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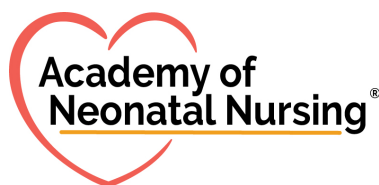
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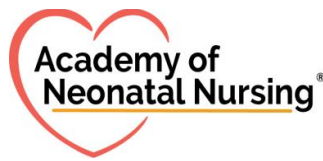
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	Wednesday	April 22	6:30 AM–1:30 PM
	Thursday	April 23	7:00 AM–1:00 PM
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We are excited to be in Honolulu! During this conference you will hear from both local and national experts, who will address the physiology, pathophysiology, and clinical implications of the problems we face every day as neonatal care providers. We are especially grateful to our panel of NPs who will share their pearls of wisdom about the future of NP practice.

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Conference Key:

NN= Neonatal **AP**= Advanced Practice

Monday, April 20

4:00 PM-7:00 PM	Registration Open	Palace Lounge
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Tuesday, April 21

6:30 AM-1:30 PM	Registration Open	Palace Lounge
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7:00 AM-8:00 AM	Coffee and Tea Service	Palace Lounge
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8:00 AM-8:30 AM	Welcome and Hall of Fame Induction SUPPORTED BY: PAMPERS PROFESSIONAL	Tapa 2 & 3
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8:30 AM-9:30 AM	AP/NN 101 From Past Trauma to Present Health: A Look into Native Hawaiian Historical Trauma and Mental Health <i>Zachary Kim, DO</i> <i>Naneo Cavaco, MD</i>	Tapa 2 & 3
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9:30 AM-10:30 AM	AP/NN 102 Updated Guidance on Therapeutic Hypothermia: New 2026 AAP Guidelines <i>Ashley Lucke, MD, FAAP</i>	Tapa 2 & 3
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10:30 AM-11:30 AM	Exhibits Open and Poster Viewing Coffee and Tea Service	Tapa 1
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11:30 AM-12:30 PM	AP 111 Cold Stress, Cooling Protocols, and the Heart: Avoiding Hemodynamic Pitfalls <i>Ashley Lucke, MD, FAAP</i>	Tapa 2
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NN 112	Feeding Very Preterm Newborns in the First 1-2 Weeks After Birth: When to Start? How Much? When to Advance? <i>Gregory Valentine, MD, MEd</i> SUPPORTED BY: MEAD JOHNSON NUTRITION	Tapa 3
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12:30 PM-1:30 PM	NN	120	Fresh is Best: Unlocking the Power of Maternal Milk for Preterm Infants <i>Lyndsay Long, DO</i>	Tapa 2
12:30 PM-1:45 PM	AP	121	NNP Forum <i>Misty Lilinoe Smith, DNP, APRN, NNP-BC</i> <i>Meredith Farmer, DNP, APRN, NNP-BC</i> <i>Tracey Bell, DNP, NNP-BC</i>	Tapa 3
5:00 PM-8:30 PM			Hilton Hawaiian Starlight Luau - Ticket Required	Great Lawn

Wednesday, April 22

6:30 AM-1:30 PM			Registration Open	Palace Lounge
6:30 AM-7:30 AM			Breakfast Symposium Communication, Connection and Collaboration: Lessons from a 52-Year Old Cheerleader <i>Clara Song, MD</i> (Ticket Required-Limited Seating) SUPPORTED BY: MEAD JOHNSON NUTRITION	Honolulu 1-3
7:15 AM-8:00 AM			Exhibits Open and Poster Viewing Coffee and Tea Service	Tapa 1
8:00 AM-9:00 AM	AP	201	NICU Potpourri: Jeopardy Knockoff <i>Christopher Traudt, MD</i>	Tapa 3
	NN	202	Fluids and Weight Loss: How Much Is Too Much In the First 2-Weeks After Birth Among Very Preterm Newborns? <i>Gregory Valentine, MD, MEd</i> SUPPORTED BY: MEAD JOHNSON NUTRITION	Tapa 2
9:00 AM-10:00 AM			Exhibits Open and Poster Viewing Coffee and Tea Service	Tapa 1
9:00 AM-9:45 AM			Poster Viewing Visit with Poster Authors!	Iolani 5-7, Palace Foyer
10:00 AM-11:00 AM	AP	211	Thinking on the Fly: Lessons from Neonatal Air Transport <i>Michael Guindon, MD</i>	Honolulu-1-3

