



2010 Conference Call for Proposals

—*Bridging Gaps*—
Healthcare, Ethics, Technologies and Politics
in Neonatology and Perinatology

The 2010 conference committee invites you to send in your proposals for strategies for better integrating healthcare, ethics, technologies and politics in neonatology and perinatology. The 2010 conference will include plenary sessions, workshops, individual short platform presentations, and poster presentations. All proposals will be peer reviewed.

Date of Conference: November 4-6, 2010

Location: Leavey Conference Center
Georgetown University
Washington, DC

Presentation Formats

Plenary Sessions: Coordinated group presentations that run for 1.5 hours each, including Q&A

Workshops: Hands-on participatory sessions that run for 1.0 hour each, including Q&A

Individual Platform Presentations: Ten minute individual presentations with a five-minute Q&A. The committee will match presenters whose themes are similar for hour-long sessions.

Posters: These will be available throughout the conference.

Themes and Topics: The general theme for the 2010 conference is **Bridging Gaps**. We invite members of families whose babies were born at-risk, healthcare professionals, policy makers, and others to submit proposals for the conference. Below is a short list of topics that you might consider presenting at the meeting; many other topics would be relevant to the theme of making the experiences of care in the neonatal and perinatal periods optimum for babies, families, and members of the wider community. Presentations can range from the practical (best practices and new technologies) to the more abstract concerns that individuals, families, and institutions face in dealing with the ethical, political, medical, nursing, and social issues that arise. We welcome all ideas.

Proactive help for families whose children have life-long special needs

Public awareness of special needs of children and their families

Effective lobbying at the federal, state, and local levels on neonatal and perinatal issues

What's right rather than what's possible for babies, children, and families

Educating pregnant women and their partners: matching expectations with what's realistic

Educating policy makers and members of the general public: matching expectations with what's realistic

Improving long term outcomes for babies born at risk

Turning a personal crisis into a foundation

Turning a personal experience into a book

Improving the quality of life of family members whose babies were born at risk

Reining in the media: realistic and accurate reporting in neonatology and perinatology

Awareness and remediation of toxic environments in utero and ex utero

Palliative care for dying babies

Ongoing support for families whose babies have died

Authentic teamwork for health care professionals and families

Expecting the unexpected: emergency and sustainable preparedness for future parents and healthcare personnel

Technologies in the service of human needs

Process: Please include the following information in your proposal.

I. Name, contact information (name, address, phone, fax, email), credentials & experience in topic area. List all presenters in a group presentation.

II. Preferred format (Final determination will be made by the committee)

Plenary

Workshop

Individual Presentation

Poster

III. Title of presentation _____

IV. Description of presentation: Provide a clear description of your topic. Explain how the session will be structured (i.e. lecture, hands-on presentation, case history, others). This section of the application should be no longer than two typed pages. Include specific educational objectives for your presentation.

V. Preferred day for presentation:

- Nov 4
- Nov 5
- Nov 6

NPA will do its best to accommodate the date preference, but this may not be possible for every presentation.

Audio-Visual Equipment Required:

- Laptop for CD or DVD
- Laser Pointer
- Slide Projector
- VHS with television
- Overhead Projector

Other: _____

Submission deadline: May 1, 2010

Proposals should be sent to klove@nationalperinatal.org

The National Perinatal Association is committed to supporting and promoting best and promising practices and programs to improve pregnancy and birth outcomes, women's health, and the health of newborns, infants, and families. Your selection as a presenter at the 2010 conference will provide you with an opportunity to showcase your expertise, ideas, and/or programs to families, healthcare providers, policy makers, and members of the wider community.

Questions: Please contact the NPA office with any questions.

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