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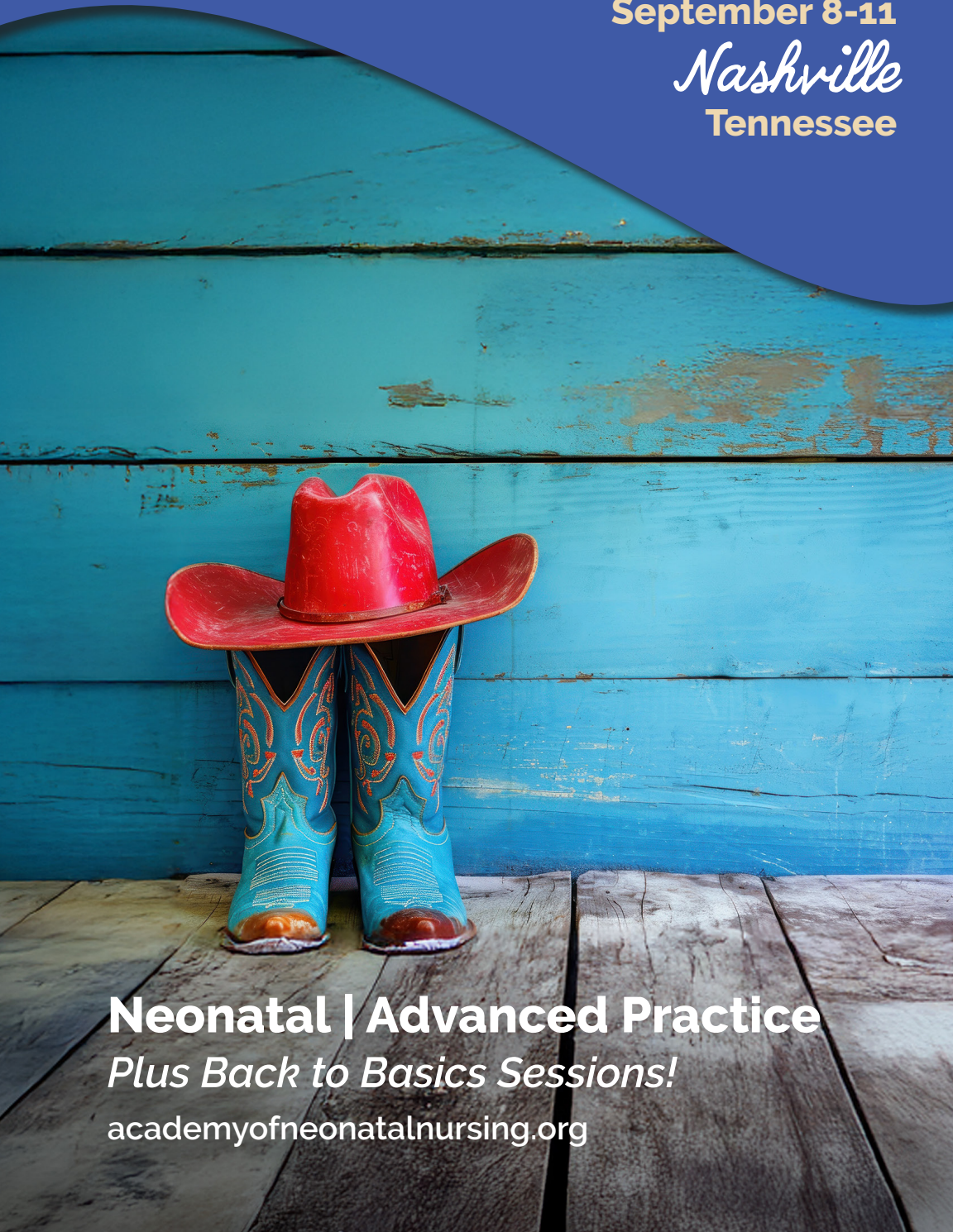

Neonatal | Advanced Practice

Plus Back to Basics Sessions!

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Hello Nashville!

Set against the backdrop of Music City's legendary venues, rich culture, and unforgettable cuisine, discover practical, evidence-based approaches to advancing neonatal care.

Who Should Attend

APNs, DNPs, NNPs, CNSs, PAs, neonatal nurse managers, neonatal educators, experienced staff nurses and bedside neonatal nurses. Choose your track, advanced practice, or neonatal.

Nursing Continuing Professional Development

You may earn up to 45.75 (up to 39.25 main conference) ANCC NCPD contact hours for this conference, based on a 60-minute hour. Contact hours are earned for conference sessions, poster session evaluations, and conference evaluations. To earn ANCC NCPD contact hours, you must be registered for the conference, attest to your attendance of at least 90% of the session, and complete session and overall evaluations.

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Learning Outcome

At the end of this conference, the learner will increase their knowledge of current information related to the technical, medical, and nursing aspects of neonatal care.

