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Healthy Mothers & Babies



NEONATAL EVALUATION AND OUTCOMES NETWORK (NEON)

MEETING AGENDA

Theme: Social Determinants of Early Feeding Problems in High-risk NICU Survivors: Impact of Early Intervention on Outcomes.

WEDNESDAY, FEB 15TH, 1:00 – 05:00 PM | CLASSROOM 202

Introduction and description of NEON and current follow-through programs in Texas.

1:00 PM – 1:20 PM

Alice K. Gong, M.D. William and Rita Head Distinguished Chair in Developmental and Environmental Neonatology, Professor of Pediatrics, Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long School of Medicine, UT Health San Antonio

State of ECI referrals in selected follow-through programs in Texas

1:20 PM – 2:00 PM

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Panel to discuss ECI survey and recommendations

2:00 PM – 2:45 PM

Yvette Johnson M.D., MPH, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Department of Pediatrics, Medical Director, NEST Developmental Follow-up Clinic

Christine Aune M.D., Neonatologist, Pediatrix Medical Group of Texas San Antonio

Kristine Tolentino-Plata, MS, Senior Child Development Specialist for UT Southwestern

2:45 PM – 3:00 PM

Break

Parents of children with feeding difficulties post NICU panel

Mitzi Cancino, parent

3:00 PM – 3:50 PM

Cristina Hernandez, parent

Cheyan Reed, parent

Moderator: **Leslie-Anne Dietrich M.D., IBCLC**, Assistant Professor, Neonatology University of Texas Health San Antonio

Feeding infants and young children after the NICU

3:50 PM – 4:50 PM

Britt Frisk Pados, PhD, RN, NNP-BC, CLC, FAHA, FNAP, Neonatal Nurse Practitioner, Certified Lactation Counselor, and Certified Trauma-Informed Professional for Infant Feeding Care

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Wrap up

4:50 PM – 5:00 PM

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The Neonatal Evaluation and Outcomes Network (NEON) is a voluntary regional working group collaborating to help ensure that all children born prematurely maximize their potential. This goal can be achieved, in part, through quality, comprehensive developmental follow through care and outcomes research to continuously improve evidence-based practices. Published guidelines recommend that neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) survivors receive care in an organized follow through program that tracks medical and neurodevelopmental outcomes. Unfortunately, there are no standardized guidelines for provision of that follow through care. NEON is working to better understand follow through care, foster standardized practices, and inform policies that truly benefit children born prematurely and their families. NEON is collaborating to institute early cerebral diagnosis for NICU survivors. Neonatal intensive care is a remarkable success story with dramatic improvements in survival rates for preterm newborns. NEON is committed to making long-term outcomes for children born prematurely another remarkable success story.