	AP	212	Let's Go Surf! Less Invasive Surfactant Administration Options <i>Miranda Bingle, NNP-BC</i>	Tapa 2
	NN	213	Perinatal Palliative Care: From Womb to Birth <i>Kandie George, MD</i>	Tapa 3
11:15 AM-12:15 PM	AP	221	Podium Presentations Mentoring Neonatal Nurse Practitioners <i>Colleen R. Moss, DNP, APRN, NNP-BC, C-ELBW</i> <i>Jessica M. Jones, DNP, APRN, NNP-BC, C-NNIC</i> Early Screening for Cerebral Palsy- A Systematic Review <i>Desi M. Newberry, DNP, NNP-BC, CHSE, CNE</i> <i>Jessica Metcalf, RN</i> National Survey Insights and Implications for Practice: Current State of the Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Workforce <i>Jessica M. Jones, DNP, APRN, NNP-BC, C-NNIC</i> <i>Colleen R. Moss, DNP, APRN, NNP-BC, C-ELBW</i>	Tapa 2
	AP	222	Podiums Presentations What Helps and Hinders Neonatal Palliative Care Globally? A Systematic Review of Neonatal Nurses' Perspectives <i>Victoria Kain, RN, MN, SFHEA, PhD</i> From Sunrise to Stabilization: Standardizing the NICU Golden Hour Approach Across Hospital Systems <i>Emily Latiolais, DNP, APRN, NNP-BC</i> Reducing Time to Antibiotic Administration in Late Onset Sepsis <i>Macey Colonius, BSN, RN, RNC-NIC</i> <i>Erika Pangburn, BSN, RN, RNC-NIC</i>	Honolulu 1-3
	NN	223	Podium Presentations Innovating Neonatal Epinephrine Administration: Validation of a Prefilled Syringe System <i>Heather Cruz, NNP</i> <i>Jennifer Cerdana, PharmD</i> Improving Neonatal Resuscitation Readiness: Bridging Delivery Room and Inpatient Care Simulations <i>Amanda Woika, BSN, RN II, NTMNC</i>	Tapa 3

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Harmless Fun: Preventing Harm Through Comprehensive Staff Education and Interventions in a Level IV NICU

Angie Niedbalski, BBA, RN

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12:30 PM-1:30 PM	AP	231	MISSION IM-POSSIBLE: Syphilis in the NICU <i>Bryscen Prothero, APRN</i>	Tapa 3
	AP	232	High-Frequency Jet Ventilation <i>Christopher Traudt, MD</i>	Tapa 2
	NN	233	Retinopathy of Prematurity in Hawaii. Even in Paradise... <i>David Young, MD</i>	Honolulu 1-3

Thursday, April 23

7:00 AM-1:00 PM			Registration Open	Palace Lounge
7:15 AM-8:00 AM			Exhibits Open and Poster Viewing Coffee and Tea Service	Tapa 1
8:00 AM-8:30 AM	AP	301	Hep B Vaccination <i>Miranda Bingle, NNP-BC</i>	Tapa 3
			Understanding the NICU Nursing Workforce: What Meaningful Changes Can We Make Together <i>Tracey Bell, DNP, NNP-BC</i>	Tapa 3
	NN	302	Non-Invasive Ventilation: Not All NIV is Created Equal <i>Danny Rausch, RRT</i>	Tapa 2
9:00 AM-10:00 AM	AP	311	Silent Threats: Rethinking Neonatal Sepsis and Antibiotic Stewardship <i>Jennifer Cerdana, PharmD</i>	Tapa 2
	NN	312	Developmental Care: It's the Small Things that Matter Most <i>Patricia Wilhelm, PhD</i>	Tapa 3