AAPA CME Category 1 Credit

This activity has been reviewed by the American Academy of Physician Associates Review Panel and is compliant with AAPA CME Criteria. This activity is designated for 13.25 AAPA Category 1 CME credits. PAs should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation. Approval is valid from 9/8/2026 to 9/11/2026. AAPA reference number: CME-2015934. CME credit available for designated in person sessions. On-demand sessions are not eligible for CME credit.

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PRECONFERENCE PROGRAM
(additional fee required)

Tuesday, September 8

Half-Day Workshops

8:00 AM – 11:30 AM

010 - Pharmacology Morning Workshop
The Littlest Circuits: Developmental Pharmacology and Cardio-Pulmonary Disease Management
Courtney Sutton, PharmD, BCPPS
Jennifer Hale, PharmD, MPA, BCPPS
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NN/AP Track **AAPA Category 1 CME credit offered**

8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

020 - NNP Faculty Forum
Catherine Witt, PhD, APRN, NNP-BC
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Meredith Farmer, DNP, APRN, NNP-BC
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Education is changing fast — and faculty are navigating new challenges every day. To support programs during this time of rapid evolution, ANN is partnering with NCC to present a dynamic Faculty Forum Preconference Workshop focused on the most pressing issues in NNP education today.

Topics We'll Tackle Together:

- Rising clinical hour requirements
- Increasing implementation of NONPF guidelines
- Ongoing challenges securing clinical placements
- The expanding role of PAs and changes in PA education
- NP workforce trends and concerns
- Interactive open discussion with peers and experts

Led by experienced NNP program faculty, this highly interactive workshop will focus on practical strategies, shared experiences, and real-world solutions programs can take back and apply immediately.

Whether you're looking to strengthen your clinical education infrastructure, stay ahead of evolving standards, or connect with colleagues facing similar challenges, this session offers valuable insight and collaboration you won't want to miss.
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Exclusive Faculty Forum Benefits

Dedicated Meet & Greets

Faculty Forum participants are invited to take advantage of two dedicated Meet & Greet networking opportunities designed to foster collaboration and connection with fellow attendees and faculty leaders.

Special Nashville Experience for Workshop Attendees: A Backstage Tour of the Grand Ole Opry

Make the most of your time in Nashville with a special behind-the-scenes experience available exclusively to Faculty Preconference Workshop attendees. Join us for a guided backstage tour of the legendary Grand Ole Opry—one of the most iconic music venues in the country.

This relaxed, social outing offers a unique opportunity to unwind after the workshop, connect with colleagues, and experience a piece of Nashville history from behind the curtain:

Backstage Tour Additional Fee: $35
Registration Deadline: August 5, 2026

Eligibility Requirement:
Participants must be registered for the Faculty Preconference Workshop by August 5, 2026, to purchase a tour ticket. Purchase tickets during the registration process.

Important Information: *Space is limited and tours may sell out prior to the registration deadline. All ticket sales are final. After August 5, ANN will make a reasonable effort to help resell tickets; however, full refunds cannot be guaranteed.*

12:30 PM – 4:00 PM

040 - Pharmacology Afternoon Workshop

Tiny Minds, Powerful Meds: Sedatives, Analgesics and Steroids in Neonates

Courtney Sutton, PharmD, BCPPS

Jennifer Hale, PharmD, MPA, BCPPS

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Full-Day Workshop

8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

030 – Advance Your Neonatal PICC Training (Hands-on)

The PICC education program provides interactive didactic and hands-on training to help ensure accuracy in placement and maintenance of the catheter. The course utilizes case studies and reviews clinical indications, venous anatomy, prevention and treatment of complications, PICC site care, parent education, and simulated PICC insertion.

Complete PICC Kit and PICC Booklet provided. Certificate provided at the end of the workshop.

Pre Registration Required by August 10, 2026
(Not for ANCC NCPD Contact Hours)
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Limited Seating. Session recording will not be available.

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NN/AP Track

NCC Codes

NNP - Neonatal Nurse Practitioner

NIC - Neonatal Intensive Care

ELBW - Care of the Extremely Low Birth Weight Neonate

NNIC - Neonatal Neuro-Intensive Care

MNN - Maternal-Newborn Nursing

Rx - Pharmacology

NPT - Neonatal Pediatric Transport

LRN - Low Risk Neonatal Intensive Care

OB - Inpatient Obstetric Nursing

ONQS28 - Obstetric and Neonatal Quality and Safety

Note: Topics and speakers are subject to change. All times listed are in the Central Time Zone.

MAIN CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Tuesday, September 8

7:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Registration Open

4:15 PM – 5:15 PM
100 - Keynote Address: The Role of AI in Neonatal Care
James Barry, MD, MBA
Dr. Barry will provide information on the fundamentals of artificial intelligence, some evolving fields in medicine and scientific research due to AI application, including, but not limited to acoustic epidemiology, oculomics, and AI scientists. He will cover significant issues that need to be understood about AI's limitations and healthcare, including bias, transparency, and explainability. Dr. Barry will also highlight AI applications for learners, educators, and nurses.
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NN/AP Track **AAPA Category 1 CME credit offered**

5:15 PM – 6:30 PM
Welcome Reception and Exhibits Open
Come join us for food, networking, posters, and exhibits as we gather in-person to welcome you.

