WHAT IS NEC?

Necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC) is an intestinal disease that primarily affects premature and medically fragile infants. NEC affects the bowels and causes an inflammatory process that can lead to intestinal tissue damage and death.

- In the U.S. alone, thousands of babies develop NEC each year.
- 15% to 40% of babies diagnosed with NEC will die from it. Survivors can have lifelong neurological and gastrointestinal complications.
- Once diagnosed, many babies only live for a few hours or days.
- NEC is a leading cause of overall infant mortality in the United States.
- Despite focused research on NEC for over four decades, we do not fully understand why NEC occurs, nor can we predict which babies will develop the disease.

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Your donation will:
- Accelerate NEC research
- Provide learning and educational opportunities
- Improve awareness and advocacy for babies at risk of NEC

ABOUT THE NEC SOCIETY

The NEC Society is a 501(c)(3) charity organization led by families who have been personally impacted by necrotizing enterocolitis, known as NEC.

The NEC Society brings together families, healthcare providers, and researchers who are committed to building a world without NEC.

NEC SOCIETY BIOREPOSITORY

The NEC Biorepository serves as an international resource to provide scientists with the necessary samples to aid in their quest to eliminate NEC. The NEC Biorepository is essential to advancing the science that will lead to the development of novel diagnostic approaches to NEC.