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MAY 28 – 31, 2026 | SKAMANIA LODGE, STEVENSON WA
Transforming Neonatal Care: Integrating Innovation, Technology, and Teamwork



Thursday, May 28, 2026

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Rainier



AAP DISTRICT VIII SONPM COUNCIL MEETING BREAKFAST

Menu: Enjoy a comforting breakfast featuring savory kielbasa sausage, fluffy scrambled eggs with fresh scallions, and seasoned diced potatoes, followed by a freshly baked classic bread pudding. The meal is accompanied by freshly brewed regular and decaffeinated coffee, a selection of assorted teas, and chilled orange juice.

8:00 AM - 10:15 AM

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AAP DISTRICT VIII SONPM COUNCIL MEETING

10:15 AM - 10:30 AM



BREAK

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

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AAP DISTRICT VIII SONPM COUNCIL MEETING

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

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MEDICAL TRAINEE AND AAP DISTRICT VIII SONPM COUNCIL LUNCH

Trainees and AAP District VIII SONPM Council Members are invited to join this hosted lunch designed to encourage connection and conversation. Enjoy a relaxed meal while networking with peers, sharing experiences, and building relationships within the neonatal and perinatal community.

Menu: The Mediterranean lunch menu features a fresh and flavorful Greek salad made with mixed greens, tomatoes, red onion, cucumbers, Kalamata olives, green bell peppers, fresh basil, and feta, tossed in an herb vinaigrette with vegetarian and vegan options available. Entrée selections include beef and lamb gyros, chicken souvlaki, and falafel, accompanied by Mediterranean-spiced basmati rice with lentils and caramelized onions. Warm pita bread is served alongside hummus and tzatziki, with tomatoes, sliced lettuce, pepperoncini, and red onion for building the perfect plate. To finish, enjoy a selection of desserts including baklava, espresso pots de crème with mascarpone whipped topping and chocolate shavings, and marionberry bars. Regular and decaffeinated coffee, hot teas, and iced tea are included.

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Hood



FOUNDATIONS OF NEONATAL POINT-OF-CARE ULTRASOUND: IMAGING AND ULTRASOUND-GUIDED ACCESS WORKSHOP

Presented by:

Belinda Chan

M.D., Associate Professor
University of California Davis Children's Hospital

Leah Downey

M.D., Assistant Professor
Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU)

This interactive session introduces the core principles of neonatal point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS), with a focus on practical, bedside applications. Participants will build foundational knowledge, practice image acquisition for common neonatal assessments, and gain exposure to ultrasound-guided venous access techniques to enhance procedural safety and clinical confidence.

Thank you to our faculty: Essa Al Awad, MD with University of Calgary, Belinda Chan, MD with UC Davis, Leah Downey, MD with Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU), Sandy Johng, MD with Seattle Children's Hospital, Sarah Kolnik, MD with Seattle Children's Hospital, and Sheree Kuo, MD with Hawaii Pacific Health.

Learning Objectives:

- Develop fundamental knowledge for neonatal POCUS.
- Develop image acquisition skills for common neonatal POCUS applications.
- Learn to perform ultrasound-guided venous access.



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1:00 PM – 4:30 PM

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Presented by:

James Barry

M.D., Professor of Pediatrics
University of Colorado School of Medicine

Ameena Husain

D.O. - University of Utah

Kelsey Simek

M.D., Assistant Professor - University of Utah

HANDS-ON AI FOR HEALTHCARE: PRACTICAL TOOLS, PROMPTING, AND REAL-WORLD APPLICATIONS

This interactive workshop introduces the fundamentals of artificial intelligence and generative AI, highlighting key model types, applications, and limitations in healthcare settings. Participants will gain hands-on experience using widely available generative AI tools, learn effective prompting techniques, and explore practical ways to accelerate literature reviews and learning while understanding important considerations for responsible use in clinical practice.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the basic types of artificial intelligence, their main differences and main applications
- Be able to use commonly available generative AI models using simple, yet powerful prompting techniques and approaches
- Be able to explain some of the limitations of current generative AI models and considerations when using them in healthcare
- How to use these models to accelerate and improve literature reviews and learning on a topic.

