

10th Annual
**Symposium on
Neonatal Advances**

Presented by the Division of Neonatal-Perinatal
Medicine, Department of Pediatrics

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Conference Agenda

Time	Event	Speaker
7:15 to 8 a.m.	Registration, Exhibits, and Continental Breakfast	
8 to 8:10 a.m.	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Mariann Pappagallo, MD
Morning Session Moderator: Ted Rosenkrantz, MD		
8:10 to 9:10 a.m.	Congenital CMV: Clinical Updates in Diagnosis and Management	Scott James, MD
9:10 to 10:10 a.m.	Jeffrey Bartlett, DO, Memorial Lecture: Protecting the Preterm Brain: Current Neuroprotective Strategies and Future Advances	Mohamed El-Dib, MD
10:10 to 10:25 a.m.	Break and Exhibits in Keller Lobby	
10:30 to 11:30 a.m.	Precision Oxygen Saturation Targeting for Extremely Preterm Infants: Balancing Risks and Benefits	Wally Carlo, MD
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Lunch and Exhibits	
Afternoon Session Moderator: David Sink, MD		
12:40 to 1:40 p.m.	Metabolic Bone Disease of Prematurity: Screening and Treatment Strategies in the Modern NICU	Andrew Calabria, MD
1:40 to 1:55 p.m.	Break and Exhibits in Keller Lobby	
2 to 3 p.m.	Shared Decision-Making When the Decision-Makers Do Not Agree	Mark Mercurio, MD
3 to 4 p.m.	The Developmental Programming Effects of Prenatal Opioid and Cannabis Exposure	Elizabeth Yen, MD
4 p.m.	Closing Remarks and Evaluations	Mariann Pappagallo, MD

Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this program, the participants should be able to:

- Explain the rationale and supporting data for antiviral treatment of symptomatic congenital CMV disease.
- Identify diagnostic methodologies that could be used for universal screening programs for congenital CMV infection.
- Identify patterns and mechanisms of preterm brain injury and encephalopathy of prematurity.
- Discuss emerging and future approaches to preterm neuroprotection.
- Learn the evidence from the SUPPORT (Surfactant, Positive Pressure, and Oxygenation Randomized) trial, individual participant meta-analyses, and other partner trials.
- Review risk factors for infants at risk of metabolic bone disease of prematurity.
- Discuss potential treatment strategies for infants with metabolic bone disease of prematurity.
- Understand the foundations of shared decision-making between parents and physicians.
- Create a feasible and ethically defensible approach for when parents disagree with one another on critical decisions.
- Sex-specific molecular effects of prenatal opioid and cannabis exposure on infant feeding behavior and growth.
- Cardiometabolic risks of prenatal opioid and cannabis exposure.

Planning Committee

Mariann Pappagallo, MD
Naveed Hussain, MD
Ted Rosenkrantz, MD, moderator
Victoria Carvalho, APRN
Gillian Carella, PA-C
David Sink, MD, moderator
Lisa Stoecklin, RN

Speakers

Andrew Calabria, MD

Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania
Clinical Director, Division of Endocrinology and Diabetes,
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Wally Carlo, MD

Professor of Pediatrics, Division of Neonatology, Department of Pediatrics, Heersink School of Medicine, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Mohamed El-Dib, MD, FAAP

Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Harvard Medical School
Director, Neonatal Neurocritical Care Program, Department of Pediatrics, Division of Newborn Medicine, Brigham and Women's Hospital
President, Newborn Brain Society

Scott H. James, MD, FAAP, FIDSA, FPIDS

Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases, Department of Pediatrics, Heersink School of Medicine, University of Alabama at Birmingham
Principal Investigator, Antiviral Screening Laboratory, Heersink School of Medicine
Program Director, Pediatric Infectious Diseases Fellowship Program, Heersink School of Medicine

Mark R. Mercurio, MD, MA

Executive Director, Center for Pediatric Bioethics, Boston Children's Hospital

Elizabeth Yen, MD, MA

Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Tufts University School of Medicine
Associate Director, Woman, Mother and Baby (WoMB) Research Institute, Tufts Medical Center
Director of Research, Newborn Medicine, Tufts Medicine Pediatrics and Boston Children's Clinical Trials Office Research Champion, Department of Pediatrics, Tufts University School of Medicine
Past Chair, Women in Medicine and Science, Tufts University School of Medicine

Who Should Attend?

Neonatologists, Pediatricians, Advanced Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Nurses, Other Allied Health Professionals, Fellows, Residents, and Students

Location

Keller Auditorium
UConn Health
Main Building
263 Farmington Avenue
Farmington, CT 06030

Registration

Register by September 10, 2026, at h.uconn.edu/neonatal-2026.



Physicians: \$190
NNP, PA, Nurses and Other Allied Health Professionals: \$140
Fellows, Residents, Students: No Charge

The fee includes the symposium, light breakfast, lunch, and continuing education credits.

Special Needs: Advance notice of special needs is requested no later than September 4, 2026. Contact Kristiana Rinaldi at krinaldi@uchc.edu.

Continuing Education Credit

The University of Connecticut School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education. An application has been submitted, and 6 CME credits are pending approval.

If attending this session, but not able to claim AMA PRA Category 1 Credit, please use the credit hours towards the accrediting organization in which you receive credit from. Most organizations will accept AMA PRA Category 1 Credit and apply them to your credit hours earned and your specific licensure requirements.

Evaluations: All participants are required to complete an online evaluation to obtain credit.

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Accommodation Information: Homewood Suites, 2 Farm Glen Boulevard, Farmington, CT 06032

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