

# Eighth Annual Autism Spectrum Disorder Conference



**Baptist Health  
South Florida**

**Thursday, April 8, 2010 ■ 5:45-9 p.m.**

South Miami Hospital, Victor E. Clarke Education Center, Auditorium

**Conference Co-directors:** Ian Nisonson, M.D., and Nina Sanchez, M.D.

**Target Audience:** Pediatricians, Neurologists, Family Practice Physicians, Psychologists, Psychiatrists, Hospitalists, Nurses, Pharmacists, Social Workers and Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapists.

**Educational Objectives:**

Upon completion of this conference, participants should be better able to:

- Discuss Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) as an evaluation tool for adolescents and adults with autism.
- Review adaptive behavior outcomes studies.
- Identify challenges, solutions and recommendations for ABA in adolescents and adults with autism.
- Review currently available and new devices in alternative and augmentative communication technology for children with autism.
- Apply criteria for referral evaluations for alternative and augmentative communication technology.

**Faculty:**

**Michael Alessandri, Ph.D.**  
Director, University of Miami Center  
for Autism and Related Disabilities  
Clinical Professor of Psychology  
University of Miami Miller School  
of Medicine, Miami, Florida

**Peter E. Gerhardt, Ed.D.**  
President & Chair, Scientific Council  
Organization for Autism Research  
Arlington, Virginia

**Robin Parker, SLPD., CCC**  
Nova Southeastern University  
Fischler Center for Education and Human  
Services Programs in Speech, Language,  
and Communication  
Consulting Director, Center for Autism and  
Related Disabilities

**Registration Options:** Online: [www.baptisthealth.net/meded](http://www.baptisthealth.net/meded) ■ Phone: 786-596-2544



**Schedule**

- 5:30 p.m. *Dinner & Registration*  
 5:45 p.m. **Baptist Health Child Development Services Overview**  
 Ellen Strot, Ph.D.                      Carmen Arias, SLP, CCC  
 Psychologist                              Supervisor, Rehabilitation Clinical Services  
 Child Development Center              Martha Ware Rehabilitation Center  
 South Miami Hospital                      Baptist Children's Hospital
- 6 p.m. **Applied Behavioral Analysis in Adults With Autism**  
 Peter F. Gerhardt, Ed.D.
- 7 p.m. **Alternative and Augmentative Communication Technology  
 for Children With Autism**  
 Robin Parker, SLP.D., CCC
- 8 p.m. **Panel Discussion: Life Across the Spectrum — Future Directions**  
 Moderator: Michael Alessandri, Ph.D.  
 Peter Gerhardt, Ed.D., and Robin Parker, SLP.D., CCC
- 9 p.m. *Adjourn*



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