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Adams & Red Bluff Mezzanine



POSTER SESSION AND RECEPTION

Discover the future of neonatal care during this engaging poster session held in conjunction with a networking reception. Featuring hand-selected abstracts recognized for their quality and impact, this reception highlights breakthrough research, innovative quality improvement initiatives, and bold projects shaping outcomes for our tiniest patients. Attendees are invited to network with colleagues, connect with authors, and engage in dynamic discussion while exploring some of the most compelling science and thought leadership in neonatology today.

Menu: Reception begins with a thoughtfully curated selection of appetizers, including flank steak with spinach and cream cheese on crostini, fresh tomato, basil, and buffalo milk mozzarella bruschetta, Moroccan-spiced vegetable skewers, and savory asiago chicken phyllo.

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Stevenson Ballroom



JERRY KING DINNER & LECTURESHIP AWARD



NRP 9: NEWBORN RESUSCITATION IN 2026

Jerry King Lectureship Award:

Satyan Lakshminrusimha

M.D., M.B.B.S., Executive Associate Dean,
Professor & Chair - UC Davis Children's Hospital
President & CEO Seattle Sports Commission

Jerry King Keynote Presented by:

Sara Berkelhamer

M.D., Professor of Pediatrics, Division of Neonatology,
Associate Division Head of Research
University of Washington, Seattle Children's Hospital

The Jerry King Keynote Lecture provides a comprehensive update on the latest translational and clinical advances in neonatal resuscitation for 2026. Attendees will review emerging evidence guiding oxygen use during resuscitation, examine current data on epinephrine dosing, routes, and volumes, and explore the practical implications of these findings for optimizing circulatory support in the delivery room.

Learning Objectives:

- Review of translational and clinical studies in neonatal resuscitation in 2026
- Understand the basis of oxygen use in various steps of resuscitation
- Review the implications of epinephrine dose, route and volume during circulatory support

Menu: Enjoy a fresh starter of wild and gathered greens with baby Roma tomatoes, English cucumber, and shaved red onion, finished with a bright herb vinaigrette. The main course features a seared filet of beef with rich Bordelaise sauce, accompanied by garlic fingerling potatoes and broccolini drizzled with olive oil. For dessert, indulge in a decadent chocolate dacquoise with chocolate sauce and hazelnut brittle or a comforting seasonal cobbler. These selections will be complemented by house red and white wines, along with a variety of craft and imported beers.

Alternative menu for those with pre-arranged dietary restrictions: Grilled Portobello Tower, Quinoa, Roasted Red Pepper Coulis (Gluten Free, Dairy Free, Vegetarian, Vegan)

Friday, May 29, 2026

7:00 AM - 8:15 AM

Stevenson Ballroom



BREAKFAST, WELCOME, AND MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Menu: Enjoy a classic breakfast featuring savory sausage patties, fluffy scrambled eggs, and seasoned red potatoes, served alongside warm biscuits topped with rich sausage gravy. The meal also includes regular and decaffeinated coffee, a selection of hot teas, and refreshing orange juice.

8:15 AM - 9:00 AM

Stevenson Ballroom



PLATFORM PRESENTATIONS: NEXT-GEN NEONATOLOGY SHOWCASING RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Discover the future of neonatal care in this dynamic session featuring and-selected abstracts for their quality and impact. These presentations spotlight breakthrough research, innovative QI, or bold projects shaping outcomes in neonatology. This engaging session offers attendees a front-row seat to the most compelling science and thought leadership in neonatology today.