Wednesday, September 9

7:00 AM – 4:45 PM
Registration Open

7:45 AM – 8:15 AM
Welcome Announcements/Award Presentations

8:15 AM – 9:15 AM
101 - From Reels to Real Life: Social Media Lessons for Bedside Communication and Fighting Misinformation.
Prem Fort, MD
This presentation explores how the communication styles and strategies that make social media education clear, concise, and engaging can be translated into bedside conversations with families in the NICU. The session examines how misinformation and disinformation shape parental understanding, trust, and decision-making, while offering practical tools to address inaccurate information with clarity, compassion, and credibility. Participants will leave with approaches for delivering complex neonatal information in ways that are timely, accessible, and family-centered.
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9:15 AM – 10:15 AM

102 - Necrotizing Enterocolitis: Development of a New Paradigm--Implications for Treatment and Prevention

Josef Neu, MD

Dr. Neu will explain that preventative and treatment strategies for Necrotizing Enterocolitis have remained elusive largely because the long-held assumption that it represents a single, distinct disease is incorrect. He will address this conceptual problem and outline approaches for achieving a clearer understanding of the diverse subclusters of pathophysiology that have been grouped under the diagnosis of Necrotizing Enterocolitis. He will also discuss how this revised framework can be applied to diagnostics, prevention, and treatment moving forward.

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NN/AP Track **AAPA Category 1 CME credit offered**

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

Exhibits and Posters Open
Coffee/ Tea Service

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM

103 - Updates on Therapeutic Hypothermia

Alfonso Vargas, MD

Dr. Vargas will cover new research and current controversies in therapeutic hypothermia. He will discuss how new research has changed current practice and guidelines and will cover specific clinical scenarios and situations to help guide future care of babies with hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy.

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12:15 PM – 1:45 PM

Lunch Break - Exhibits & Posters Open

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

104 - Writing Workshop

Deb Fraser, MN, NNP, CNEON(C), FCAN
Amy Jnah, DNP, NNP-BC

Join us for a 60-minute discussion of the state of neonatal nursing's writer's pipeline, barriers and facilitators to this form of scholarly communication and strategies to help colleagues get the 'pen to the paper!' For those interested in exploring the role of blinded peer-reviewer, we will discuss the perks of participation!

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1:45 PM – 2:45 PM

111 - Baby Stepping Into Genetics

Helen Nation, DNP, APRN, NNP-BC, C-NPT

Dr. Nation will provide a concise review of genetics with a focus on principles relevant to newborn care. She will cover patterns of inheritance, common genetic conditions seen in neonates, and the role of genetic testing in diagnosis and management. Dr. Nation will explore current advancements in genetics and their emerging applications in neonatal medicine.

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112 - The ABCs of ABGs (Back to Basics)

Patricia Scott, DNP, APRN, NNP-BC, C-NPT

Dr. Scott's presentation is designed to help bedside nurses not only interpret but truly understand the results of their newborns' blood gases. It also explores the clinical presentation, etiology, and management of the various blood gas abnormalities that may appear in the newborn population.

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113 – Golden Hour

Kathryn Fedor, BSN, RNC-NIC, C-NNIC

Ms. Fedor examines evidence-based Golden Hour practices and their essential role in optimizing the admission process for extremely low birth weight infants. She emphasizes process innovation and reimagined care delivery to strengthen thermoregulation, respiratory stabilization, vascular access, and team coordination during this vulnerable period. She also outlines practical strategies to standardize workflows, reduce variability, and improve outcomes throughout this high-risk transition.

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NN Track **AAPA Category 1 CME credit offered**

114 – Present Like a Pro: Tips, Tricks, and Tools for Presenting from Rounds to Conferences

Prem Fort, MD

Dr. Fort provides nurses and practitioners with practical strategies to communicate information clearly, confidently, and effectively across a wide range of professional settings. From bedside rounds and case presentations to lectures, research updates, and national conferences, he highlights techniques for organizing content, engaging an audience, designing effective visuals, and delivering key messages with impact. Participants will gain actionable tools to elevate their presentation skills, strengthen their professional presence, and communicate with clarity whether addressing a small clinical team or a large conference audience.

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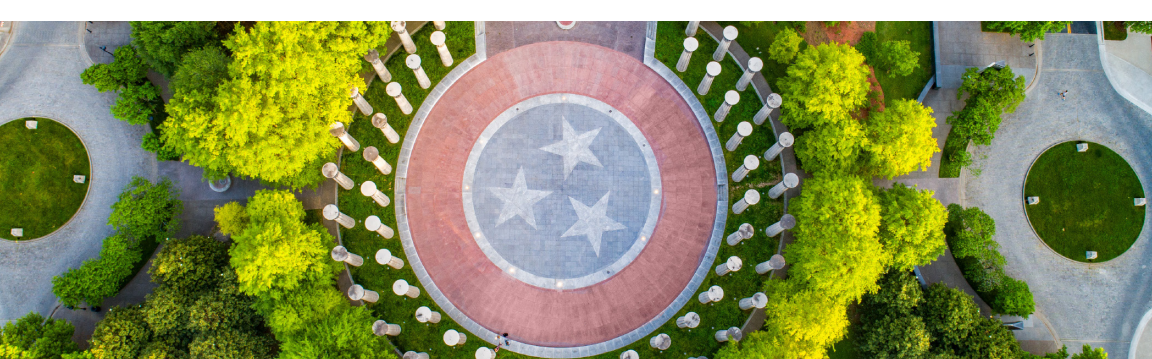

