 – 9:50 AM	**BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS** *Snack Provided*
9:50 – 10:05 AM	**Strategic Pillar: RESEARCH & INNOVATION** Paul Brakeman, MD, PhD, UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital
10:05 – 10:15 AM	**Expanding IROC Research Opportunities Through Strategic Partnership** David Hooper, MD, MS, University of Utah and Intermountain Primary Children's Hospital • Explore the goals of IROC's upcoming retrospective study with Natera and learn how your center can become involved in this network-wide research initiative.
10:15 – 10:50 AM	**Antibody-Mediated Rejection (ABMR): Consensus Based Treatment Pathways** Rouba Garro, MD, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Paul Brakeman, MD, PhD, UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital • Share outcomes, gain consensus and insights from Wednesday's Pre-Event
10:50 – 11:00 AM	**BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS & TRANSITION TO BREAKOUTS**

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11:00 – 11:45 AM	**CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS: BY LEARNING LAB**
	Fundamentals Dan Jeffers, MS, Director, HIVE Networks, Inc.
	Chronic Disease Management Charles 'Chuck' Varnell Jr., MD, MS, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center **Option 1 of 2 breakout sessions of interest to Patient, Parent and Caregiver attendees*
	Reducing Rejection Megan Yanik, MD, Medical University of South Carolina **Option 2 of 2 breakout sessions of interest to Patient, Parent and Caregiver attendees*
11:45 – 11:50 AM	**TRANSITION TO LUNCH**
11:50 AM – 1:00 PM	**LUNCH & CLOSING SESSION ACTIVITIES** *Lunch Provided*
11:50 AM – 12:20 PM	**Lunch & Visit Exhibitor Booths**
12:20 – 12:50 PM	**Lunch & Call to Action** Mary Bauer, MSHS, RDL, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center • Time to align on 30-60-90-day goals • Complete Learning Session feedback survey
12:50 – 1:00 PM	**Closing Remarks** Rob Lesan, Esq, Board of Directors, IROC Inc.
1:00 PM MT	**LEARNING SESSION ADJOURNS**
2:00 – 4:00 PM	**A Totally Awesome Group Hike in Memory of Dr. Jens Goebel** We invite you to join fellow IROC community members for a group hike in memory of our dear friend, IROC Co-Founder, and colleague, Dr. Jens Goebel. This informal gathering is an opportunity to enjoy Utah's scenery, connect with colleagues, and celebrate Jens's lasting impact on the IROC community. Transportation provided. **Planned Route:** Ontario Bypass, Empire Link, Daly Grind & Ontario Ridge Loop ○ Loop Route: 3.6 miles ○ Elevation Gain: 695 feet ○ Estimated Time: 1.5 – 2 hours Participants should be prepared for a moderate hike at elevation and changing November conditions. Sturdy footwear, layered clothing, water, and sun protection are recommended. The final route may be adjusted based on trail and weather conditions.

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