- Expanding Genomic Sequencing Access with AI-Driven Provider Decision Aid: Mendelian Phenotype Search Engine (Presented by: Tanner Ellsworth, MD, MPH - University of Utah)
- Associations of Punctate White Matter Injury with Clinical Risk Factors and Neurologic Outcomes in Term Neonates with Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy (Presented by: Kia Anarna, M.D. - University of British Columbia)
- Beyond Weight: Challenges in Defining Growth Failure in Very Low Birth Weight Infants (Presented by: Julieta Conti, M.D. - University of British Columbia)

9:00 AM - 9:15 AM

Adams



BREAK

INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO NICU QUALITY IMPROVEMENT & PATIENT SAFETY THROUGH TEAM COLLABORATION

9:15 AM- 10:00 AM

Stevenson Ballroom



ADVANCING NEONATAL CARE THROUGH VERIFICATION: INSIDE THE AAP NICU VERIFICATION PROGRAM

Presented by:

Colleen Reilly Moss

DNP, APRN, NNP-BC, C-ELBW,
Associate Professor and Director,
Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Specialty Program
Vanderbilt University School of Nursing;
AAP Neonatal Verification Program Surveyor

This session provides an in-depth overview of the AAP NICU Verification Program, highlighting its national framework for supporting standardized, evidence-based neonatal care. Attendees will explore the verification and designation process, learn how team-based collaboration and innovation drive quality improvement and patient safety, and hear practical insights and lessons learned from NICUs that have participated in the program.

Learning Objectives:

- Describe the purpose, structure, and national scope of the AAP NICU Verification Program and how it supports standardized, evidence-based neonatal care through effective team collaboration.
- Explain the core components of the AAP neonatal verification and designation process and how these elements drive quality improvement and patient safety initiatives.
- Examine how the AAP NICU Verification Program leverages innovative, collaborative, team-based approaches to enhance communication, streamline care processes, and foster a culture of safety.
- Discuss lessons learned and real-world examples from NICUs participating in the AAP NICU Verification Program, highlighting improvements in workflow, team performance, and peer learning.

10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Stevenson Ballroom



NEONATAL HYPOGLYCEMIA IN PRACTICE: RESEARCH, PROTOCOL DESIGN, AND RN-DRIVEN IMPLEMENTATION

Presented by:

Casey Ward

M.D. - PeaceHealth Riverbend NICU

This session reviews current concepts and emerging research in neonatal hypoglycemia management and examines how evidence and frontline RN perspectives shaped the development of the PeaceHealth Riverbend Hypoglycemia Protocol. Participants will explore pre- and post-implementation outcomes, including benefits and challenges, and gain practical insights from real-world successes and lessons learned to inform effective protocol implementation and continuous improvement.

Learning Objectives:

- Briefly discuss current concepts and research regarding hypoglycemia management in the Neonatal period.
- To display how current research and RN opinions have informed the design of the PeaceHealth Riverbend Hypoglycemia protocol.
- To share pre- and post-implementation data regarding effects and side effects of the PeaceHealth Riverbend Hypoglycemia protocol
- Share stories about the successes and failures of an RN driven management protocol in order to understand how to improve implementation methods.

10:45 AM - 11:30 AM

Stevenson Ballroom



Presented by:

Stephanie Johnson

APRN, MSN, NNP-BC, NP, Neonatal N.P.
Randall Children's Hospital

BRIDGING THE GAP IN NEWBORN CARE: THE IMPACT OF NEONATAL TELEMEDICINE AND NNP SUPPORT

This session highlights a robust neonatal telemedicine program led by neonatal nurse practitioners and the impact on improving newborn outcomes, reducing unnecessary transfers, improving cost-savings, and importantly keeping birthing parent-infant dyads intact and families close to home and support systems. Through real-world case examples, attendees will explore the critical role of a neonatal nurse practitioner-led telemedicine program, outreach education services for community and rural hospitals, and research to improve newborn outcomes.

Learning Objectives:

- The learner will realize the impact of a neonatal telemedicine program in improving neonatal outcomes, enhancing parent-infant bonding and reducing unnecessary transfers.
- The learner will understand the importance of integrating nursing leadership, engaging bedside staff and utilizing ongoing outreach education into a successful neonatal telemedicine program.
- Through real case scenarios and lessons learned, the learner will appreciate how Neonatal Nurse Practitioners (NNPs) support low-volume, community and rural hospital staff as they deliver high-level newborn care to improve newborn outcomes and reduce the need for unnecessary transfers.