115 – Tell Me How I'm Supposed to Breathe With No Air: Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia Diagnosis, Phenotyping, and Treatment

April Skinner, APRN, MSN, NNP-BC

As resuscitation of babies with earlier gestations and smaller birth weights is becoming routine, it is becoming increasingly important for NICUs across the nation to be well-versed in the diagnosis and care of bronchopulmonary dysplasia. Ms. Skinner will provide an overview of the risk factors and diagnostic criteria for BPD. She will discuss its major phenotypes (parenchymal, vascular, and airway) and their subtypes, and will outline diagnostics and treatment strategies for each. She will discuss the role nutrition plays in risk factors and also in supportive care, and finally discuss future outcomes for these patients.

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2:45 PM – 3:45 PM

Exhibits and Posters Open

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

121 – From Competence to Connection: Practicing Cultural Humility in a Changing World

Stephanie Abbu, DNP, RN, CNML, REC-C

In neonatal nursing, cultural competence is essential, yet it is only the starting point. To support families during some of the most critical moments of their lives, neonatal nurses must embrace cultural humility: an ongoing commitment to self-reflection, active listening, and meaningful connection. Dr. Abbu will delve into the principles of cultural humility and its unique applications in neonatal nursing, highlighting its role in fostering respectful, inclusive, and family-centered care. She will explore evidence-based strategies to address cultural differences, navigate sensitive communication with families, and confront implicit biases that may impact care delivery. Real-world examples will highlight how cultural humility can strengthen connections with families and improve outcomes. Discover how shifting from competence to connection can empower nursing practice and promote inclusivity in our ever-changing world.

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122 – Skin Savvy: Neonatal Edition (Back to Basics)

Colleen Moss, DNP, APRN, NNP-BC, C-ELBW

Get ready to showcase your neonatal dermatological knowledge and assessment skills! Multiple rounds of Skin Jeopardy will challenge attendees to demonstrate their expertise in neonatal skin conditions, with fast-paced questions and images that will test your knowledge of common and rare dermatologic disorders. Whether you are a seasoned neonatal provider, a curious neonatal nurse, or a passionate learner, this is your moment to flex your competitive muscles and prove you are the ultimate neonatal skin expert. Prepare to shine as you navigate through the categories that will push the boundaries of your clinical knowledge!

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123 – Small Baby

Kathryn Fedor, BSN, RNC-NIC, C-NNIC

Ms. Fedor highlights Small Baby nursing care and demonstrates how a comprehensive bedside binder—featuring standardized care plan checklists and population-specific resources—can support consistent, evidence-based practice at the bedside. She will discuss how this tool also promotes early recognition and tracking of concerning assessment trends, enabling timely interventions for this vulnerable population.

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124 – Optimization of Nutrition for Preterm Infants: Controversies and State of the Science

Josef Neu, MD

Optimization of nutrition for preterm infants has been an area of controversy in neonatal intensive care. Dr. Neu will discuss a brief review of the past, present and future of nutritional optimization for these infants. Guidelines will be reviewed, and Dr. Neu will outline the pathways toward achieving more precision-based nutrition in neonatal care.

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AP Track **AAPA Category 1 CME credit offered**

125 – Lessons In Leadership

Alfonso Vargas, MD

Dr. Vargas will outline the core principles of effective leadership within the hospital environment. He will highlight the importance of team culture, team dynamics, and team development as foundational elements of successful clinical leadership. He will also address practical methods for strengthening team engagement and team involvement, and will present strategies for cultivating personal leadership skills while simultaneously fostering and developing new leaders within the group.

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Thursday, September 10

7:00 AM–4:00 PM
Registration Open

8:00 AM–9:00 AM

201 – Neonatal Sepsis

Joern-Hendrik Weitkamp, MD, FAAP

Dr. Weitkamp will explore neonatal sepsis, highlighting its global impact and prevalence, the key bacterial pathogens involved, the challenges of timely diagnosis, and current approaches to prevention, management, and treatment.

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NN Track **AAPA Category 1 CME credit offered**

202 – Who Needs A Cardiologist?

Thomas Doyle, MD

AP Track **AAPA Category 1 CME credit offered**

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM

211 – Sugar Babies: Navigating the New AAP Hypoglycemia Guidelines

Scott Guthrie, MD, FAAP

Dr. Guthrie will provide a practical guide to the latest American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommendations on neonatal hypoglycemia management. He will explore key updates in screening, diagnostic thresholds, and treatment protocols for at-risk infants. Attendees will gain knowledge of the latest strategies for safe glucose monitoring, interventions with feeds, dextrose gel, or IV therapy, and understand why this update is so important.

