

## NYS ID/DD NURSES ASSOCIATION

SNEAK PEEK

# 2026 CONFERENCE SNAPSHOT

— MEMBERS FIRST PREVIEW —



OCTOBER 5–7, 2026



EMBASSY SUITES  
SARATOGA SPRINGS



### KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**MEG SOPER**

Monday, October 5  
• 12:45–2:00

### CONFERENCE PRICING

Early Bird Member —  
\$395 through Aug. 31, 2026

Regular Member —  
\$425 begins Sept. 1, 2026

Early Non-Member —  
\$495 through Aug. 31, 2026

Regular Non-Member —  
\$525 begins Sept. 1, 2026

Member One Day — \$225

Non-Member One Day — \$325

### BOOK YOUR HOTEL ROOM



[Book your room here](#)

Please book early.  
**SPACE IS LIMITED.**

### SESSION LINEUP



#### DAY 1

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026

- 8:15–9:30 Steve Asofsky — Swallowing Disorder
- 10:00–11:15 Robin Nielson — Pressure Injuries
- 12:45–2:00 **Meg Soper — Keynote Speaker**
- 2:30–3:45 Brittany Miske —  
Common Respiratory Conditions
- 2:30–3:45 Anne Campbell —  
Urinary Health in IDD  
(Recurrent UTI / Bladder  
Cancer Screening)
- 4:00–5:15 Fred Wetzel — Survey Success
- 4:00–5:15 Justin Machia — Parkinson's Disease



#### DAY 2

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2026

- 9:00–10:15 Michael Cummings —  
Catatonia in IDD and ASD
- 10:15–12:00 Justice Center — PQI
- 10:15–12:00 Amara May —  
Alzheimer's Association
- 2:00–3:15 Melissa Ackemecht —  
Trauma Experience
- 2:00–3:15 Harsh Kathari —  
Epilepsy / Seizure Treatment  
Tailored to IDD Patients
- 3:30–4:45 OPWDD — Hot Topics
- 4:45–5:45 Cocktail / Social Hour



#### DAY 3

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026

- 8:15–8:45 Nurse Honor Guard
- 8:45–10:00 Looking Back, Moving Forward:  
40 Years of Nursing  
from the Heart
- 10:15–11:30 Adam Kessler —  
Diabetes / Technology
- 10:15–11:30 Kelly Vanappledorn —  
Intensive Outpatient Programs (IOP)  
as a Level of Care: Tailoring  
Treatment Plan
- 11:45–12:45 Jennifer Manganello — AI in Nursing



**BROCHURE & REGISTRATION COMING SOON!**