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10:00 AM-10:45 AM			Poster Viewing Visit with Poster Authors!	Iolani 5-7, Palace Foyer
11:00 AM-12:00 PM	AP	321	Ventilation Case Studies The Trials and Tribulations of High-Frequency Ventilation in Neonates <i>Danny Rausch, RRT</i>	Tapa 2
	NN	322	Protection of Mothers and Babies Against RSV: Past, Present and Future <i>Rodolfo Begue, MD</i>	Tapa 3
12:00 PM-1:00 PM	AP	331	Walking the Steroid Tightrope: Corticosteroids and Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia <i>Jennifer Cerdena, PharmD</i>	Tapa 2
	NN	332	Small Baby Challenges: One Step at a Time <i>Leeann R. Pavlek, MD, MSc</i> SUPPORTED BY: PAMPERS PROFESSIONAL	Tapa 3

Friday, April 24

6:45 AM-12:30 PM			Registration Open	Palace Lounge
7:00 AM-8:00 AM			Coffee and Tea Service	Palace Lounge
7:00 AM-8:00 AM	AP/NN	400	Bonus Podium Presentations Implementation of Supraglottic Airway Ventilation for Delivery Room Neonatal Resuscitation <i>Stephanie De Ocampo, MSN, RN, CCRN-N</i> Aloha to Innovation: Transforming Practice Through Individualized Orientation <i>Chandler Patton, MSN, MBA, RN, RNC-NIC, CPN, CBC, LSSBB</i> <i>Shannon Rosiere, MSN, RN, NPD-BC</i>	Tapa 2 & 3
8:00 AM-9:00 AM	AP/NN	401	Beyond Cultural Competence: Practicing Cultural Humility with Micronesian Patients and Families <i>Julianne Walsh, MA, PhD</i> <i>Misty Lilinoe Smith, DNP, APRN, NNP-BC</i>	Tapa 2 & 3

9:00 AM-10:00 AM	AP/NN	402	An Evidence Based Approach for Improving Care of Tiny Patients <i>Leeann R. Pavlek, MD, MSc</i>	Tapa 2 & 3
10:00 AM-10:15 AM			Coffee and Tea Service	
10:15 AM-11:15 AM	AP/NN	403	From Burnout to Balance: Building Resilience and Preventing Burnout in Nursing <i>Rachel Prokop, PsyD</i> <i>Ciera Nicholson, PhD</i> SUPPORTED BY: PAMPERS PROFESSIONAL	Tapa 2 & 3
11:15 AM-12:15 PM	AP/NN	404	Everybody Matters...Show Them by Pouring Value into Their Lives and Valuing Them...With a Little Neurochemistry Sprinkled Throughout the Process <i>Robert Ridout, MD</i>	Tapa 2 & 3
12:15 PM-12:30 PM			Closing Remarks	Tapa 2 & 3

