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Wednesday, April 5, 2017

1:00 pm Registration

1:00 Strategies to Increase NEC Awareness and Funding

The lack of awareness, funding and prioritization of necrotizing enterocolitis have resulted in stagnant morbidity and mortality rates for over 30 years. The family-patient advocates within the NEC Society represent nearly all 50 U.S. states and 20 different countries, yet everyone agrees: they were blindsided by their baby's NEC diagnosis. In this session, the NEC Society's leadership team will explore strategies to increase awareness, funding and prioritization of necrotizing enterocolitis.

Jennifer Canvasser, MSW, Founder and Director of the NEC Society

2:15 Break

2:30 Evidence-Based Techniques to Enhance Quality of Life for Premature Infants and Their Families

Premature infants are often hospitalized for long periods of time. NICU parents report feeling overwhelmed, disempowered, and in a state of shock. How do we nurture infants who are often isolated for hours, days, weeks or even months, when developmentally, they are still supposed to be engulfed in their mother's warmth? What are the best ways to promote infant-parent bonding? This session will explore evidence-based techniques that enhance the quality of life for premature infants and their families, with an emphasis on music therapy, kangaroo care, the built physical environment, and pediatric palliative care.

Erin Umberger, deputy director of the NEC Society, Registered Architect

6:00 Welcome Reception
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Thursday, April 6, 2017

7:15 Registration, continental breakfast, visit posters and exhibits

7:45 Welcome, Introduction, Course Objectives

Mark Underwood, MD, Jennifer Canvasser, MSW, Founder – NEC Society

8:00 Keynote: NEC Historical Perspectives and Future Directions

Michael Caplan, MD

9:00 Innate Immunity and NEC

This session is dedicated to Hope Marie Luchsinger
Current thoughts on pathophysiology will be discussed, including epithelial and cellular components of NEC, the role of the immune system, and host-microbe interactions.

Steven McElroy, MD; Jörn-Hendrik Weikamp, MD; Ravi Patel, MD, MSc

10:15 Refreshment Break, posters, visit exhibits

10:30 Probiotics and NEC

This session is dedicated to Noah Michael Propst
Do probiotics prevent NEC? We will discuss what is known and unknown about probiotics and NEC, including the case for probiotics in premature infants, impact of cross feeding of gut microbes, comparison of commercially available probiotics, and future directions.

Mark Underwood, MD; David A. Mills, PhD; Keith Barrington, MB, CHB

11:45 Lunch (included in tuition)

Join us at a table topic of your choice and participate in the conversation as we share experiences, perspectives, and new research. Each table will feature a facilitator and family-patient advocate.

Thursday - Continued

1:00 WORKGROUP BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Participants will choose to attend two different workgroup sessions, the first at 1 pm, and the second at 2 pm. These 50 minute sessions will be interactive; participants are encouraged to share their expertise and experience to advance the session's objectives. The workgroup chairs will synthesize each session's key points and report back to the full group prior to the poster presentations.

1 Development of a Necrotizing Enterocolitis Prevention Checklist

While NEC pathogenesis remains a topic of research, some NICUs are "getting to zero" rates of NEC by adopting evidence based practices to prevent the disease. This workgroup will leverage lessons learned, evidence on NEC prevention, and clinical successes to create a checklist for NEC prevention. Clinicians, researchers and parents are all needed to move NEC to zero.

Sheila Gephart, PhD, RN; Rebecca Vartanian, MD

2 Developing a Necrotizing Enterocolitis Registry and Biorepository

To better understand the development and progression of NEC in patients, researchers must reach beyond traditional animal models of NEC. Access to a large array of human intestinal tissue and other biological specimens would allow for better understanding of progression of disease and for the identification of predictive markers that could aid in risk stratification. This working group aims to discuss how to best prepare and fund a biological repository that also links patient demographic and clinical data to each specimen. Topics of discussion include central versus virtual repositories, funding considerations, utilization of multicenter IRB networks, and database management.

Steven McElroy, MD; Troy Markel, MD; David Hackam, MD, PhD

3 Defining NEC

Necrotizing enterocolitis has long been "defined" clinically through the use of Bell's staging system. This was originally designed to help determine which infants with NEC were most likely to require surgery but rapidly became the dominant paradigm. The development of a new definition of NEC that better describes the broad range of mechanisms of pathogenesis underlying NEC would improve the quality of the data we collect and our capacity to measure improvement in outcomes.

