NICU Awareness 2020

EACH SEPTEMBER WE CELEBRATE

Neonatal Intensive Care Awareness

When a Baby Needs Specialized Care

Pregnancy is a time filled with hope and expectation. Every family hopes for an uncomplicated birth and a healthy baby. But sometimes the unexpected happens.

Every year more than half a million babies are admitted to a neonatal intensive care unit, otherwise known as a NICU.

Did You Know? It’s not just preemies.

- Advances in neonatal medicine mean that more infants can benefit from the specialized care that NICUs can offer.
- Nearly half of all babies in the NICU are born at normal-birth-weight and are 37 weeks gestation or older.
- We need to do more research and collect more data. While the efficacy of NICU care for premature babies is undeniable, we don’t know if this is true for the entire NICU cohort.

Conditions that NICUs Treat:
- complications of prematurity
- birth anomalies
- brain injury
- cardiac conditions
- infection
- jaundice
- Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS)
- respiratory distress

Level I
Newborn Nursery
Routine Care

Level II
Special Care Nursery
+ Temporary breathing support

Level III
Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
+ Full respiratory support

Level IV
Neonatal Intensive Care Unit +
+ Available pediatric surgical subspecialists.

* See Guidelines for Perinatal Care, 8th Edition

Sept. 26  NICU Remembrance Day
Sept. 27  NICU Giving Day
Sept. 28  NICU Staff Recognition Day
Sept. 29  Sibling Support Day
Sept. 30  Neonatal Intensive Care Awareness Day

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