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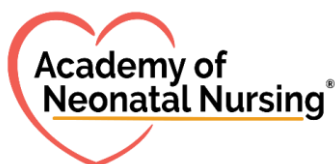
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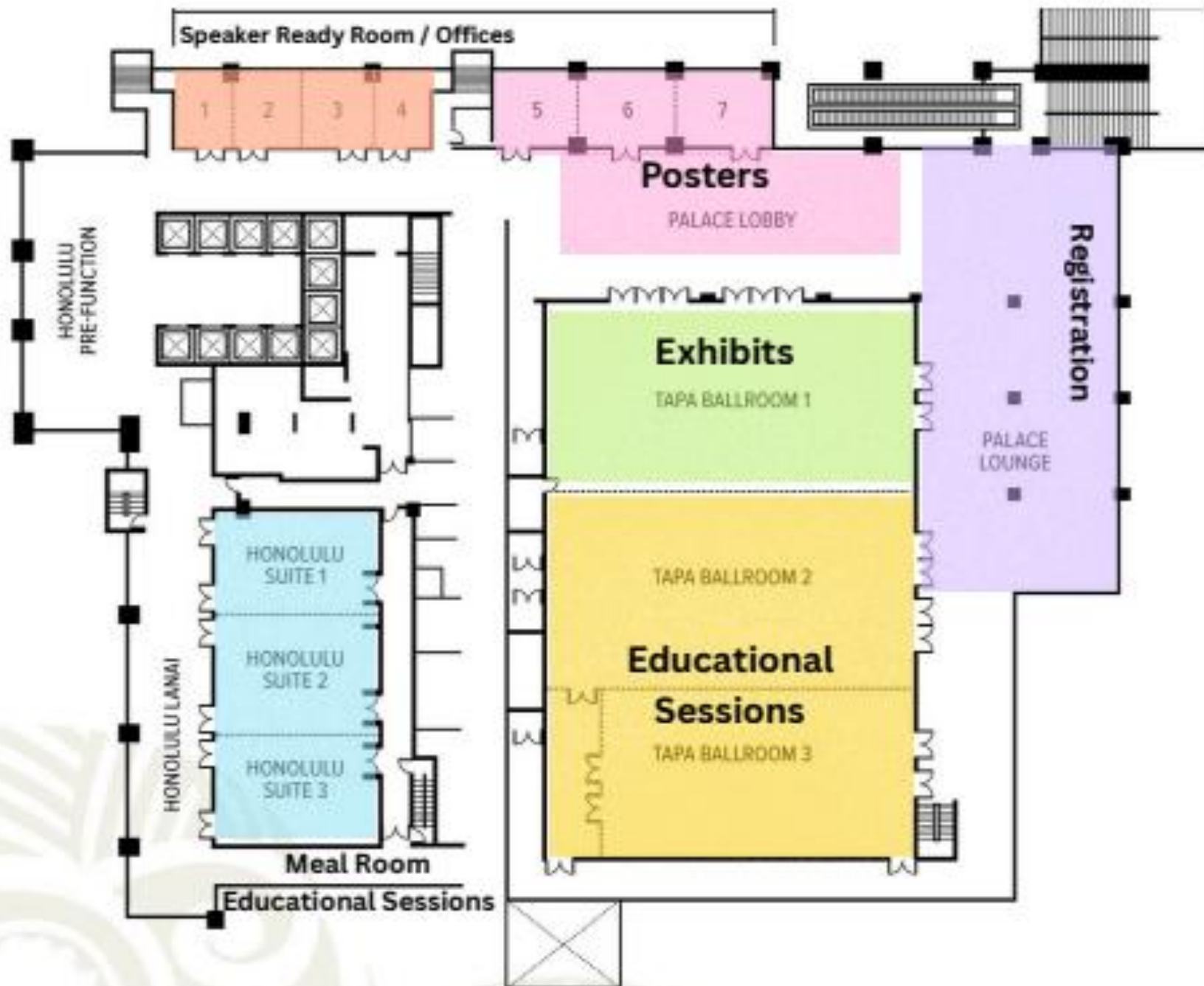
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Main Conference

Session #101

From Past Trauma to Present Health: A Look into Native Hawaiian Historical Trauma and Mental Health

Zachary Kim, DO

Naneo Cavaco, MD

Learning Outcome: Learners will increase their knowledge of the impact of historical trauma on mental health outcomes affecting Native Hawaiians and initiatives addressing these mental health disparities.

Session #102

Updated Guidance on Therapeutic Hypothermia: New 2026 AAP Guidelines

Ashley Lucke, MD, FAAP

Learning Outcome: Learners will compare previous AAP therapeutic hypothermia guidance with the new 2026 updated guidelines and the evidence supporting these changes. Learners will acquire tips and practical approaches toward the implementation of these guidelines in various practice settings including neonatal intensive care units, transport, newborn nurseries, labor and delivery units.

Session #111

Cold Stress, Cooling Protocols, and the Heart: Avoiding Hemodynamic Pitfalls

Ashley Lucke, MD, FAAP

Learning Outcome: Learners will increase their knowledge of how cold stress and therapeutic hypothermia impact neonatal cardiac function

and hemodynamic stability and how to prevent related complications.

Session #112

Feeding Very Preterm Newborns in the First 1-2 Weeks After Birth: When to Start? How Much? When to Advance?

Gregory Valentine, MD, Med

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Learning Outcome: Learners will increase their knowledge of optimal enteral feeding practices by appraising clinical trials and systematic reviews while also understanding future directions and key unanswered questions needing to be addressed.