Alexander Penn, PhD; Phillip Gordon, MD, PhD

4 Enhancing Parent Engagement and Empowerment

This session is dedicated to Lydia and Carol Nell
Many NICU parents report feeling disempowered regarding the care and decisions involving their fragile infants. These NICU parents seek increased collaboration with their infants' providers to foster their knowledge and engagement. Practitioners must value and prioritize the empowerment of parents and deliberately increase parental involvement in the NICU. Barriers to fully engaging parents will be explored, with solutions suggested to surmount these barriers.

Erin Umberger, bereaved mother and deputy director of the NEC Society; Sue Hall, MD; Kathleen Marinelli, MD

Mothers are welcome to breastfeed their child anywhere throughout the conference. A lactation room will be available for mothers who prefer privacy.

Thursday - Continued

5 Low-cost, No-sponsor Multi-center NEC Clinical Trials

This session is dedicated to Grayson Edward Kapferer
As promising novel approaches to the prevention and treatment of NEC become available, it is essential to develop feasible models for conducting multi-center clinical trials. Currently, many centers report single hospital clinical trials and cohort studies of NEC that are limited by small sample size and population homogeneity. Traditional multi-center trials are costly and take years to complete. In this workshop we will address alternate models to complete larger trials for lower cost, including linkage of electronic records, standardized quality improvement projects, and web-based strategies for participation in cluster-randomized clinical trials.

Mark Underwood, MD; Samir Gadepalli, MD

6 Quality Improvement Approach to Reducing NEC

This session will describe a quality improvement approach to reducing necrotizing enterocolitis. Development of driver diagrams, designing a multi-modal NEC reduction bundle, implementing and testing changes in your NICU will be discussed. Common implementation problems and solutions will be explored.

Dan Ellsbury, MD

1:50 Refreshment Break, visit posters and exhibits

2:00 Repeat Workgroups 1-6

2:50 Refreshment Break, visit posters and exhibits

3:00 Human Milk and NEC

This session is dedicated to Micah Donald Canvasser
A growing body of data supports the protective qualities of human milk in the preterm gut. How does human milk decrease the risk of NEC? Should an exclusive human milk diet be the standard of care? How can human milk standards be established and what efforts are being made around the globe?

Jae Kim, MD, PhD; Lars Bode, PhD; Amy Hair, MD

4:15 NEC and Stem Cell Therapy

Future innovative therapies for NEC are on the horizon. This session will investigate the potential of stem cell therapy for NEC. The benefits of different types of stem cells and the mechanisms by which stem cells exert their effects will be discussed.

Gail Besner, MD; Agostino Pierro, MD; Troy Markel, MD

5:30 Workgroup Reports

Workgroup chairs will present a synthesis of each session, with time for discussion and feedback from attendees.

6:30 Poster Session (refreshments provided)

Attendees are encouraged to present their research, quality improvement projects, protocols, or parent engagement strategies at the poster session.

Friday - Continued

10:15 Animal Models of NEC

Advantages and disadvantages of current animal models will be discussed, along with promising new models.

Steven McElroy, MD; Doug Burrin, PhD; Catherine Hunter, MD

11:30 Lunch (included in tuition) Panel Discussion

Strategies to Support Equitable Access to Human Milk for Premature Infants

How do we ensure all fragile infants at risk of developing necrotizing enterocolitis receive human milk? What are the most effective lactation strategies to support mothers of medically fragile infants? When mother's own milk is unavailable, how do we ensure access to donor milk? How do we ensure diverse communities, and families who are not culturally primed to breastfeed, understand that human milk can be a lifesaving intervention for their fragile infant? Panelists will explore these questions, as well as strategies to overcome barriers that prevent equitable access to human milk for premature infants.

Panelists: Jennifer Canvasser, MSW; Jae Kim, MD, PhD; Pauline Sakamoto, MS, RN, PHN; Aloka Patel, MD; Steve Gwiazdowski, MD

12:45 Treatment Options for NEC

This session is dedicated to Antonio Rosito Robyn
Treatment regimens for established NEC including antibiotic choice and duration, drains vs. laparotomy, and novel interventions will be discussed.

Samir Gadepalli, MD; Shinjiro Hirose, MD

2:00 NEC and Neurodevelopment

What is known about the impact of NEC on the developing brain? Nutritional impact, anesthesia impact, and the role of the gut-brain connections will be discussed.

