

Perinatal / Neonatal Palliative Care Conference

Friday, September 23, 2011

Forbes Amphitheater
Morristown Medical Center
100 Madison Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960

Provided by
Gateway Northwest Maternal and Child Health Network
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Overview

This conference will focus on the care of families who choose to continue a pregnancy after the prenatal diagnosis of a life-limiting condition, addressing how it takes an interdisciplinary team to provide comprehensive and compassionate care at various points along the continuum from fetal diagnosis through birth and death.

Agenda

- 8:00 AM **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 AM **Welcome**
 Marie Hogarty, RNC-OB-MSN
 Director for Professional Education, Gateway Northwest MCH Network
- 8:45 AM **What Is Perinatal / Neonatal Palliative Care and Why Is It Needed –
A Parent’s and an Advocate’s Perspective**
 Amy Kuebelbeck, MA
 Author of *Waiting with Gabriel – A Story of Cherishing a Baby’s Brief Life*, co-author of *A Gift of Time: Continuing Your Pregnancy When Your Baby’s Life Is Expected to Be Brief*,
 editor, www.perinatalhospice.org
- 10:15 AM **Stretch Break**
- 10:30 AM **Ethics and Legal Issues in Palliative Care for Pregnant Women and Infants**
 David Price, MDiv, PhD
 Clinical Ethicist, Palisades Medical Center, North Bergen
- 11:30 AM **Cultural Influences on Palliative Care**
 Sunitha Sara John, MD, MHSA
 Palliative Care Specialist, Department of Internal Medicine, Morristown Medical Center
- 12:30 PM **Lunch**
- 1:15 PM **The Essentials of a Compassionate and Comprehensive Perinatal / Neonatal Palliative
Care Program**
 Sheila Lenihan Walsh APRN, BC
 Director of Program Services, the Circle of Life Children’s Center (COLCC) at UMDNJ

2:30 PM **Parent's Voices - Their Perspectives / Experiences / Recommendations for Physicians, Nurses, Social Workers**
Jenna Creasy, Mother of Noah, with Sheryl Dwyer, RNC, BSN
RTS Coordinator, Monmouth Medical Center and FIMR Coordinator, Central Jersey Family Health Consortium
Christine Nugent, Mother of Grace
Lisa and Peter McNamara, Parents of Liam, Founders of Liam's Room
Jackie Swayze, RNC, BSN (Panel Moderator)
NICU Nurse Educator, Morristown Medical Center

4:00 PM **Evaluations and Adjourn**

Objectives

As a result of attending this conference, participants will be able to:

- List three common fears that parents have when anticipating the birth of a baby with a life-limiting condition.
- Describe three key elements of a birth plan for a baby with a life-limiting condition.
- List at least four practical strategies and four barriers to honoring parents' goals and wishes for their baby with a life-limiting condition.
- Explain at least two ethical issues and two legal dilemmas that may arise in perinatal / neonatal palliative care for newborns with life-limiting conditions.
- Define the roles of the nurse and the social worker in supporting ethical practice in perinatal / neonatal palliative care.
- Describe advance directives and their role in preventing ethical and/or legal dilemmas as well as their limited application for perinatal / neonatal palliative and hospice care.
- Identify dimensions of culture and the influence of culture on perinatal / neonatal palliative care.
- Explain how to conduct a cultural and spiritual assessment of families of an infant with a life-limiting condition.
- List the key processes essential to the development and implementation of a perinatal / neonatal palliative care program.
- Describe the feelings and wishes of parents, who faced with an impossible decision, decide to let their baby with a life-limiting condition die naturally.

Continuing Education Credits

For Nurses

This program has been awarded **6.25** contact hours.

Gateway Northwest Maternal and Child Health Network is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the NJSNA, an accredited approver, by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's COA.

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Accreditation refers to recognition of continuing education activities only and does not imply approval or endorsement of any commercial product.

For Social Workers

Continuing education credits for social workers are being applied for from the New Jersey Board of Social Work Examiners.

Registration

Registration Fee: \$40.00 for employees of hospitals, who are members of the Gateway Northwest Maternal and Child Health Network*
\$55.00 for all others
Fee includes contact hours or continuing education credits, handouts available online, continental breakfast and lunch.

Hospital members of Gateway: Clara Maass Medical Center, Hackensack University Medical Center, Hackettstown Regional Medical Center, JFK Medical Center, Morristown Medical Center, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, Newton Medical Center, Overlook Medical Center, Saint Clare's Hospital, Trinitas Regional Medical Center, and UMDNJ University Hospital

Note: Amy Kuebelbeck's books: *Waiting with Gabriel – A Story of Cherishing a Baby's Brief Life* and *A Gift of Time: Continuing Your Pregnancy When Your Baby's Life Is Expected to Be Brief* are both available from Amazon. Books will not be sold at the conference, but you are welcome to bring your copies to have them signed by Amy.

Registration Deadline: September 14, 2011

To receive registration confirmation, email Beverly Honore at bhonore@gatewaymch.org

Cancellation: Providers reserve the right to cancel should there be an insufficient number of participants registered.

Refund: Refunds are not possible for this program, but a substitute may attend for the one registered.

Conference Handouts – Going Green



*Conference presentations will be made available for download after September 14 at www.gatewaymch.org. Participants are encouraged to download presentations prior to the conference and bring these to the conference for taking additional notes.
No hard copies of the presentations will be available at the conference.*

For more information

Contact Marie Hogarty at the MCH Network: 973-268-2280, ext. 111 or mhogarty@gatewaymch.org or Jackie Swayze at 973-971-5554 or Jacquelyn.Swayze@atlantichealth.org

Disclosures

The speakers and planners have no vested interest in the content of this continuing nursing education activity to disclose.

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There will be no non-FDA approved medications or devices discussed.

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