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NN Track **AAPA Category 1 CME credit offered**

212 – ROP Reloaded: Eye-Opening Updates on Pathophysiology, Screening, and Treatment that Every NICU Nurse Should Know

Franco Recchia, MD

Dr. Recchia presents a comprehensive update on retinopathy of prematurity (ROP), the leading cause of blindness in preterm infants. He reviews the current understanding of ROP pathophysiology, including the two-phase oxygen-dependent model; the latest screening criteria and ICROP3 classification; and evidence-based prevention and treatment strategies, ranging from peripheral laser ablation to intravitreal anti-VEGF therapy supported by recent clinical trials. Throughout the session, he integrates practical guidance on oxygen titration, screening and treatment preparation, monitoring, and family counseling, equipping neonatal nurses with immediately applicable tools to help safeguard vision in the NICU.

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10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

Exhibits and Posters Open

11:15 AM–12:15 PM

221 – Bringing Quality Improvement to the Bedside

Brenda Barker, M Ed, MBA

The need for improved outcomes—with an eye on quality—has never been greater. Ms. Barker will explain how attendees can apply quality improvement science, techniques, and guidelines to their work. She will also provide an overview of the Tennessee Initiative for Perinatal Quality Care projects, highlighting lessons and offering practical insights that attendees can immediately act on within their own settings.

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222 – Acute Kidney Injury: From Embryology to Postnatal Management; Where Are We Now?

Cassandra Coleman, MD

Beginning with a brief overview of renal embryology, Dr. Coleman will then explore congenital anomalies of the kidney and urinary tract (CAKUT) and potential fetal interventions. She will transition to acute kidney injury including definitions, causes, and long-term consequences. She will also discuss postnatal management of renal failure and CAKUT including various forms of neonatal dialysis.

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AP Track **AAPA Category 1 CME credit offered**

12:15 PM – 1:45 PM
Lunch Break

12:30 PM – 1:15 PM
ANN Membership Meeting

1:45 PM – 2:45 PM
231 - Podium Presentations

- **Sustainability and Safety Early-Onset Sepsis Risk-Stratification for Very-low Birth Weight Infants**
  Molly May, CRNP

- **Think First, Task Second: A Physiology-First Approach to Building Clinical Reasoning in Novice NICU Nurses**
  Tara Wood, DNP, CRNP, NNP-BC

- **From Puzzles to Practice: Escape Room Learning For Advancing Knowledge and Skills In Neonatal Nurses**
  Julie Graczyk, MSN, RN, CBC
  Karen Jackson, RN

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232 - Podium Presentations

- **Improving Neonatal Resuscitation Readiness: Bridging Delivery Room and Inpatient Care Simulations**
  Amanda Woika, BSN, RN II, NTMNC

- **From Call to Care: Building a High-Reliability NICU Delivery Team to Improve Staff Satisfaction and Patient Outcomes**
  Janna Dedman, MSN, RNC-LRN
  Amanda Harper, BSN, RNC-NIC

- **Topic TBD**
  Presenter TBD

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233 - Podium Presentations

- **Early Skin-to-Skin Care for ELGANs: A Multidisciplinary Approach**
  Randi C Lundgren, RN, BSN, BSHS, IBCLC

- **Family Nurture Intervention is Associated with Improved Clinical Outcomes in a Level 4 NICU**
  Umber Darilek, PhD, RN

- **Implementing a Neonatal Therapeutic Hypothermia Program: Interprofessional Collaboration in Nursing**
  Tracy Delacruz, MSN, ACCNS-N, RNC-NIC, C-ELBW, C-NNIC
  Maria Jamiela Garma, BSN-RNC

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234 - Advanced Practice Podium Presentations

- **Reducing Severe Intraventricular Hemorrhage Using Comprehensive Care Bundle: A Decade Protecting Neonatal Brains**
  Diana M Cormier, DNP

- **Newborn Screening 2.0: Genomics Meets State Screening**
  Sharon Anderson, DNP, APN, NNP-BC, AGN-BC, CNE

- **Tiny Patients, Big Signals: Understanding and Preventing Neonatal Delirium**
  Kristi Long, MHA, BSN, RN

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AP Track

235 - Advanced Practice Podium Presentations

- **Measuring Advanced Practice Provider Workload: Experiences of Four NICUs Across the US**
  Mary E Dye, DNP, NNP-BC

- **It's More Than the Procedure: Clinical Judgment and Teamwork in Neonatal Care**
  Jennifer Humphries, DNP, CRNP, NNP-BC

- **Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Workforce: Adapting Strategies to Meet Ongoing Staffing Demands**
  Karen Y Ewing, MSN, CRNP

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AP Track

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

241 – Caring Is Not Neutral: Trauma-Informed Practice, Justice, and Moral Courage in the NICU

Mary Coughlin, MS, NNP, NCC-E

Trauma-informed care is often described as meeting families where they are—but care is not experienced as neutral by all families or clinicians. Structural inequities, bias, and institutional constraints shape everyday NICU practice, often contributing to moral distress and emotional exhaustion. Ms. Coughlin explores the connection between trauma-informed care, justice, and moral courage in neonatal practice. Through practical scenarios, reflective prompts, and trauma-informed frameworks, participants will gain tools to navigate ethically complex moments with clarity, compassion, and professional integrity—without shame, blame, or burnout.