Camilia Martin, MD; Jing Lu, PhD

3:15 Refreshment break, visit posters and exhibits

3:30 Transfusion Associated NEC

What are areas of controversy? What are implications for practice and research? The state of the science about transfusion associated NEC will be discussed.

Sheila Gephart, PhD, RN; Robert Christensen, MD; Akhil Maheshwari, MD

4:45 Future Directions for the NEC Community

Mark Underwood, MD

5:15 Moving Forward, Together

Jennifer Canvasser, MSW

5:30 Adjourn

Friday, April 7, 2017

7:30 Registration, continental breakfast, visit posters and exhibits

8:00 Keynote: Bugs, Germs and Genes in the Pathogenesis of NEC

David Hackam, MD, PhD

9:00 Biomarkers and Biology of NEC: Insights to Cause and Prevention

This session is dedicated to Sarah Rose Raab
Promising biomarkers are emerging that may be predictive of impending NEC. Which are most promising and how can these markers be made widely available for use in early detection efforts? A number of clinical tools to support NEC risk are also being developed and will be discussed.

Sheila Gephart, PhD, RN; Katherine Gregory, PhD, RN; Karl G. Sylvester, MD; Akhil Maheshwari, MD



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TARGET AUDIENCE

This activity is designed for physicians, scientists, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, pharmacists, dietitians, lactation consultants, health policy makers, nonprofit leaders and other diverse stakeholders committed to improving the prevention and treatment of necrotizing enterocolitis in fragile infants.

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND

The nation's first conference focused solely on necrotizing enterocolitis will bring together renowned clinicians, scientists and patient-family advocates dedicated to the prevention and improved treatment of this devastating disease. This groundbreaking symposium will provide a robust agenda and dynamic speakers, resulting in a rich learning environment for junior and senior providers and investigators. Attendees will be actively engaged throughout the symposium and encouraged to share their expertise and perspectives to help cultivate specific recommendations and standards. We anticipate one or more white papers related to NEC treatment and prevention to result from this conference.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Attendees are encouraged to submit abstracts for the Symposium's poster presentations. Learn more about the call for abstracts:

<http://bit.ly/callforNECabstracts>

Submit an abstract: <http://bit.ly/NEC2017>

EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE

Despite significant advances in neonatal care, morbidity and mortality rates associated with necrotizing enterocolitis have not improved significantly in over 30 years. This conference will bring together leaders in the field to improve communication and develop new collaborations, new strategic lines of research, and new protocols to help diagnose, prevent, and treat NEC. This conference will catalyze the development of new research and clinical approaches, along with clear implementation strategies, designed to better prevent and treat this disease.

Conference Goals:

1. Review the current understanding of the pathogenesis, prevention and treatment of NEC.
2. Establish a transdisciplinary collaboration of stakeholders in NEC to accelerate the implementation and standardization of established evidence based practices that can help to reduce the incidence and morbidity of NEC.
3. Explore methods for empowering parents/families and supporting their engagement as part of their baby's care team.
4. Serve as a venue for researchers to create new collaborations and lines of investigation, including shared clinical databases and tissue banking.



EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

At the end of the activity, participants should be able to:

- Identify promising markers of NEC risk
- Recognize characteristics that distinguish NEC from spontaneous intestinal perforation
- Employ novel tools for rapid assessment of the protective qualities of human milk samples
- Interpret the status of probiotic products for NEC prevention
- Describe current animal models of NEC and the advantages and disadvantages of each
- Summarize markers of oxidative stress with clinical promise
- Summarize potential new treatments for NEC
- Articulate promising changes in early care of premature infants to decrease NEC risk
- Identify strategies for engaging parents/family in reducing the risks of NEC

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Please register early – space is limited.

Tuition is \$375 for physicians and \$275 for all others. **Confirmation of registration will be sent within two weeks after receipt of registration form.** The fees will increase after March 16, 2017.

Tuition includes welcome reception, continental breakfasts, refreshment breaks, lunches, electronic syllabus, and an online certificate of attendance. Tuition may be paid by check, American Express, Discover, MasterCard or VISA. Cash is not accepted. The Office of Continuing Medical Education reserves the right to cancel this conference. In such a case, a full refund of registration fees will be given.

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