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**Thursday, September 23rd 10 AM–1:30 PM (ET)**

## **Mitigating Harm to Children in Armed Conflicts**

An Interdisciplinary Seminar of Medicine, Law, and Policy

**(3 CME credits available)**

According to the UN each year, thousands of children are either killed or severely injured in armed conflicts around the world. Although concerns about general health care, schools, and the use of explosive weapons in populated areas have been examined, the protection of children often lacks practical solutions. This unique multidisciplinary session will focus on challenges and practical steps on how to strengthen the protection of children in such conflicts. These issues will be examined from a medical, legal and military policy perspective for interested professionals in these respective fields. A certificate of attendance will be issued to all those who attend. Recordings of talks will be available upon request. Caution: presentations include discussions and images of patients with severe physical injuries.

A digital copy of the schedule and speaker bios will be emailed to those who register. For a detailed list of speakers and events please click the link below. Please email [christian.jorgensen@redcross.org](mailto:christian.jorgensen@redcross.org) with any questions.

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**[LIST OF SPEAKERS AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ALSO LISTED BELOW](#)**

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Schedule of events:

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10:00: Welcome-Christian Jorgensen, JD and Patrick McGann, MD

10:05: "The Burden and Outcomes for Children Injured During Combat Operations."-Philip C. Spinella, MD, FCCM

10:30: Immediate and long term effects of injuries in children in conflicts, a neglected problem."-Tom Potokar, MBChB, FRCS, OBE

10:55: "Traumatic Brain Injury in Children,"-Karen Lidsky, MD, MHS

11:20: "Creating the Pediatric Blast Injury Field Manual."-Emily Mayhew, PhD

11:45: "Child Casualties in Armed Conflicts – IHL protections and reducing moral injury for combatants."-Colonel (retired) Randall Bagwell, J.D., LL.M.

12:10: "Children in Hostilities: Engaging Armed Non-State Actors"-Ezequiel Heffes, LL.M.

12:35: "No stone unturned: Finding ways to mitigate harm to children in conflict"-Larry Lewis, Ph.D.

13:00: Panel discussion

13:30: END

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Philip C. Spinella, MD, FCCM

Co-Director (TTMRC), Associate Medical Director (CMMR), Professor (University of Pittsburgh) @Trauma and Transfusion Medicine Research (TTMRC), Center for Military Medicine Research (CMMR), University of Pittsburgh

Dr Spinella was Active Duty in the Army for 12 years, and was awarded the Bronze Star for developing medical infrastructure needed to treat children and local nationals in Baghdad, in addition to working with the United Nations on their “Golden Child Project” that triaged which children should be evacuated out of Iraq for medical care in other countries for conditions that were treatable. Dr Spinella published extensively on the burden and outcomes in children who were cared for at US military care facilities in Iraq and Afghanistan. He contributed to the development of a pediatric critical care telemedicine service that was available 24/7 to practitioners at military care facilities. He currently serves as the Co- Director, Trauma and Transfusion Medicine Research Center (TTMRC), Associate Medical Director, Center for Military Medicine Research; Professor Departments of Surgery and Critical Care Medicine, University of Pittsburgh, PA.



Tom Potokar, MBChB, FRCS, OBE

Chief Surgeon @International Committee of the Red Cross

Dr. Potokar currently serves as the Chief Surgeon for the ICRC. He has worked in the humanitarian field since 1990, initially with MSF (Cambodia, Bosnia, Tadzikistan, Rwanda and Iraq), then Interburns (International Network for Training, Education and Research in Burns) which he founded in 2005. Dr. Potokar have been responsible for developing a comprehensive integrated approach to capacity building and quality improvement in burn care and prevention. From 2018-2020 Dr. Potokar has been involved in reconstructive surgery for complex lower limb trauma in Gaza. He has contributed to the WHO five year plan on Burn Care and Prevention and led several training programmes on behalf of WHO on Burns in Conflict for Syria and was Co-Chair of the WHO EMT Technical Working Group on

Burns that produced recommendations for management of burn mass casualty incidents. He was awarded an OBE in the 2016/7 for services to global burn care and prevention.



Karen Lidsky, MD, MHS

Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Pharmacology and Critical Care @University of Florida

Dr Lidsky completed her Medical Degree, Pediatrics Residency and Pediatric Pharmacology and Critical Care Fellowship at Case Western Reserve University - University Hospitals of Cleveland, Cleveland, OH, USA. In addition to working at the state-designated level one Wolfson Children's Hospital Pediatric Trauma Referral Center, Dr Lidsky helps implement regional tele pediatric critical care and provides relief care, most recently to separated children at the US/Mexico border.



Emily Mayhew, Ph.D.

Historian in Residence, Department of Bioengineering @Imperial College London

Dr Mayhew is a military medical historian specialising in the study of severe casualty, its infliction, treatment and long-term outcomes in 20th and 21st century warfare. Dr Mayhew works primarily with the researchers and staff of the Centre for Blast Injury Studies, and a Research Fellow in the Division of Surgery within the Department of Surgery and Cancer. Emily is the Imperial Internal Lead on the Paediatric Blast Injury Partnership, and part of the team that put together the Paediatric Blast Injury Field Manual. She has written four general interest science books, three on the long term outcomes of complex military trauma, and most recently: "The Four Horsemen and the Hope of a New Age."