11:30 AM - 12:15 PM

Adams



BREAK & POSTER VIEWING

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

Stevenson Ballroom



BUSINESS MEETING AND LUNCH: NATIONAL AAP DVIII SONPM UPDATE

Presented by:

Clara Song

M.D., AAP SONPM Chair
Southern California Permanente Medical Group

Menu: Lunch features a customizable Power Bowl built on a base of fresh mixed greens, cucumbers, cherry tomatoes, shredded carrots, sliced hard-boiled egg, and feta cheese. Guests may choose from hearty grains and plant-forward options including farro, toasted quinoa, black beans, wilted kale, roasted forest mushrooms, seasoned garbanzo beans, and crispy tofu. Protein selections include sliced grilled chicken, grilled flank steak, or grilled shrimp, finished with pepita seeds and a choice of flavorful sauces such as harissa yogurt, cilantro lime, or green chili garlic. Dessert includes fruit and nut bars and peanut butter bars.

Lunch Sponsored by Prolacta

1:15 PM - 2:15 PM

Stevenson Ballroom



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- Implementation of an Abdominal Ultrasound-Based Protocol in a Single-Center Level IV NICU to Reduce Rates of Surgical Necrotizing Enterocolitis and Mortality (Presented by: Andrea Chobrutskiy, M.D. - University of Washington)
- Associations of Punctate White Matter Injury with Clinical Risk Factors and Neurologic Outcomes in Term Neonates with Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy (Presented by: Marika Grant, M.D. - University of Calgary)
- The Risk of Developing Severe Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia: Evaluating Associations with the Nucleated Red Blood Cell Count at Birth and Volume of Transfusions Received (Presented by: Bailey Zeiler, M.D. - University of Utah)
- Fetal Versus Post-Natal Echocardiography in Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia (Presented by: Emma Banwell, M.D. - University of Utah)

2:15 PM - 2:45 PM



BREAK

OPTIMIZING NEONATAL OUTCOMES: EXTENDED CPAP AND NOVEL SURFACTANT DELIVERY APPROACHES

2:45 PM - 3:30 PM

Stevenson Ballroom



EARLY ORIGINS OF LUNG HEALTH: PULMONARY TRAJECTORIES, PREMATURITY, AND THE ROLE OF CPAP

Presented by:

Cindy McEvoy

M.D., Professor of Pediatrics,
Credit Unions for Kids Professor in Pediatric Research
Papé Pediatric Research Institute, Oregon Health &
Science University (OHSU)

This session explores how pulmonary function is shaped early in life and how these trajectories persist across the lifespan. Attendees will examine the impact of preterm birth on lung development and long-term respiratory outcomes and review emerging evidence on how extended CPAP therapy may support optimal lung growth and improve pulmonary function in preterm infants.

Learning Objectives:

- Describe the evidence demonstrating that pulmonary function trajectories are established early in life and tend to track along stable percentiles across the lifespan.
- Explain how preterm birth influences lung growth, structure, and long-term respiratory outcomes in offspring.
- Describe the potential benefits of extended CPAP therapy on lung development and subsequent pulmonary function in preterm infants.

3:30 PM - 4:15 PM

Stevenson Ballroom

Presented by:

Scott Guthrie

M.D., FAAP Professor of Clinical Pediatrics,
Neonatologist and Director for Neonatal Quality,
and Research
University of Tennessee Health Science Center,
Children's Hospital at Erlanger, Chattanooga, TN



BEYOND INSURE: LESS-INVASIVE SURFACTANT DELIVERY

This session explores less-invasive surfactant delivery techniques as alternatives to traditional intubation-based approaches. Participants will review the physiologic rationale for minimizing invasive ventilation, compare procedural methods and equipment for multiple delivery strategies, and critically evaluate current evidence on safety and outcomes. Practical guidance on patient selection, implementation challenges, and future research directions will also be discussed to support informed clinical adoption.

