

UPMC | MAGEE-WOMENS

The 24th Annual Perinatal and Neonatal Health Care Conference for Nurses and Allied Health Staff

Hutchinson and Hayashi Auditorium, UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital
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A virtual option will be available



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Welcome to the 24th Annual Perinatal and Neonatal Health Care Conference for Nurses and Allied Health Staff. We are proud to dedicate this conference to the perinatal and neonatal nurses and staff whose compassion, expertise, ideas, and commitment make a meaningful difference in the lives of patients and our community every day.

At UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital, we strive to foster a health care environment grounded in high-quality patient care, clinical autonomy and accountability, strong nursing leadership, shared decision-making, continuous professional development, and job satisfaction.

Perinatal and neonatal nurses are at the heart of UPMC Magee. Driven by the values of Quality and Safety, Dignity and Respect, Caring and Listening, Responsibility and Integrity, and Excellence and Innovation, UPMC is committed to listening and responding to the needs, preferences, and concerns of our patients and their families while providing high-quality care. Maternal-newborn nursing is an inspiring and demanding specialty that requires providing complex and compassionate care to families across our diverse community. We care for patients during some of the most important and vulnerable moments of their lives and, in doing so, become part of their lifelong memories.

With sessions on fetal therapy, care in the periviable period, care for the caregiver, and cultural competency in nursing, the 24th Annual Perinatal and Neonatal Health Care Conference for Nurses and Allied Health Staff is designed to empower you as you navigate the ever-evolving health care landscape and the complexities of care.

Thank you for all that you do each day for our patients and their families.



Annmarie Lyons, MHS

*Vice President, UPMC Women's Health Service Line
Executive Administrator, UPP Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health*

On behalf of the UPMC Women's Health Service Line encompassing 15 obstetric hospitals in the UPMC system, welcome to the 24th Annual Perinatal and Neonatal Health Care Conference for Nurses and Allied Health Staff!

Dedicated to you, the core of all Magee-Womens sites, this conference showcases only a fraction of the innovative and high-quality care within and beyond the walls of UPMC. We are delighted to kick off the day with Dr. Brad Nieder, The Healthy Humorist, and bring you a day filled with dynamic and timely sessions with topics including artificial intelligence in health care and the complexity of care for patients with Opioid Use Disorder. Outside the sessions, we are excited for you to connect with colleagues and grow personally and professionally.

At the core of the Service Line is innovation and collaboration in women's health. Collaboration among sister maternity sites drives the provision of evidence-based care, enables learning from one another and advances groundbreaking initiatives and programs that improve maternal health outcomes. The Women's Health Service Line is thrilled to support this year's conference, driving connections among nurse leaders, nurses, and allied health professionals and facilitating learning and growth opportunities across UPMC and the communities we serve.

Thank you for your commitment to learning and caring for the most fragile of neonates, and families in the perinatal period.

Target Audience

Health care professionals and health care students involved with the care of mothers and newborns.



Schedule

7 – 8 a.m.	Registration and Continental Breakfast	11:15 a.m. – Noon	Bearing Witness: Professional Caregiver Grief in Supporting Bereaved Families
8 – 8:10 a.m.	Welcome Dawndra Jones, DNP, RN, NEA-BC <i>Chief Nursing Officer Vice President, Patient Care Services UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital</i> Annmarie Lyons, MHS <i>Vice President, UPMC Women's Health Service Line Executive Administrator, UPP Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Women's Health</i>		Carrie Mcann, MSW <i>Bereavement & Spiritual Support Coordinator</i>
		Noon – 1 p.m.	Lunch
		1 – 1:20 p.m.	AI & UPMC Rob Bart, MD <i>Chief Medical Information Officer, UPMC</i>
		1:20 – 2 p.m.	Care of the Perinatal Patient with Opioid Use Disorder Alison Boast, MSN, CARN <i>Pregnancy Recovery and Women's Recovery Center at UPMC Magee-Womens</i>
8:10 – 9:10 a.m.	Laughter is the Best Medicine Brad Nieder, MD <i>The Healthy Humorist</i>		Cambria King, BS, CRS <i>Pregnancy Recovery and Women's Recovery Center at UPMC Magee-Womens</i>
9:10 – 9:55 a.m.	Current Concepts of Fetal Therapy Stephen Emery, MD <i>Professor, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, & Reproductive Sciences, Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine</i> Tiffany Deihl, MD <i>Assistant Professor, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, & Reproductive Sciences, Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine</i>		Corey Posa, MSN, RN <i>Instructor, The University of Scranton</i>
		2 – 2:10 p.m.	Heather Williams, RN <i>Med/Surg Resource UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital</i>
9:55 – 10:15 a.m.	Break	2:10 – 2:40 p.m.	Break
10:15 – 11:15 a.m.	"We are in a pickle" the Approach to Care in the Periviable Period Christine Bishop, MD, MA <i>Director of Perinatal Supportive Care Divisions of Newborn Medicine and Pediatric Palliative and Supportive Care Department of Pediatrics University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine</i> Sara Rogan, MD, PhD <i>Assistant Professor, Division of Maternal Fetal Medicine Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital</i>	2:40 – 3 p.m.	Improving Cultural Competency in Nursing Professionals Through the Examination of Perinatal Experiences of Birthing People from Underrepresented Minority Groups Jocelyn Fernandez, BSN, RN <i>University of Pittsburgh, School of Nursing</i>
		3 – 3:10 p.m.	Ending the Day with Intention: Reclaiming Joy in Nursing Beth Quinn, MSN, RNC-MNN <i>Senior Director, Women's Health Operations UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital</i>
			Closing and Continuing Education Credits Beth Quinn, MSN, RNC-MNN <i>Senior Director, Women's Health Operations UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital</i>

Registration Information

All UPMC Employees: Free, in-person, or virtual

Non-UPMC Participants, in-person: \$75

Non-UPMC Participants, virtual: \$50

Full-Time Students: \$25, in-person or virtual

Parking

Free offsite parking with shuttle service. Parking information will be available on the registration site.

Cancellation Policy

If you must cancel or change your registration type, please contact **Morgan Bartolomucci** at bartolomuccim@upmc.edu or **412-641-1024** two weeks prior to the event. Accurate registration numbers help ensure a smooth event flow.

Continuing Education Credit

In support of improving patient care, the University of Pittsburgh is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the health care team.

Nursing (ANCC) – The maximum number of hours awarded for this Continuing Nursing Education activity is 5.5 contact hours.

Registration

Registration is online only. To register, visit <https://cce.upmc.com>.

Click “Catalog” and search for “24th Annual Perinatal and Neonatal Health Care Conference.”

