

Corporate Satellite Symposia

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Thursday, September 25


5:30–7:30 pm

DINNER SYMPOSIUM

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV): From Pathogenesis to Prevention

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Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is the most important cause of viral lower respiratory tract illness in infants and children worldwide. It is responsible for over 120,000 annual hospitalizations in infants in the United States alone. The disease spectrum includes a wide array of upper and lower respiratory symptoms that can have a significant impact on morbidity and mortality. Additionally, RSV infection can be associated with the development of acute, short-term diseases such as otitis media and chronic, long-term such as reactive airway disease and asthma. The costs of caring for patients who experience severe lower respiratory tract infection and their sequelae are substantial and cut across all segments of the neonatal and pediatric health care sector. Presently, pharmacological management of this disease is limited to symptomatic therapy, antiviral therapy, and monoclonal antibody preventive therapy in select patient populations. This symposium will review the pathophysiology and disease burden of RSV infection in the neonatal and pediatric populations as well as highlight proper healthcare practices that can prevent the development of the disease in the NICU or its spread beyond the hospital. Finally, the current pharmacologic symptomatic treatment and disease prevention options will be reviewed.

Supported by an educational grant from MedImmune, Inc. 

To register online for this symposium, please visit www.NICUniversity.org or print out the registration form from the Web site and fax it back to 267/395-0002.

Friday, September 26

5:30–7:30 pm


DINNER SYMPOSIUM

Developing Teaching Programs in the NICU: A Focus on RDS

Lyn Vargo, PhD, RN, NNP-BC, University of Missouri, Kansas City, MO, (Dinner Symposium Chair); Jatinder, Bhatia, MBBS, MCG Health Systems, MCG Children's Medical Center, Augusta, GA; Kathleen M. Buckley, PhD, RN, Catholic University of America, School of Nursing, Washington, DC

The neonatal nurse practitioner (NNP) and neonatal clinical nurse specialist (NCNS) provide comprehensive critical care to newborns in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU). The role of the neonatal nurse evolved over the last 20 years in order to keep up with advancing technology and the ongoing challenge of managing premature infants. The dynamic team that comprises the NICU staff is vital to the education of other nurses and physicians. In the 1970s, nurse practitioners commenced working in the NICU after attaining a bachelor's degree; however, in 2000, the American Academy of Pediatrics endorsed the master's degree as basic advanced nursing preparation for practice in the NICU setting. Additionally, there is a need to create a true evolving learning environment within the NICU and to set up an appropriate standard for in-house education.

In the United States, respiratory distress syndrome (RDS) is a complication in approximately 1% of all pregnancies, totaling about 25,000 cases each year. Since this complication poses many challenges to the NICU staff, this symposium will utilize RDS as a disease state example for creating teaching tools and protocols for NICU staff. It will address nurses' roles as educators and discuss successful communication with NICU physicians to implement quality control measures and formulate evidence-based guidelines that improve patient care. Having both nurses and a physician as faculty members provides an opportunity for discourse during case study examples, leading to an understanding of separate points of view in the NICU.

Supported by an educational grant from DEY, LP. 

To register online for this symposium, please visit www.scientific-frontiers.com/3989.

Saturday, September 27

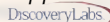
7–8:30 am

BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM

Best Practices for Surfactant Therapy

Cheryl A. Carlson, PhD APRN NNP, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC; Timothy R. Myers, RRT-NPS, University's Hospital Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Cleveland, OH

Surfactant therapy has markedly reduced the mortality rate of premature infants and is now established as a safe and effective standard of care. Many questions remain about surfactant therapy however, like how best to administer doses of surfactant and which type of surfactant is most effective for respiratory distress syndrome (RDS). This symposium will examine supporting evidence of the need for proper surfactant preparation, best practice for surfactant administration, review and record complications of surfactants and their management, which will lead to an increased appreciation of the need for proper surfactant preparation and use.

Supported by an educational grant from Discovery Laboratories, Inc. 

To register online for this symposium, please visit www.SurfactantTherapy.com or print out the registration form from the Web site and fax it back to 800/708-5536.

7–8:30 am


BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM

Evolving Issues in the Medical Management of Patent Ductus Arteriosus

Ilene R. Sosenko, MD, University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine, Miami Florida

Nurse/Nurse Practitioner TBD

Join us for an exciting case-based program using practical examples on the application of best practices in managing PDA in the neonate, including early diagnosis and identification, optimized medical management of PDA including timing of treatment, number of treatment courses, monitoring of safety and efficacy of treatment including degree of closure, renal function, IVH, GI complications, and the role of NICU team members, and team approach to optimize outcomes.

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