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**December 7-10, 2025**

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## NEONATAL QUALITY AT HOT TOPICS Pre-Conference Schedule

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

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| 7:00 a.m.  | Registration Opens   Continental Breakfast                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 8:00 a.m.  | <b>Welcome and Introductions</b><br>Stephen Pearlman, MD, MSHQS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 8:15 a.m.  | <b>Keynote Address</b><br><b>The Tension Between Evidence Based Medicine and Quality Improvement</b> - Ravi M. Patel, MD, MSc                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|            | <b>Optimizing Outcomes: Collaborative Data for Neonatal Quality Improvement</b><br>Moderator: David Carola, DO, MSHQS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 9:15 a.m.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Insights from the Tiny Baby Collaborative - Kaashif A. Ahmad, MD, MSc, FAAP</li><li>The Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia Collaborative: Improving Care and Outcomes - Jonathan Levin, MD, MBI</li><li>Population Data-driven Approaches to Informing Improvements in the Quality of Neonatal Care - Cheryl Battersby, PhD, FRCPH, BMBS, BMedSci</li></ul>                                                |
| 10:30 a.m. | <b>Morning Break</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|            | <b>From Bedside to Boardroom: Fostering a Culture of Quality Improvement</b><br>Moderator: Lynn Fuchs, MD, MSHQS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 10:45 a.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Creating a High Functioning Quality Culture - Sheri L Carroll, MD</li><li>Making Quality Personal: NICU Nurse Engagement Strategies - Patricia G Bondurant, DNP, RN, ANLC, FAAN</li><li>Establishing a Quality Culture Starts at the Top: The Role of the Leader in Creating an Environment for Improvement - Michael A. Posencheg, MD</li></ul>                                                   |
| 12:00 p.m. | <b>Lunch (on your own)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 1:15 p.m.  | <b>Year in Review - Top Quality Improvement Publications from 2025**</b><br>Moderator: Munish Gupta, MD, MMSc                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|            | <b>Concurrent Breakout Sessions</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 1:45 p.m.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Collaborating Better: Using Data from National Networks to Support Local Quality Improvement*</b> - Heather Kaplan, MD, MSCE and Roopali Bapat, MD, MSHQS</li><li><b>Mission (im)POSSIBLE: Lean Six Sigma Your Way to Improvement</b> - Clara Song, MD and Michael A. Posencheg, MD</li><li><b>Getting to the Root of the Matter</b> - Stephen Pearlman, MD, MSHQS and Molly Pont, MD</li></ul> |
| 3:00 p.m.  | <b>Afternoon Break</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 3:15 p.m.  | <b>Concurrent Breakouts Sessions (repeated)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 4:30 p.m.  | <b>Lessons Learned and Things You Can Do Next Week</b> - Munish Gupta, MD, MMSc and Stephen Pearlman, MD, MSHQS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 5:00 p.m.  | <b>Quality Poster* Showcase and Reception   Exhibit Hall</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 6:00 p.m.  | <b>Adjourn</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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## HOT TOPICS IN NEONATOLOGY® Conference Schedule

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

4:30 p.m. **Early Badge Pickup & Cocktails: Unwind and Beat the Rush**

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

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| 6:45 a.m.  | Registration Opens                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 7:00 a.m.  | <b>Exhibit Hall Open</b><br>Hot Breakfast and Digital Poster Showcase   Exhibit Hall                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 7:45 a.m.  | <b>Welcome and Introductions</b><br>Elizabeth Foglia, MD, MSCE; Jay S. Greenspan, MD, MBA; Haresh Kirpalani, MD; and Jochen Profit, MD, MPH                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|            | <b>Little Details Are a Big Deal: Emerging Ideas in Tiny Baby Care</b><br>Moderator: Matthew Rysavy, MD, PhD                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 8:00 a.m.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Fluid and Electrolyte Management in Infants Born at Less than 24 Weeks' Gestation - Johan Agren, MD, PhD</li><li>Underdeveloped and Undervalued: Navigating Skin Integrity in the Periviable Infant - Amy Hobson, DO</li><li>Nursing Care for the Most Immature Babies - Leslie Ann Parker, PhD, APRN</li><li>Getting to Evidence-based Safe and Effective care for Infants ≤24 Weeks- Matthew Rysavy, MD, PhD</li></ul> |
| 9:30 a.m.  | <b>Morning Coffee Break with the Exhibitors   Exhibit Hall</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|            | <b>Forgotten No More: New Evidence for Bigger Babies</b><br>Moderator: Elaine M. Boyle, MBChB, MSc, PhD                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 10:00 a.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Surfactant or Not for Late Preterm and Early Term Babies?* - Elaine M. Boyle, MBChB, MSc, PhD</li><li>Fluids Exclusively Enteral from Day 1: A randomized controlled trial in infants born at 30 to 32 weeks' gestation - Shalini Ojha, PhD</li><li>The AIROPLANE Trial: Air or Oxygen at birth for 32-35-week gestation infants* - Louise Owen, MD</li></ul>                                                            |
| 11:30 a.m. | <b>Lunch (on your own)</b><br><b>Visit Exhibitors in Exhibit Hall</b><br><b>Digital Posters On-Display</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|            | <b>Precision Medicine in the Nursery: Precise for Whom?</b><br>Moderator: Connie Williams, MD, PhD, FRCPC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 1:00 p.m.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Implementing Genomics in Neonatal Care - Pankaj Agrawal, MBBS, MMSc</li><li>Genomic Uniform Screening Against Rare Diseases in All Newborns - Wendy Chung, MD, PhD</li><li>Embracing Complexity: Genetic Information in Neonatology - Katharine Press Callahan, MD, MSME</li></ul>                                                                                                                                       |
| 3:00 p.m.  | <b>Afternoon Break with the Exhibitors   Exhibit Hall</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|            | <b>Innovations in Surgical Mx</b><br>Moderator: Jochen Profit, MD, MPH                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 3:30 p.m.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Milrinone in Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia* - Satyan Lakshminrusimha, MD, MBBS</li><li>Non-surgical Airway Treatment for Neonates with Severe Respiratory Distress and Oral Feeding Difficulty- HyeRan Choo, DDS, DMD, MS</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 5:00 p.m.  | <b>Sustaining Scientific Inquiry: A Timely Dialogue</b><br>Moderator: Jay S. Greenspan, MD, MBA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|            | Assault on Scientific Research - Rebecca Simmons, MD                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 5:30 p.m.  | <b>45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Reception with Faculty   Exhibit Hall</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |