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NN Track **AAPA Category 1 CME credit offered**

242 – X-Rays (Back to Basics)

Ashraf Hamdan, MBBCh, MSc, MD

Dr. Hamdan emphasizes the central role of X-rays in evaluating critically ill infants in the NICU, where rapid bedside imaging is essential for assessing many conditions commonly encountered in neonatal care. He reviews key radiographic findings and demonstrates quick, clinically integrated interpretation from a neonatologist's perspective, highlighting how X-ray assessment informs daily management of sick newborns. He presents X-ray features associated with common respiratory diseases in the NICU and discusses the use of imaging to evaluate central venous access, including typical line positions and complications frequently seen with these devices. Dr. Hamdan emphasizes that accurate, efficient X-ray interpretation is a critical skill for NNPs, nurses, respiratory therapists, and neonatologists alike.

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NN Track **AAPA Category 1 CME credit offered**

243 – No Longer Overlooked: Supraglottic Airway Devices for Neonatal Resuscitation and SALSA

Scott Guthrie, MD, FAAP

Supraglottic airway devices, once underutilized in neonatal care, are emerging as valuable tools for both resuscitation and minimally invasive surfactant delivery (SALSA). Dr. Guthrie covers their use for effective positive pressure ventilation during newborn resuscitation and for surfactant administration for treating respiratory distress syndrome without intubation. He will discuss current knowledge along with gaps in understanding and practical implementation tips to enhance safety and efficacy in the delivery room and NICU.

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244 – Protecting Your Practice: You've Met the Standard, But Does Your Charting Back It Up?

Jessica Jones, DNP, APRN, NNP-BC, C-NNIC

Neonatal nurse practitioners practice in a high-risk, high-stakes environment where medical-legal issues often arise despite providing excellent clinical care. Dr. Jones examines common legal pitfalls in the neonatal intensive care unit, focusing on documentation, scope of practice, standard of care, and risk awareness. Practical tools and real-world examples will be discussed with the goal of helping NNPs protect themselves and their professional practice.

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245 – You Are in Charge of Your Career

Kathi Randall, MSN, CNS, NNP-BC, NTMNC

Your nursing license is more powerful than you think. Ms. Randall introduces the 7 Levels of Nurse Influence: a practical framework for expanding your professional impact beyond the bedside through presenting, publishing, podcasting, policy advocacy, product partnerships, social media, and consulting. She explores current trends in alternative nursing roles, nurse entrepreneurship, and the growing influence of nurse voices in healthcare and beyond. Attendees will leave with a clear vision of what's possible and the concrete first steps to owning your career.

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Friday, September 11

6:45 AM - 7:45 AM

300 – Bonus Podium Session

- **The Weight We Carry: Recognizing Moral Injury in the NICU and Building a Culture of Courageous Support**
  Jennifer Humphries, DNP, CRNP, NNP-BC
  Tara Wood, DNP, CRNP, NNP-BC

- **From Task to Thinking: Using Simulation to Build Clinical Judgment in Neonatal Providers**
  Jennifer Humphries, DNP, CRNP, NNP-BC
  Tara Wood, DNP, CRNP, NNP-BC

- **Why Is This Baby Acidotic? Teaching Clinical Reasoning Through Neonatal Physiology**
  Jennifer Humphries, DNP, CRNP, NNP-BC
  Tara Wood, DNP, CRNP, NNP-BC

7:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Registration Open

7:45 AM – 8:00 AM
Announcements and Raffle

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

301 – Holding the Whole: Trauma-Informed Strategies for Supporting Complex Families in the NICU

Mary Coughlin, MS, NNP, NCC-E

Families in the NICU often arrive carrying layers of medical, emotional, social, and historical complexity. These realities shape how families engage with care teams—and how clinicians experience their work. Ms. Coughlin explores the NICU as a relational ecosystem where infant outcomes, family well-being, and clinician resilience are deeply interconnected. Grounded in trauma-informed developmental care, developmental neuroscience, and caring science, Ms. Coughlin reframes "complex families" through a trauma-informed lens that emphasizes safety, trust, voice, and belonging. Attendees will gain practical reframes and relational strategies to support families with compassion and clarity while sustaining themselves and their teams.

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9:15 AM – 10:15 AM

302 – Pursuing Professional Accountability – Let's Talk with Each Other and Not About Each Other

William Cooper, MD, MPH

Dr. Cooper will discuss what it looks like when the NICU team is functioning at its best. He will look at team-specific case-based simulations that reveal differing perspectives related to common tension points and experiences. He will discuss the essential elements of highly effective teams and the importance of talking "with" each other rather than "about" each other. The work is guided by the Vanderbilt Professional Accountability Pyramid, which guides sharing of stories and data to the 2–4% of professionals who model disrespect and threaten outcomes of care. The good news is that just over 90% of professionals identified as high-risk respond to the tiered intervention model. Dr. Cooper will provide practical tactics for attendees who wish to implement these tools in their own organizations.