Randy Bagwell, US Army Colonel (Ret.), J.D., LL.M.

Senior Director International Services @American Red Cross

Colonel Bagwell served for more than 35 years as an infantry officer and as a legal advisor for the United States Army. He was deployed twice to Afghanistan and once to Iraq and has taught International Humanitarian Law to soldiers, commanders at the U.S. Naval War College, the International Institute of Humanitarian Law, the Defense Institute of International Legal Studies, the NATO School, as dean of the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's School in Charlottesville, VA and to the public in more than 20 countries. He has been awarded the Legion of Merit four times, and has received the Bronze Star for meritorious service three times.



Ezequiel Heffes, LL.M.

Senior Policy and Legal Advisor @Geneva Call

Ezequiel Heffes is the Senior Policy and Legal Advisor at Geneva Call, where he most notably focuses on thematic files relating to health care, child protection, and landmines. Before his work with Geneva Call, Mr. Heffes served as the ICRC delegate and head of office in Afghanistan, Colombia, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. He holds an LLM in International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights from the Geneva Academy, and a law degree from the University of Buenos Aires School of Law. He is currently pursuing his PhD at the University of Leiden. He has widely published on different international law issues, including on child protection issues, and is the author of the upcoming book "Detention by Non-State Armed Groups under International Law" (Cambridge University Press, Jan. 2022).



Larry Lewis, Ph.D.

Research Director of the Center for Autonomy and Artificial Intelligence @Center for Naval Analyses

Dr. Larry Lewis spearheaded the first data-based approach to protecting civilians in conflict, applying the scientific method to mitigate civilian harm by analyzing military operational data in conjunction with open-source data. Formerly the State Department senior advisor on civilian protection (2015–2017), he was a primary author of the U.S. national policy on civilian protection (the 2016 CIVCAS Executive Order). He has worked extensively to help militaries reduce civilian casualties in their operations, leading multiple studies to determine the causes of civilian casualties and to develop tailored, actionable solutions: policy and practical measures complimentary to existing protections and principles in international humanitarian law. improve civilian harm mitigation policies and practices internationally. A more recent focus area is AI and autonomous weapons, first during his time at the State Department and then as research director at CAN.



Patrick T. McGann, MD, MS

Director, Pediatric and Adult Hemoglobinopathies Program; The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, Rhode Island.

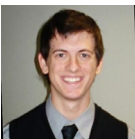
Dr. McGann is an academic pediatric hematologist with research focusing on improving outcomes for children with sickle cell anemia, both in the United States and across the world. His work globally has included time living in Angola to lead the Angola Sickle Cell Initiative, which implemented the country's first newborn screening program for sickle cell anemia. His current research efforts include both laboratory-based efforts here in the United States focused on the pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, and pharmacogenetics of hydroxyurea, as well as clinical research efforts to improve the diagnosis and outcomes for children with sickle cell anemia living in sub-Saharan Africa. He is also actively involved in global hematology and global child health through such organizations as the Global Sickle Cell Disease Network, the Central African Sickle Cell Network (REDAC), the American Society of Hematology, and the AAP's Section on Global Health (SOGH).



Tom Adamkiewicz, MD, MSCR, FRCPC

Associate Professor, adjunct, Department of Family Medicine, @Morehouse School of Medicine

Dr. Adamkiewicz is a pediatrician and hematologist with an interest in outcomes research, including in patients with sickle cell anemia and infectious diseases. His works also with international communities, many escaping strife in home countries and has worked in resource limited areas (Uganda, Honduras, Haiti). With colleagues from the International Society for Social Pediatrics & Child, he co-author the Beirut Declaration, calling for the Prohibition of Harm to Children in Armed Conflict, as well a recent perspective piece in Pediatrics on Mitigating Armed Conflict Casualties in Children. Dr. Adamkiewicz will help with the panel discussion.



Christian Jorgensen, M.S., J.D.

Legal Advisor, International Humanitarian Law @American Red Cross

Christian Jorgensen is an IHL Legal Advisor for the American Red Cross-National Headquarters. Before pursuing his law degree, Christian assisted in asylum cases in the UK under Dr. Barbara Harrel-Bond, OBE in Oxford, UK. Following his time in Oxford, he worked as a political and legal analyst for a Berlin-based media-startup, focusing much of his reporting on the 2017 French presidential candidates'

immigration policies. He later worked in Nicosia, Cyprus as a researcher on the topic of nationality rights and statelessness and coauthored a pedagogical guide for the European Union's NICeR Project (Nouvelles Approches pour l'Intégration Culturelle des Jeunes Réfugiés). Additionally, he is a past international legal fellow for Dejusticia, a legal think-tank based in Bogotá, Colombia. He has also been an invited panelist on news networks worldwide to speak on areas of migration and law.