Learning Objectives:

- Summarize the physiologic and clinical risks associated with endotracheal intubation and positive-pressure ventilation during traditional surfactant administration to explain the rationale for pursuing less-invasive alternatives.
- Describe the procedural steps, required equipment, and key variations for three surfactant delivery methods: thin-catheter administration, oropharyngeal instillation, and aerosolized delivery.
- Critically appraise the current evidence from clinical trials and systematic reviews regarding efficacy, safety, and impact on outcomes for each of these less-invasive methods.
- Identify patient selection criteria and practical considerations for implementing these techniques in clinical practice, including limitations and ongoing research gaps.

4:15 PM - 5:00 PM

Stevenson Ballroom

Presented by:

Kari Roberts

M.D., Professor of Pediatrics
University of Minnesota



SALSA IN NEONATAL CARE: EVIDENCE, INDICATIONS, AND HANDS-ON TECHNIQUE

This session introduces SALSA, reviewing the background, supporting evidence, and clinical settings in which it may be used in neonatal care. Participants will learn the approach to performing SALSA.

Learning Objectives:

- Describe the background, evidence and different settings for use of SALSA
- Describe and demonstrate how to perform SALSA

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM



EXPLORE & ENJOY SKAMANIA: TAKE TIME TO RELAX AND EXPERIENCE EVERYTHING THE RESORT HAS TO OFFER.

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Moonlight Pavilion



NETWORKING DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT

Menu: Settle in for a comforting homestyle BBQ dinner buffet featuring a hearty and thoughtfully curated selection of classic and seasonal favorites. Enjoy fresh seasonal fruit, a broccoli salad with sunflower seeds, cheddar, and golden raisins, and warm house-made cornbread served with honey and butter. Entrées include smoked steelhead and tender brisket with caramelized onions, alongside flavorful sides such as cider-brined Brussels sprouts and garlic-thyme roasted young potatoes. Vegetarian and plant-forward options are highlighted with a yellow curry of vegetables and tofu served over jasmine rice. Finish the evening with nostalgic desserts including s'mores, marionberry bars, and strawberry shortcake.

Dinner Sponsored by Mead & Johnson

Entertainment Sponsored by Getinge USA, Inc.

Saturday, May 30, 2026

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Stevenson Ballroom



BREAKFAST, WELCOME, AND MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Menu: Enjoy a hearty breakfast featuring savory sausage links, fluffy scrambled eggs with fresh scallions, and seasoned diced potatoes. The meal is complemented by classic French toast topped with seasonal fruit and served with warm maple syrup. Regular and decaffeinated coffee, a selection of hot teas, and refreshing orange juice are included.

Breakfast Sponsored by GeneDx

8:00 AM - 8:15 AM

Stevenson Ballroom



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- Correlations between Hemodynamically Significant Patent Ductus Arteriosus and Near Infrared Spectroscopy in Extremely Premature Neonates: A Single-Center Study (Presented by: Claire Vietri, M.D. - University of Washington)

8:15 AM - 8:50 AM

Stevenson Ballroom



Presented by Jerry King Award Recipient:

Satyan Lakshminrusimha

Executive Associate Dean, Professor & Chair
UC Davis Children's Hospital

THE NEONATOLOGY PARADOX: WRVUS, PRODUCTIVITY, AND PROVIDER WELLNESS

This educational session explores the unique tension between productivity metrics and wellness in neonatology. Participants will review the basics of CPT codes and wRVU-based productivity, compare compensation and productivity across adult and pediatric specialties, and examine the atypical relationship between work RVUs and salary that shapes both workforce satisfaction and sustainability in neonatal practice.