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10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

303 – Thriving in Tiny Miracles & Big Moments

Sherri Simons, MSN, RNC-NIC, CCRN

Thriving in Tiny Miracles & Big Moments is an uplifting session celebrating the resilience, purpose, and extraordinary impact of neonatal nurses. Through storytelling, reflection, humor, and practical insights, Ms. Simons will explore how to sustain joy, reconnect with meaning, and thrive while caring for the tiniest patients during life's biggest moments.

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11:15 AM – 11:30 AM

Closing remarks

Weather

In September, the weather in Nashville will be warm with average temperatures in the mid-80's during the day and low 70's at night. Be sure to pack a sweater for air-conditioned conference rooms in the hotel and comfortable walking shoes for your conference activities.

Transportation

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Nashville International Airport (BNA)
8.3 Miles from resort

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Electric Car Charging Station Available

Shuttle

The Resort offers a complimentary complex shuttle daily (hours may vary) that stops at the Opry Mills Mall in front of the Macaroni Grill, the Inn at Opryland and the Cascades Canopy at the Resort. This shuttle runs on a continuous loop.

Hotel Information

Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center
2800 Opryland Drive
Nashville, TN 37214
615-889-1000

Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center has been designated as the headquarters hotel for the Fall Neonatal Nurses Conference. A block of rooms has been reserved at the special rate of $239 for Single/Double occupancy, $259.00 for Triple occupancy, $259 for Quad occupancy. Rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes. Currently 16.75% plus $2.50 city tax.

Hotel Registration Cutoff Date:
August 10, 2026
Reservations received after this date will be accepted on a space and rate available basis.

Guest check-in time is 4:00 pm
Check out is at 11:00 am
Book your reservation here HERE.

A daily resort fee of $30 will be posted to your account upon check in.
Daily fee includes:

- Daily shuttle service to Opry Mills and The Inn at Opryland for 2 guests.
- Daily scheduled transportation to Gaylord Springs Golf Links, practice range access and daily bucket of balls for 2 guests (rental club provided; appropriate attire required).
- Daily resort wide internet access to include: enhanced in-room wireless internet access and basic wireless internet access in public areas and Convention Center on a shared network.
- Daily Sunrise Yoga Meditation for 2 guests.

Note: Cash Not Accepted

Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center is now cashless. The resort accepts credit card and mobile payments only, including front desk, food and beverage locations, retail, special events, parking, etc. Guests can convert their cash into $20 - $500 gift cards at Cash-To-Card kiosks located next to the Delta and Cascades ATMs.

FNRE & the Grand Ole Opry Event

We're excited to invite you to join us on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, to celebrate OPRY 100 with superstars, newcomers and legends — it's never the same show twice! This is your chance to see what made country music what it is today. We'll celebrate and highlight its past, present and future —100 years and just getting started! *Advance purchase required by July 23, 2026.*

The Details:

FNRE has arranged a special discount price for ANN conference attendees of $89 per ticket including tax (regular price $115.81). A portion of each ticket will be donated to the Foundation for Neonatal Research and Education (FNRE).
Doors open at 6:00 PM.

To Register:

Tickets must be purchased by July 23, 2026, during the conference registration process. Please note space is limited and could sell out prior to this date, so please book early.

**After July 23, 2026, all ticket sales shall be final and non-refundable. In the event a ticket holder is unable to attend, FNRE/ANN may, at its sole discretion, undertake reasonable efforts to resell the ticket on the ticket holder's behalf. Notwithstanding such efforts, FNRE/ANN makes no representations or warranties regarding the successful resale of any ticket and does not guarantee any refund, in whole or in part.*

New to Nursing?

We make it easy for you to join us. If you're a new nurse graduate of two years or less and an ANN member, you're eligible to register for the main conference for only $210! Take advantage of this special opportunity to build your knowledge, connect with experienced neonatal professionals, and gain valuable insights that will support your career growth from the very start.
(Proof of new nurse required: letter from nurse manger or license copy.)

Group Discounts

Any facility registering four (4) or more ANN members together for the main conference, will qualify to receive a $50 discount per registrant. Non-members or expired members choose the Registration + Membership option to be eligible. To provide separate payments for your group, submit by fax or mail. To provide a single form of payment for your group, register online, or send by fax or mail, download printable form. All group registrations must be submitted together, no exceptions. Please note: If a member of the group cancels, creating a group of less than 4, the group is no longer eligible for this discount and the discount is forfeited. Cannot be combined with any other offer. One discount per registrant.

Looking for an Online Option? Purchase the On-Demand Conference

Purchase access to recordings of the conference for convenient, on-demand viewing available 4–6 weeks after the live conference. You will have access to any recorded lectures (synced with slides) to view or listen to anytime from the convenience of your work, home, or mobile device. (This conference will not be live-streamed.) You will have a full year to evaluate the sessions and earn up to 38 of ANCC NCPD contact hours.

