Next-Level Perinatal/Neonatal Comfort Care Training
Creating an Interdisciplinary Palliative Care Plan for Each Baby and Their Family

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Day 1: Wednesday June 17, 2020

8:30 – 9:00  
*Check-in and Breakfast*

9:00 – 9:15  
Welcome and Introduction  
Elvira Parravicini, MD

9:15 – 10:45  
Session 1: The State of the Science  
- Didactic Lecture (auditorium)  
- Case Study / Discussion (2 groups)  
Charlotte Wool, PhD, RN

10:45 – 12:30  
Session 2: Team Work along the Perinatal Journey  
- Didactic Lecture (auditorium)  
- Case Study / Discussion (auditorium)  
Elvira Parravicini, MD  
Dorothy Smok, MD

12:30 – 1:30  
*Lunch*  
11th Floor, Room 1101

1:30 – 2:45  
Session 3: Prenatal Palliative Consult  
- Didactic Lecture (auditorium)  
- Breakout / Simulation (2 groups)  
Elvira Parravicini, MD

2:45 – 4:45  
Session 4: Ethical Challenges and Difficult Conversations  
- Didactic Lecture (auditorium)  
- Breakout / Simulation (2 groups)  
Brian Carter, MD

4:45 – 5:00  
Day Overview & Questions
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Day 2: Thursday June 18, 2020

8:30 – 9:00  Breakfast

9:00 – 10:45  Session 5: NICU Palliative Consult  
  • Didactic Lecture (auditorium)  
  • Breakout / Simulation (2 groups )
  Brian Carter, MD

10:45 – 12:30  Session 6: Overcoming Barriers – Building a Program  
  • Didactic Lecture (auditorium)  
  • Networking Roundtables (2 groups)
  Charlotte Wool, PhD, RN

12:30 – 1:30  Lunch  
  11th Floor, Room 1101

1:30 – 3:15  Session 7: NICU Palliative Interventions and End of Life Care  
  • Didactic Lecture (auditorium)  
  • Breakout / Simulation (2 groups)
  Alexandra Mancini, RN

3:15 – 4:45  Session 8: Evidence-based Interventions Postnatally for Family  
  • Didactic Lecture (auditorium)  
  • Parent Interview (auditorium)
  Rochelle Steinwurtzel, PsyD

4:45 – 5:00  Day Overview & Questions
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Day 3: Friday June 19, 2020

8:30 – 9:00  Breakfast

9:00 – 10:00  Session 9: Supporting Families Along the Journey
• Didactic Lecture (auditorium)
Solimar Santiago, LCSW

10:00 – 11:00  Session 10: Nurse Perspective Intrapartum and Postpartum
• Didactic Lecture (auditorium)
Ruth Downing, BSN, RN
Frances McCarthy, MS, RNC-NIC, CPLC

11:00 – 12:00  Session 11: Supporting Families Long Term
• Didactic Lecture (auditorium)
Frances McCarthy, MS, RNC-NIC, CPLC
Rochelle Steinwurtzel, PsyD

12:00 – 1:00  Lunch  11th Floor, Room 1101

1:00 – 2:15  Session 12: Feeding as Comfort
• Didactic Lecture (auditorium)
• Case Study / discussion (auditorium)
Monica Joshi, MS, CCC-SLP

2:15 – 3:00  Session 13: Memories and Siblings Support
• Demo / Hands on activities (rotating groups)
Maryanne Verzosa, MS, CCLS, CEIM, CLC

3:00 – 3:45  Session 14: Sibling Support
• Demo / Hands on activities (rotating groups)
Solimar Santiago, LCSW

3:45 – 4:30  Session 15: Comfort Care in Labor & Delivery and Post-partum
• Demo / Hands on activities (rotating groups)
Ruth Downing, BSN, RN
Frances McCarthy, MS, RNC-NIC, CPLC

4:30 – 5:00  Training Wrap Up, Evaluation, & Questions
Elvira Parravicini, MD