Learning Objectives:

- Review basics of CPT codes and wRVU productivity
- Compare productivity and compensation in adult and pediatric specialties
- Understand the unusual relationship between productivity and salary in neonatology

8:50 AM - 9:00 AM



BREAK

INNOVATIVE TELEMEDICINE STRATEGIES: OPTIMIZING ACCESS, FAMILY PARTNERSHIP, AND NICU SUPPORT

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

Stevenson Ballroom



Presented by:

Jamie B. Warren

M.D., MPH, FAAP, Professor of Pediatrics,
Division of Neonatology
Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU)

HOME NG FEEDING AFTER THE NICU: PROGRAM EVOLUTION, OUTCOMES, AND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

This session reviews the development of home nasogastric tube feeding programs and the neonatal populations they serve. Participants will examine early outcomes from U.S.-based remote patient monitoring initiatives designed to support safe NICU discharge with NG feeds, explore opportunities for research and collaboration, and identify key barriers and facilitators to help begin planning a program within their own NICU.

Learning Objectives:

- Summarize the evolution of home nasogastric tube feeding programs and neonatal populations that have been served.
- Explain the early outcomes of US-based remote patient monitoring programs to facilitate discharge from the NICU with nasogastric tube feeds and identify opportunities for research and collaboration.
- Understand barriers and facilitators that may be present individual NICUs and begin to formulate a plan for your NICU.

INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO NICU QUALITY IMPROVEMENT & PATIENT SAFETY THROUGH TEAM COLLABORATION (CONTINUED)

9:45 AM - 10:30 AM

Stevenson Ballroom



Presented by Jerry King Award Recipient:

Satyan Lakshminrusimha

Executive Associate Dean, Professor & Chair
UC Davis Children's Hospital

REIMAGINING THE NEONATOLOGY WORKFORCE: 2-YEAR CLINICAL FELLOWSHIP?

This educational session examines current workforce challenges in neonatology through the lens of NICU financial structures, including professional and facility fees. Attendees will explore how rising costs and ACGME changes are straining traditional staffing models and evaluate emerging approaches designed to balance financial sustainability, provider morale, and burnout reduction.

Learning Objectives:

- Review financial structure of NICUs in the US – professional fees and facility fees
- Understand the challenges to traditional staffing models due to cost and ACGME changes
- Evaluate new models of staffing based on finances, morale and burnout

10:30 AM - 10:45 AM



BREAK

INNOVATING THE NICU: AI PREDICTIVE ANALYTICS, PARENT-FACING TECHNOLOGY, AND TEAM-CENTERED CARE

10:45AM - 11:30AM

Stevenson Ballroom



Presented by:

Michael J Bamshad

M.D., Professor and Head, Division of Genetic Medicine, Allan and Phyllis Treuer Endowed Chair in Genetics and Development
Department of Pediatrics,
University of Washington & Seattle Children's Hospital

SEQFIRST IN PRACTICE: ADVANCING GENOMIC DIAGNOSIS THROUGH EARLY SEQUENCING

This session introduces the SeqFirst initiative, outlining its goals and rationale for integrating early genomic sequencing into clinical care. Attendees will explore the workflows, infrastructure, and interdisciplinary collaboration needed for successful implementation, review the evidence supporting its clinical utility, and gain practical insights from lessons learned by early SeqFirst programs.

Learning Objectives:

- Explain the core goals and rationale behind the SeqFirst initiative
- Discuss the workflow, infrastructure, and interdisciplinary collaboration required to implement SeqFirst
- Summarize the evidence supporting SeqFirst's clinical utility
- Apply lessons learned from early SeqFirst programs

11:30 AM - 12:15 AM

Stevenson Ballroom



Presented by:

Peter Campbell

M.D., M.P.H., Professor of Ophthalmology
Casey Eye Institute,
Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU)

RETHINKING ROP SCREENING: REDUCING BURDEN WHILE PREVENTING AVOIDABLE BLINDNESS

This session examines the challenges of current retinopathy of prematurity (ROP) screening practices, highlighting the significant time, stress, and resource burden associated with frequent examinations. Attendees will explore why preventable ROP-related blindness still occurs, review data showing that most exams do not alter management and discuss emerging strategies to optimize screening while maintaining patient safety and vision outcomes.