Session #120

Fresh is Best: Unlocking the Power of Maternal Milk for Preterm Infants

Lyndsay Long, DO

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Learning Outcome: Learners will identify key bioactive components of maternal breast milk and explain their roles in supporting preterm infant health and development.

Session #121**NNP Forum**

Misty Lilinoe Smith, DNP, APRN, NNP-BC

Meredith Farmer, DNP, APRN, NNP-BC

Tracey Bell, DNP, NNP-BC

Learning Outcome: Learners will discuss professional practice issues related to the nurse practitioner role.

Session #201**NICU Potpourri: Jeopardy Knockoff**

Christopher Traudt, MD

Learning Outcome: Learners will increase their knowledge of clinical cases so that they can improve their care of the infant in the NICU.

Session #202**Fluids and Weight Loss: How Much Is Too Much In the First 2-Weeks After Birth Among Very Preterm Newborns?**

Gregory Valentine, MD, Med

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Learning Outcome: Learners will increase their knowledge of optimal fluid and weight loss management in the first 2 weeks after birth among very preterm newborns by appraising clinical studies while also understanding future directions and key unanswered questions needing to be addressed.

Session #211**Thinking on the Fly: Lessons from Neonatal Air Transport**

Michael Guindon, MD

Learning Outcome: Learners will increase their understanding of the complex environment of neonatal transport and the critical role of interprofessional communication during these high-risk procedures.

Session #212**Let's Go Surf! Less Invasive Surfactant Administration Options**

Miranda Bingle, NNP-BC

Learning Outcome: 1) Learners will increase their knowledge of the risks and benefits of less invasive surfactant administration

2) Learners will increase their knowledge of alternative ways to administer surfactant less invasively

Session #213**Perinatal Palliative Care: From Womb to Birth**

Kandie George, MD

Learning Outcome: Learners will increase their knowledge of the goals of palliative care in the perinatal period and understanding of how to establish a Perinatal Palliative Care Program at their own institutions if one doesn't already exist.

Session #221**Podium Presentations****Mentoring Neonatal Nurse Practitioners**

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

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Early Screening for Cerebral Palsy- A Systematic Review

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National Survey Insights and Implications for Practice: Current State of the Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Workforce

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Learning Outcome: Learners will increase their knowledge of current information related to the technical, medical, and nursing aspects of neonatal care.

Session #222**Podiums Presentations****What Helps and Hinders Neonatal Palliative**

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Learning Outcome: Learners will increase their knowledge of current information related to the technical, medical, and nursing aspects of neonatal care.

Session #231

MISSION IM-POSSIBLE: Syphilis in the NICU

Bryscen Prothero, APRN

Learning Outcome: Learners will increase their knowledge on how to interpret maternal and neonatal diagnostics as it pertains to congenital syphilis.

Learners will increase their knowledge on how to evaluate infants at risk for congenital syphilis

Learners will increase their knowledge on how to manage congenital syphilis in the NICU

Session #232

High-Frequency Jet Ventilation

Christopher Traudt, MD

Learning Outcome: Learners will increase their understanding of the HFJV mechanism of action, settings, and measurements.

Session #233

Retinopathy of Prematurity in Hawaii. Even in Paradise...

David Young, MD

Learning Outcome: Learners will increase their understanding of the pathophysiology, treatment and emotional impact of retinopathy of prematurity.

Session #301

Hep B Vaccination

Miranda Bingle, NNP-BC

Learning Outcome: Learners will increase their understanding of the risks and benefits of Hepatitis B Vaccination at birth and develop strategies to educate parents and caregivers about these risks and benefits.

**Understanding the NICU Nursing Workforce:
What Meaningful Changes Can We Make
Together**

Tracey Bell, DNP, NNP-BC

Learning Outcome: Learners will increase their understanding of the impact of the complex health system environment on the neonatal workforce and how neonatal health care providers can work together to effect change.

Session #302

**Non-Invasive Ventilation: Not All NIV is Created
Equal**

Danny Rausch, RRT

Learning Outcome Learners will increase their knowledge of the various types of noninvasive ventilation and the advantages and disadvantages of each.

