

Neonatal Quality at Hot Topics

Hot Topics
in Neonatology®



2026 AGENDA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

- 7:00 a.m.** **Registration Opens**
Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m.** **Welcome and Introductions**
Stephen Pearlman, MD, MSHQS
- 8:15 a.m.** **A Parent Perspective on NICU Safety**
Martha Sharkey
- 8:35 a.m.** **Keynote Address**
Beyond Zero Harm: Reimagining Safety in Children's Hospitals — Anne Lyren, MD MSc
- 9:30 a.m.** **The People Side of Safety**
Moderator: Heather Kaplan, MD, MSCE
- Safety Starts at the Bedside: Supporting NICU Nurses to Achieve Best Outcomes for Babies and Families — Heather L. Tubbs Cooley PhD, RN, FAAN
- Burnout Is Not a Personal Failure: Redesigning NICU Systems to Support Clinicians — Amy Nathan, MD, MMM
- 10:30 a.m.** **Morning Break**
- 10:45 a.m.** **Safety at the Bedside**
Moderator: Lynn Fuchs, MD, MSHQS
- STEPP In and Out: Perioperative Safety and Quality Improvement — Anthony Piazza, MD
- Skin Safety in the NICU: Building Reliable Care for High-Risk Neonates — Lauren Stracuzzi, MSN, RNC-NIC, ACCNS-P
- Visualizing Vulnerability: A Video-Based Approach to Improving Patient Safety — Heidi Herrick, MD, MSCE
- 12:00 p.m.** **Lunch (on your own)**
- 1:15 p.m.** **Year in Review - Top Quality Improvement Publications from 2026+**
Neonatal Quality at Hot Topics Planning Committee
- 1:45 p.m.** **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**
Best Practices for Communication of Unexpected Outcomes: Parental and Clinician Perspectives — Stephen Pearlman, MD, MSHQS and Martha Sharkey
- The Power of Prevention: Proactive Tools for a Safer NICU — Heidi Herrick, MD, MSCE, Anne Lyren, MD, MSc, and Anthony Piazza, MD
- 3:00 p.m.** **Afternoon Break**
- 3:15 p.m.** **Concurrent Breakout Sessions (repeated)**
- 4:30 p.m.** **Lessons Learned and Things You Can Do Next Week**
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- 5:00 p.m.** **Quality Poster Showcase* and Reception | Exhibit Hall**
- 6:00 p.m.** **Adjourn**

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