Learning Objectives:

- ROP examinations are time consuming and stressful (for everyone involved)
- Blindness from ROP is nearly always avoidable, but an estimated 500 babies per year continue to go blind in the US (and many more worldwide)
- 95% of babies will not develop ROP that requires treatment, which means that close to 98-99% of exams do not change management.

12:15 PM - 1:00 PM

Stevenson Ballroom



NETWORKING AND EXHIBIT HALL

Be sure to visit the Children's Hospital Colorado and UCHHealth exhibit booth for a fun conference goodie bag!

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Visit D8SONPMevent.org/Discover-the-Gorge for recommended activities.



EXPLORE & ENJOY SKAMANIA: TAKE TIME TO RELAX AND EXPERIENCE EVERYTHING THE RESORT HAS TO OFFER.

Explore & Enjoy Skamania invites you to slow down, unwind, and fully experience all that the resort has to offer. From breathtaking Columbia River Gorge views to inviting indoor and outdoor amenities, this is your opportunity to step away from the everyday and truly enjoy the surroundings.

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Washington & Glacier Hall



APP SOCIAL HAPPY HOUR

Advanced Practice Providers are invited to join this exclusive evening social designed just for APPs. Enjoy a relaxed happy hour atmosphere while networking with peers, sharing experiences, and building connections with colleagues from across the region.

Menu: Appetizer social hour features a flavorful selection of olives and garlic crisps, alongside an assortment of cured meats, cheeses, and pickled vegetables. Passed appetizers include spinach and brie stuffed mushrooms topped with toasted pine nuts, bacon-wrapped scallops, and antipasto skewers. These savory bites are perfectly complemented by house red and white wines, as well as a variety of craft and imported beers.

Reception Sponsored by Phoenix Children's

Sunday, May 31, 2026

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Stevenson Ballroom



BREAKFAST, WELCOME, AND MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Menu: Enjoy a satisfying breakfast featuring savory sausage links, a flavorful veggie scramble, and O'Brien potatoes with peppers and onions. The meal is complemented by cheese blintzes topped with a sweet berry compote. Regular and decaffeinated coffee, a selection of hot teas, and refreshing orange juice are included.

8:00 AM - 8:15 AM

Stevenson Ballroom



AAP DISTRICT VIII SONPM SCIENTIFIC AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEES TOP ABSTRACT AWARDS

The District VIII SONPM Top Abstract awards recognize the top three abstracts and their presenting authors as selected by the Scientific and QI Committees.

IMPROVING STATEWIDE PATIENT OUTCOMES: STRENGTHENING COLLABORATION, EDUCATION, AND SHARED LEARNING

8:15 AM - 8:45 AM

Stevenson Ballroom



Presented by:

Wannasiri (Awe) Lapcharoensap
M.D., Oregon Health & Science University
Northwest Neonatal Improvement Priority Alliance (NWIPA)

STRONGER TOGETHER: LEVERAGING STATEWIDE COLLABORATION TO IMPROVE CARE AND REDUCE VARIATION

This session explores how coordinated, statewide collaboration among healthcare organizations can drive better patient outcomes and reduce unwarranted variation in care. Participants will learn practical strategies for building and sustaining partnerships across clinical, educational, and administrative teams, examine the role of ongoing education in advancing evidence-based practice, and identify actionable approaches to strengthen communication and alignment within their own regions.

Learning Objectives:

- Describe how statewide collaboration among healthcare organizations can improve patient outcomes and reduce variation in care
- Identify key strategies for strengthening partnerships across clinical, educational, and administrative teams
- Explain the role of education and continuous professional development in advancing evidence-based practice statewide
- Apply practical approaches to foster communication and alignment within your own region

8:45 AM - 9:15 AM

Stevenson Ballroom



Presented by:

Laurel Durham
MPH, RN, Director of Quality Improvement
Oregon Perinatal Collaborative

IMPROVING NEWBORN RESUSCITATION THROUGH PERINATAL QUALITY COLLABORATIVES

This educational session highlights the role of Perinatal Quality Collaboratives (PQCs) in advancing newborn care and improving outcomes. Attendees will explore how statewide quality improvement efforts guide newborn resuscitation initiatives in Oregon and examine unique challenges faced by Level I hospitals and community birth sites, with practical insights to inform local practice.