Session #311

**Silent Threats: Rethinking Neonatal Sepsis and
Antibiotic Stewardship**

Jennifer Cerdena, PharmD

Learning Outcome: Learners will increase their knowledge of the clinical challenges and limitations in diagnosing neonatal sepsis, particularly in culture-negative cases, identify and apply data collection tools that support evidence based decision making in suspected neonatal sepsis, by analyzing the current evidence on treatment duration and discuss strategies to optimize antibiotic use in the NICU, and evaluate the risks of prolonged antibiotic exposure in neonates and describe why antibiotics are not benign in this population.

Session #312

**Developmental Care: It's the Small Things that
Matter Most**

Patricia Wilhelm, PhD

Learning Outcome: Learners will increase their knowledge regarding the impact nursing

interventions/care in the NICU can impact long term developmental outcomes.

Session #321

**Ventilation Case Studies The Trials and
Tribulations of High-Frequency Ventilation in
Neonates**

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Learning Outcome: Learners will increase their knowledge of both types of high frequency ventilation and how to adjust high frequency jet ventilation and high frequency oscillatory ventilation to optimize respiratory outcomes.

Session #322

**Protection of Mothers and Babies Against RSV:
Past, Present and Future**

Rodolfo Begue, MD

Learning Outcome: Learners will increase their knowledge of immunization practices against RSV available to mothers and their babies

Session #331

**Walking the Steroid Tightrope: Corticosteroids
and Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia**

Jennifer Cerdena, PharmD

Learning Outcome: Learners will increase their knowledge of the pharmacology and mechanisms of action of systemic corticosteroids in preterm neonates, evaluate the evidence supporting the corticosteroid use for prevention and treatment of bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD), identify the short- and long-term risks of corticosteroid exposure, including neurodevelopmental concerns with repeated courses, and discuss strategies to balance therapeutic benefit with potential harm when considering corticosteroid use in preterm neonates.

Session #332**Small Baby Challenges: One Step at a Time**

Leeann R. Pavlek, MD, MSc

Learning Outcome: Participants will be able to provide evidence-based, systems-focused approach to the nursing care of extremely premature infants—integrating respiratory support, thermoregulation, nutrition, neurological protection, family inclusiveness, and ethical considerations—to deliver safe, developmentally supportive, and holistic nursing care.

Session #400**Podiums Presentations****Implementation of Supraglottic Airway Ventilation for Delivery Room Neonatal Resuscitation**

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Aloha to Innovation: Transforming Practice Through Individualized Orientation

Chandler Patton, MSN, MBA, RN, RNC-NIC, CPN, CBC, LSSBB

Shannon Rosiere, MSN, RN, NPD-BC

Learning Outcome: Learners will increase their knowledge of current information related to the technical, medical, and nursing aspects of neonatal care.

Session #401**Beyond Cultural Competence: Practicing Cultural Humility with Micronesian Patients and Families**

Julianne Walsh, MA, PhD

Misty Lilinoe Smith, DNP, APRN, NNP-BC

Learning Outcome: Learners will demonstrate an understanding of cultural humility and its application to neonatal care.

Session #402**An Evidence Based Approach for Improving Care of Tiny Patients**

Leeann R. Pavlek, MD, MSc

Learning Outcome: Learners will increase their knowledge to describe evidence-based strategies for optimizing preterm infant care across the prenatal period, delivery room, and NICU, including respiratory support, thermoregulation, nutrition, neurological protection with a family centered focus.

Session #403**From Burnout to Balance: Building Resilience and Preventing Burnout in Nursing**

Rachel Prokop, PsyD

Ciera Nicholson, PhD

Learning Outcome: Learners will increase their knowledge for recognizing early signs of burnout and applying practical self-care techniques to support their mental health in clinical practice

Session #404**Everybody Matters...Show Them by Pouring Value into Their Lives and Valuing Them...With a Little Neurochemistry Sprinkled Throughout the Process**

Robert Ridout, MD

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Learning Outcome: Learners will increased their knowledge and enhanced competence to assess their level of leadership with each individual on your team, discuss the role of leadership (influence and adding value) in cultivating strong teams, and leverage biology to enhance teamwork.

