

NYS ID/DD NURSES ASSOCIATION

2026 PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE AGENDA

40th Annual Conference - Nursing from the Heart

October 5-7, 2026 | Embassy Suites, Saratoga Springs, New York

PRELIMINARY - SUBJECT TO CHANGE

This agenda reflects the program currently planned as of July 13, 2026. Session times, speakers, room assignments, and activities may be adjusted as the conference program is finalized.

Monday, October 5, 2026

Time	Program / Activity	Speaker / Notes
Morning	Registration, opening activities, breakfast, and exhibitor networking	Commercial exhibitors participate
8:15-9:30 AM	Swallowing Disorders in Individuals with ID/DD	Steve Asofsky, APACS
10:00-11:15 AM	Pressure Injury Prevention and Management	Robin Nielsen
Late morning	Scheduled exhibitor engagement and networking period	Vendor engagement activity
12:45-2:00 PM	Keynote Presentation: Resilience, Balance, and Professional Well-Being	Meg Soper
2:30-3:45 PM	Concurrent Sessions: Common Respiratory Conditions / Recurrent Urinary Tract Infections in ID/DD	Brittany Miske / Anne Hanson
4:00-5:15 PM	Concurrent Sessions: Survey Success / Parkinson's Disease Awareness	Fred Wetzel / Justin Machia, PharmD, MBA, BCGP
Evening	Hotel social hour and informal networking	Open to conference attendees and exhibitors

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Time	Program / Activity	Speaker / Notes
Morning	Breakfast, welcome, educational programming, and exhibitor networking	Commercial exhibitors participate
Morning	Catatonia in Individuals with	Michael Cummings

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	Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	
Approx. 10:45 AM	Spotlight on Prevention: Best Practices for Effective Medical Care Toolkit	New York State Justice Center
Midday	Lunch and scheduled exhibitor engagement period	Vendor engagement activity
Afternoon	Clinical and professional-development breakout sessions	Final speaker sequence in development
Late afternoon	Scheduled exhibitor engagement period	Vendor engagement activity
Evening	Hotel social hour and informal networking	Open to conference attendees and exhibitors

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Time	Program / Activity	Speaker / Notes
7:00 AM onward	Approved nonprofit, community, and public-agency exhibits	Limited complimentary participation
8:15-8:45 AM	Nurse Honor Guard Tribute and 40th Anniversary Remembrance	Capital Region Nurses Honor Guard; tribute to Deb Hill
Morning	Honoring the Past. Preparing for the Future.	40th anniversary general session and panel discussion
Morning	Diabetes Technology: Continuous Glucose Monitoring and Automated Insulin Delivery	Adam Kessler
10:30-11:45 AM	Artificial Intelligence in ID/DD Nursing Practice	Professor Jennifer Manganello - proposed closing session
Closing	Final-day attendee drawing and conference closing activities	Sponsor recognition included where applicable

Conference Overview

- Approximately 150 nurses, nurse leaders, administrators, and healthcare professionals are expected to attend.
- Commercial exhibitor participation is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday is reserved for a limited number of approved nonprofit, community, and public-agency organizations.
- Educational programming is expected to offer up to 13 continuing-education contact hours.
- The conference includes structured networking, exhibitor engagement periods, anniversary recognition, and closing activities.

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