Learning Objectives:

- Participants will be able to describe the role of Perinatal Quality Collaboratives (PQCs) in improving newborn care and outcomes.
- Participants will be able to name 2 primary drivers guiding statewide newborn resuscitation quality improvement in Oregon.
- Participants will be able to name a unique challenge in level I hospitals and/or community birth sites related to newborn resuscitation.

9:15 AM - 9:45 AM

Stevenson Ballroom



Presented by:

Trang Huynh
M.D., Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Director,
Neonatal Telemedicine, Division of Neonatology
Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU)

FROM HOSPITAL TO FIELD: PARTNERING WITH EMS TO STRENGTHEN NEONATAL RESUSCITATION

This session highlights key differences between hospital-based and prehospital neonatal resuscitation capabilities and examines the unique challenges EMS providers face when caring for newborns. Attendees will explore practical strategies for building effective partnerships with EMS agencies to enhance neonatal resuscitation knowledge, skills, and coordination across care settings.

Learning Objectives:

- Recognize differences between hospital and prehospital neonatal resuscitation capabilities
- Understand EMS challenges in neonatal resuscitation performance
- Identify effective partnering strategies with EMS agencies to improve neonatal resuscitation knowledge and skills

9:45 AM - 10:15 AM

Stevenson Ballroom



Presented by:

Sunah Hwang
M.D., PhD, MPH/MSPH, Lula O. Lubchenco Chair
in Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine,
Professor of Pediatrics, and Neonatologist
University of Colorado School of Medicine

BRIDGING PUBLIC AND CLINICAL HEALTH: THE POWER OF STATE QUALITY COLLABORATIVES

This session explores the importance of integrating public health and clinical care to improve maternal and infant outcomes. Attendees will learn how state quality collaboratives foster alignment across systems, drive evidence-based practices, and extend impact beyond hospital walls to support healthier communities.

Learning Objectives:

- Describe the need to integrate public and clinical health initiatives.
- Illustrate how state quality collaboratives can improve maternal and infant health within and beyond hospital settings.

10:15 AM - 10:45 AM



BREAK AND HOTEL CHECK OUT

SUPPORTING FAMILIES TO IMPROVE NEONATAL OUTCOMES: COLLABORATIVE, INNOVATIVE APPROACHES INFORMED BY SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

10:45 AM - 11:15 AM

Stevenson Ballroom



MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS IN PERINATAL CARE: THE DOERNBECHER MODEL AND ITS IMPACT

Presented by:

Ladawna Gievers

M.D., Physician
Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU)

Lauren Mutrie

M.D., M.Sc., Adjunct Associate Professor,
Neonatology
Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU)

This session introduces the concept of Medical-Legal Partnerships (MLPs) and their role in addressing legal and social determinants of health in perinatal care. Attendees will learn about Doernbecher's perinatal MLP model, explore its implementation experience, and discuss the program's impact on families, care teams, and health outcomes.

Learning Objectives:

- Intro to Medical-Legal Partnership (MLP)
- Intro to Doernbecher's Perinatal MLP Model & Experience
- Discussion of Doernbecher MLP's Impact

11:15 AM - 11:45 AM

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ADVANCING EQUITY IN THE NICU: IDENTIFYING DISPARITIES AND DRIVING INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS

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This session examines how the NICU setting provides critical opportunities to recognize and address disparities in maternal and infant health. Attendees will explore innovative, equity-focused approaches to improving NICU care, with an emphasis on fostering inclusive practices and reducing gaps in outcomes for diverse patient populations.

Learning Objectives:

- Describe how the NICU population and environment offer opportunities to identify and reduce disparities in maternal and infant health.
- Describe innovative approaches to addressing disparities in NICU care.

11:45 AM - 12:00 PM

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