

WHEN PARENTS DISAGREE:

*A Pediatrician's Guide to
Consent, Communication,
and Staying Neutral*

**Thursday
September 18**

12 pm – 1 pm EST

Custody disputes and complex family dynamics can present significant challenges for pediatric providers. This session will explore common scenarios that arise when treating children of divorced or separated parents in New Jersey, including issues related to consent, access to medical records, and communication with parents and guardians.

Attendees will learn practical strategies for managing these situations within the scope of their clinical practice, including how to recognize when custody documentation may be needed, how to remain neutral during disputes, and how to protect the provider-patient relationship. The discussion will focus on general principles and best practices to help pediatricians navigate these encounters while maintaining compliance with professional and ethical standards.

Key takeaways:

Attendees of this session will be able to:

- Identify who has legal authority to consent, and when consent from both parents is needed
- Learn how to verify legal authority and avoid making assumptions that could lead to HIPAA or consent violations
- Identify red flags when parents attempt to manipulate pediatricians