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#502 NICU CLABSI Reduction Through Multidisciplinary Collaboration and Innovation (FY23–FY25)

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#503 A PDSA-Driven Quality Improvement Initiative to Address Breastfeeding Disparities Among Black Families in the NICU

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#504 Reducing Pain and Pokes to Prevent Intraventricular Hemorrhage In Very Low Birth Weight Premature Infants

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#505 Avoid the Tube: A QI Initiative to Reduce Endotracheal Intubation During Laser Photocoagulation for ROP

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#508 Double Volume Exchange Transfusion: Innovating a Standardized Approach Across a Multicenter Practice

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#509 Improving Early Identification and Treatment of Neonatal Hypoglycemia

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#510 Enhancing Lactation Support by Identifying Key Supports and Barriers for NICU Mothers

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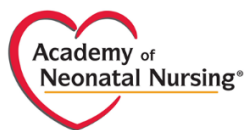
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Embryology, Physiology, Pathophysiology and Systems Management (Code 2)	- Updated Guidance on Therapeutic Hypothermia: New 2026 AAP Guidelines - Cold Stress, Cooling Protocols, and the Heart: Avoiding Hemodynamic Pitfalls - Let's Go Surf! Less Invasive Surfactant Administration Options - MISSION IM-POSSIBLE: Syphilis in the NICU - Retinopathy of Prematurity in Hawaii. Even in Paradise... - Non-Invasive Ventilation: Not All NIV is Created Equal - High-Frequency Jet Ventilation - Ventilation Case Studies: The Trials and Tribulations of High-Frequency Ventilation in Neonates
General Management (Code 3)	- Feeding Very Preterm Newborns in the First 1–2 Weeks After Birth - Fresh is Best: Unlocking the Power of Maternal Milk for Preterm Infants - Fluids and Weight Loss: How Much Is Too Much in the First 2 Weeks After Birth - Perinatal Palliative Care: From Womb to Birth - Small Baby Challenges: One Step at a Time - An Evidence-Based Approach for Improving Care of Tiny Patients

Pharmacology (Code 4)	• Silent Threats: Rethinking Neonatal Sepsis and Antibiotic Stewardship • Walking the Steroid Tightrope: Corticosteroids and Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia • Hep B Vaccination
Professional Practice (Code 5)	• From Past Trauma to Present Health: A Look into Native Hawaiian Historical Trauma and Mental Health • NNP Forum • NICU Potpourri: Jeopardy Knockoff • Podium Presentations • Neonatal Podium Presentations • Protection of Mothers and Babies Against RSV • Bonus Podium Presentations • Beyond Cultural Competence: Practicing Cultural Humility with Micronesian Patients and Families • From Burnout to Balance: Building Resilience and Preventing Burnout in Nursing • Everybody Matters...Show Them by Pouring Value into Their Lives • Understanding the NICU Nursing Workforce

NIC Codes	Session Names
General Assessment (Code 1)	• Feeding Very Preterm Newborns in the First 1–2 Weeks After Birth • Fresh is Best: Unlocking the Power of Maternal Milk for Preterm Infants • Fluids and Weight Loss: How Much Is Too Much in the First 2 Weeks After Birth • Let's Go Surf! Less Invasive Surfactant Administration Options • High-Frequency Jet Ventilation • Non-Invasive Ventilation: Not All NIV is Created Equal • Ventilation Case Studies: The Trials and Tribulations of High-Frequency Ventilation in Neonates • Developmental Care: It's the Small Things that Matter Most
Physiology and Pathophysiology (Code 2)	• Updated Guidance on Therapeutic Hypothermia: New 2026 AAP Guidelines • Cold Stress, Cooling Protocols, and the Heart: Avoiding Hemodynamic Pitfalls • Perinatal Palliative Care: From Womb to Birth