Join us as we celebrate 45 years of Hot Topics! Enjoy an evening of connection and camaraderie with fellow attendees before heading out to dinner. Stop by to greet our valued industry partners and enjoy complimentary drinks as we toast to the past, present, and future of this incredible journey.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

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| 7:00 a.m.  | <b>Registration and Exhibit Hall Opens</b><br>Hot Breakfast and Digital Poster Showcase   Exhibit Hall                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 8:00 a.m.  | <b>The Jerold F. Lucey, MD Lectureship and Keynote Address</b><br>Moderator: Jochen Profit, MD, MPH and Haresh Kirpalani, MD, MSc<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Milestones in the Development of Perinatal Quality Improvement - Jeffrey Gould MD, MPH</li></ul> <br>Neonatology Luminary: Celebrating and Recognizing Dr. Rich Polin's Impact in Neonatology |
| 9:30 a.m.  | <b>Morning Coffee Break with the Exhibitors   Exhibit Hall</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|            | <b>Clinical Trials Methodology Interpretation for Clinicians</b><br>Moderator: Elizabeth Foglia, MD, MSCE and Haresh Kirpalani, MD, MSc                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 10:00 a.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>When has Enough Evidence Accumulated: Fragility Index - Anna Curley, MD, Lehana Thabane, PhD and Ravi M. Patel, MD, MSc</li><li>Ranked Outcomes for Clinical trials - Lehana Thabane, PhD and George Saade, MD</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 11:30 a.m. | <b>Lunch (on your own)</b><br><b>Visit Exhibitors in Exhibit Hall</b><br><b>Digital Posters On-Display</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|            | <b>Green and Rotten Apples</b><br>Moderator: Kevin Dysart, MD, MBI                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 1:00 p.m.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>NICHD Neonatal Research Network Management of the PDA Trial - Matthew M. Laughon, MD, MPH</li><li>Solving the Puzzle of Preterm Birth - David K. Stevenson, MD</li><li>Executive Function at School Age Following Early Enhanced Developmental Intervention: A Randomized Clinical Trial in Very Preterm Infants - Rita C. Silveira, MD, PhD</li></ul>                                                                |
| 3:00 p.m.  | <b>Afternoon Break with the Exhibitors   Exhibit Hall</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|            | <b>Phenotyping of Complex Lung Disease - Bronchodysplasia</b><br>Moderator: Haresh Kirpalani, MD, MSc                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 3:30 p.m.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Long-term pulmonary outcome of preterm infants in the German Neonatal Network - Wolfgang Göpel, MD</li><li>How We Set about Phenotyping the Complexity of Acute RDS in Adults - Sinha Pratik, MD, PhD</li><li>Mapping out the Phenotypes Within the BPD Label - Erik Jensen, MD, MSCE</li></ul>                                                                                                                       |
| 5:00 p.m.  | <b>Happy Hour in the Exhibit Hall</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

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| 7:00 a.m.  | <b>Registration and Exhibit Hall Opens</b><br>Hot Breakfast and Digital Poster Showcase   Exhibit Hall                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|            | <b>Updates in Delivery Room Resuscitation</b><br>Moderator: Elizabeth Foglia, MD, MSCE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 8:00 a.m.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Targeted Oxygen in the Respiratory Support of Preterm Infants and their Developmental Outcomes - the Torpido 3060 Study - Ju Lee Oei, MBBS, FRACP, MD</li><li>Introducing the Delivery Room Intervention and Evaluation (DRIVE) Network - Elizabeth Foglia, MD, MSCE</li><li>Prophylactic CPAP for Late Preterm Newborns Born via C-Section: The PLaNt Study* - Edgardo Szyld, MD, MSc</li></ul> |
| 9:30 a.m.  | <b>Morning Coffee Break with the Exhibitors   Exhibit Hall</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 10:00 a.m. | <b>Exhibit Hall Closes</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|            | <b>Green and Rotten Apples</b><br>Moderator: Jay S. Greenspan, MD, MBA and Eric C. Eichenwald, MD                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 10:00 a.m. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Safer Births Bundle of Care program in Tanzania- Hege Langli Ersdal, MD, PhD and Robert Moshiro, MD, PhD</li><li>To Screen or Not To Screen: Assessing Cardio-Respiratory Instability at Newborn Discharge - Michael Narvey, MD, FRCPC and Benjamin Hoffman, MD</li></ul>                                                                                                                    |
| 11:30 a.m. | <b>Adjourn</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |



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