Photography

Please note that attendance at this conference constitutes an agreement by the participant to ANN's use and distribution (now and in the future) of the participant's image. These images are for ANN's use only and may appear on ANN's website, in printed brochures, or other promotional materials.

Call for Abstracts

We invite you to submit an abstract for a poster or podium presentation to present at this outstanding conference. Posters and podium presentations offer the perfect opportunity to network, exchange ideas, and improve the quality of nursing care. Go to https://www.academyonline.org/ for guidelines and submission information.

Please note: We cannot accept poster or podium submissions from owners or employees of commercial companies whose products are related to the topic of the submission.

ANN Code of Conduct

The Academy of Neonatal Nursing (ANN) does not tolerate racism, discrimination, harassment, or hate. We believe everyone attending ANN events should be treated with respect and appreciation. We encourage participants to consider views that differ from their own with an open mind and respond to the opinions of others in a respectful way.

Any participants who do not respect our Code of Conduct may be removed from the learning space.

Fall National Neonatal Nurses Conference

Nashville, Tennessee | September 8–11, 2026

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Home Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Daytime Phone: ☐ home ☐ work (_____) _____ Mobile Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail Address: _____

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Dietary/Disability needs? _____

☐ Check here if you prefer not to have your email address provided to selected vendors.

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MAIN CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES	Member	Membership + Registration	Non-Member	AMOUNT
Early Bird through 7/23/26	☐ $599	☐ $730	☐ $759	$
Regular/On-site after 7/23/26	☐ $669	☐ $800	☐ $829	$
On Demand (Recordings available 4–6 weeks post event) No Live-Streaming	☐ $510	☐$641	☐ $670	$
PRECONFERENCE FEES - TUESDAY 9/8/26				
Half day 010____ 020____ 040____	☐ $115		☐ $160	$
Half day add-on for 020 only: Opry Backstage Tour (020 attendees only, limited tickets available)	☐ $35		☐ $35	$
Full day 030____ Pre-Registration Required by 8/10/26	☐ $220		☐ $310	$
SINGLE DAY REGISTRATION FEE - SELECT ONE				
Through 7/23/26: ☐ Wed 9/9, ☐ Thurs 9/10, ☐ Fri 9/11	☐ $230		☐ $320	$
After 7/23/26: ☐ Wed 9/9, ☐ Thurs 9/10, ☐ Fri 9/11	☐ $270		☐ $360	$
Celebrate OPRY 100, Purchase before 7/23/26	Quantity: __		$89 per ticket	$

NEONATAL/ADVANCED PRACTICE CONCURRENT SESSIONS - CIRCLE 1 PER TIME SLOT

Wednesday	1:45–2:45	111	112	113	114	115		3:45–4:45	121	122	123	124	125
Thursday	8:00–9:00	201	202					9:15–10:15	211	212			
	11:15–12:15	221	222					1:45– 2:45	231	232	233	234	235
	3:00–4:00	241	242	243	244	245							

☐ **Group Discount for 4 or More Members:** $50 discount per person. Non-members or expired members choose the Registration + Membership option to be eligible. To provide separate payments for each person in your group, send printed registration forms without payment information by email, fax or mail. To provide a single form of payment for your group, register online, or send printed registration forms by fax or mail. All group registrations must be submitted together, no exceptions. Please note: If a member of the group cancels, making a group of less than 4, the group is no longer eligible for this discount and the discount is forfeited. Cannot be combined with any other offer. One discount per registrant. Promotional prices do not apply to Group Discount. Loyalty Program not affected by this offer.

Group Name: _____

☐ **Student/New to Nursing Rate:** Member Price $210. Student must provide proof of student status with registration, nursing programs only. New grads must submit letter from manager or copy of license.

☐ **Retiree Rate:** Retiree Member $310. Retirees must be at least 65 years of age.

On-Demand Options: See website.

One discount per registrant.

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PAYMENT **TOTAL**

☐ **Check enclosed payable in U.S. funds to: ANN** **Amount Enclosed** $

Or pay by: ☐ VISA ☐ Master Card ____ ____ ____ ____ – ____ ____ ____ ____ – ____ ____ ____ ____ – ____ ____ ____ ____

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Credit card billing address (if different from above): _____

Signature _____

For cancellations received in writing before August 13, 2026, a $50 administrative fee will be assessed and the balance will be remitted to the original form of payment. No refunds will be made after August 13, 2026. Membership fee is non-refundable, non transferable. ANN reserves the right to cancel conferences because of emergencies, labor strikes, acts of God, and insufficient registration or sponsorship. **Questions? Conference/Membership: 707-795-1421, Confirmed Registration: 856-256-2366.**

3 Ways to Register

1. ONLINE: academyofneonatalnursing.org
2. FAX: 856-218-0557
3. MAIL: ANN Registration
   PO Box 56
   Pitman, NJ 08071-0056