	• Retinopathy of Prematurity in Hawaii. Even in Paradise... • MISSION IM-POSSIBLE: Syphilis in the NICU • Small Baby Challenges: One Step at a Time • Hep B Vaccination
Pharmacology (Code 3)	• Silent Threats: Rethinking Neonatal Sepsis and Antibiotic Stewardship • Walking the Steroid Tightrope: Corticosteroids and Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia
Professional Practice (Code 4)	• From Past Trauma to Present Health: A Look into Native Hawaiian Historical Trauma and Mental Health • NICU Potpourri: Jeopardy Knockoff • Podium Presentations • Neonatal Podium Presentations • Protection of Mothers and Babies Against RSV • Bonus Podium Presentations • Beyond Cultural Competence: Practicing Cultural Humility with Micronesian Patients and Families • From Burnout to Balance: Building Resilience and Preventing Burnout in Nursing • Everybody Matters...Show Them by Pouring Value into Their Lives • Understanding the NICU Nursing Workforce

LRN Codes	Session Names
Mother/Fetus (Code 1)	• NA
Physical Assessment and General Management (Code 2)	• Fresh is Best: Unlocking the Power of Maternal Milk for Preterm Infants • Fluids and Weight Loss: How Much Is Too Much in the First 2 Weeks After Birth • Let's Go Surf! Less Invasive Surfactant Administration Options • Perinatal Palliative Care: From Womb to Birth • Non-Invasive Ventilation: Not All NIV is Created Equal • Developmental Care: It's the Small Things that Matter Most • MISSION IM-POSSIBLE: Syphilis in the NICU
Assessment and Management of Pathophysiological Conditions and Neonatal Complications (Code 3)	• Updated Guidance on Therapeutic Hypothermia: New 2026 AAP Guidelines • Cold Stress, Cooling Protocols, and the Heart: Avoiding Hemodynamic Pitfalls

	• Retinopathy of Prematurity in Hawaii. Even in Paradise...
Pharmacology (Code 4)	• Silent Threats: Rethinking Neonatal Sepsis and Antibiotic Stewardship • Walking the Steroid Tightrope: Corticosteroids and Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia • Hep B Vaccination
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Care of the Extremely Low Birth Weight Neonate (Code 7)	• Feeding Very Preterm Newborns in the First 1–2 Weeks After Birth • Fresh is Best: Unlocking the Power of Maternal Milk for Preterm Infants • Fluids and Weight Loss: How Much Is Too Much in the First 2 Weeks After Birth • Let's Go Surf! Less Invasive Surfactant Administration Options • Perinatal Palliative Care: From Womb to Birth • MISSION IM-POSSIBLE: Syphilis in the NICU • High-Frequency Jet Ventilation • Retinopathy of Prematurity in Hawaii. Even in Paradise... • Non-Invasive Ventilation: Not All NIV is Created Equal • Silent Threats: Rethinking Neonatal Sepsis and Antibiotic Stewardship • Developmental Care: It's the Small Things that Matter Most • Ventilation Case Studies: The Trials and Tribulations of High-Frequency Ventilation in Neonates • Protection of Mothers and Babies Against RSV • Walking the Steroid Tightrope: Corticosteroids and Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia • Small Baby Challenges: One Step at a Time • An Evidence-Based Approach for Improving Care of Tiny Patients
Neonatal Neuro-Intensive Care NNIC (Code 20)	• Updated Guidance on Therapeutic Hypothermia: New 2026 AAP Guidelines • Cold Stress, Cooling Protocols, and the Heart: Avoiding Hemodynamic Pitfalls • Perinatal Palliative Care: From Womb to Birth • Non-Invasive Ventilation: Not All NIV is Created Equal • Developmental Care: It's the Small Things that Matter Most • An Evidence-Based Approach for Improving Care of Tiny Patients
Neonatal Pediatric Transport (Code 27)	• Updated Guidance on Therapeutic Hypothermia: New 2026 AAP Guidelines • Cold Stress, Cooling Protocols, and the Heart: Avoiding Hemodynamic Pitfalls

	• Thinking on the Fly: Lessons from Neonatal Air Transport • Let's Go Surf! Less Invasive Surfactant Administration Options • Non-Invasive Ventilation: Not All NIV is Created Equal • An Evidence-Based Approach for Improving Care of Tiny Patients
ONQS - Obstetric and Neonatal Quality and Safety (Code 28)	• N/A



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