



LIVE HYBRID ACTIVITY

16th Annual Neonatal Advanced Practice Conference

June 18, 2026

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Children's Hospital Colorado

13123 East 16th Avenue, Aurora, CO

Medical Conference and Education Center | Mt. Yale Conference Room

In-person conference with a virtual attendance option

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Overview, Target Audience, and Learner Outcome

This conference presents topics of interest to neonatal care providers, including NNPs, nurses, physicians, as well as other health care professionals working in the neonatal ICU. Speakers cover new and emerging neonatal topics, clinical presentations, as well as reviews of available evidence for current practice strategies related to the anticipation, recognition, assessment, stabilization, and acute and long-term care of the neonate. Discussion and question sessions will follow each presentation. By the end of this conference, participants will demonstrate increased knowledge of current evidence-based, innovative, and advanced practice strategies in neonatal care, including emerging technologies, evolving clinical guidelines, and best practices for managing complex neonatal conditions. Learners will report how this updated knowledge can inform and enhance their clinical reasoning and future practice decisions in the care of critically ill infants.

Agenda

Thursday, June 18, 2026

7:30 a.m.	Check-in
7:50	Welcome & Opening Remarks
8:00	The Ever-changing World for Neonatal Advanced Practice Providers Carol Wallman, DNP, APRN, NNP-BC
9:00	From Crisis to Chart: Medical Documentation of a Newborn with Hypoxic-Ischemic Encephalopathy Rachel Wright, MD, FAAP
10:00	Break
10:30	Wellbeing in Healthcare: How to Get It and Keep It! Heather De Keyser, MD, MSCS
11:30	Neonates and Nephrons Weiwen Vivian Shih, MD
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30	Embryologic Development of the Respiratory System and Associated Defects Crystal Ballard, BSN-RN, RNC-NIC, C-ELBW, NNP-S
2:30	A Focus on POCUS in the NICU Aly Arenstein, DNP, APRN, NNP-BC
3:30	Break
3:45	Small Babies, Big Stewardship: Optimizing Antibiotic Choices in the NICU Emma L. Ross, PharmD, and Michael J. Bozzella, DO, MS
4:45	Wrap up and Evaluation
5:00	Adjourn

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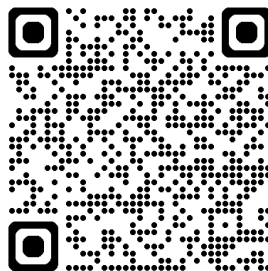
Registration Information

In-person and virtual:

Community Partners	\$50
CHCO Team Members	\$40
FRANN Members	\$40
Full-Time Student	\$30

Proof of FRANN membership/full-time student status required. Email info to continuingnursingeducation@childrenscolorado.org.

Register [here](#) or scan the QR code.



Poster Presentations

We invite healthcare professionals, researchers, and students to submit abstracts for poster presentations at the 16th Annual Neonatal Advanced Practice Conference. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase innovative research, quality improvement initiatives, and best practices in neonatal care. Accepted poster presenters will receive free registration. Do not register for the conference prior to submitting your poster presentation. Separate registration instructions will be sent directly to poster presenters.

Submission Guidelines:

- Posters should focus on topics related to neonatal care, including but not limited to clinical practice, research, case studies, quality improvement, and education.
- Submissions must include a title, abstract (250 words max), and author information.
- Accepted posters will be displayed during the conference, with opportunities for discussion and networking.

Submission Deadline: May 8, 2026

[Click here to submit your poster summary and disclosures](#)

For questions, contact continuingnursingeducation@childrenscolorado.org. We look forward to your contributions in advancing neonatal practice!

Scholarship Assistance

Full scholarships are being offered. To apply complete this application form by Friday, May 9, 2025. Notification of award will be sent by Friday, May 22, 2026, along with instructions on how to register.

[Click here to submit an application](#)

Do not register for the conference prior to applying for a scholarship. Separate registration instructions will be sent directly to all scholarship recipients.

Any questions can be submitted to continuingnursingeducation@childrenscolorado.org

Continuing Education Credit

Registration, attendance, and completion of the online **evaluation** are required for successful completion. Claim only the hours you attend. A certificate of attendance will be available for printing upon completion of the online evaluation.

Nursing: Children's Hospital Colorado is approved with distinction as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by Colorado Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. This program for 7.25 contact hours is provided by Children's Hospital Colorado.

General Attendance: A general certificate of attendance will be available for all other care providers.

Cancelation and Refund Policy

A registration refund, minus a \$10.00 cancellation fee, will be issued if the cancellation request is received at least 14 calendar days prior to the activity date. No refunds will be granted after this deadline or for non-attendance. A substitute may attend in your registered place if you notify the conference coordinator at least three business days before the activity.

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For additional information, please contact Ray Cuellar at ray.cuellar@childrenscolorado.org.

If you require special assistance or accommodation to fully participate, please notify us at least four weeks in advance of the activity.

Faculty

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