Preview of NEO: The Conference for Neonatology, February 20th-23rd, 2014, at The Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek, Orlando, Florida

by Alan R. Spitzer, MD

Once again, it is December and that means NEO: The Conference for Neonatology and Specialty Review in Neonatology conferences are around the corner. This year represents the eighth annual NEO: The Conference for Neonatology, and we are pleased to describe many of the highlights of the meeting for this special edition of Neonatology Today. NEO began eight years ago as an extensive reworking of the former Management of the Tiny Baby Conference, which ran for 28 years and was one of the legendary meetings in Neonatal Medicine. NEO now has also become one of the major annual conferences in neonatal medicine, highlighted by the extraordinary Legends of Neonatology evening. The Neonatal Medicine line-up for this year’s meeting is one of the best that we have attracted to date, with some special new features, and a wide range of topics and world-renowned speakers who will address many of the most critical and controversial issues that influence the clinical practice of Newborn Medicine. Also, because of its great success last year, we are continuing the simultaneous translation of the meeting into Spanish, and we look forward to welcoming increasing numbers of attendees from around the world for this event.

As usual, the meeting starts with the Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Pre-Conference Day dedicated to Quality Improvement in Neonatology. The Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Program of the American Board of Pediatrics now consists of four parts, with Part Four being devoted to the demonstration of meaningful participation in quality improvement. In addition, the HITECH Act has made meaningful use of the electronic health record a primary feature of modern medical care. So that participants can better appreciate and utilize the methodology of quality improvement and begin to develop the goals of meaningful use, Wednesday, February 19th, will be devoted to a full day in the Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Pre-Conference Day on this timely issue. Once again led by Dan Ellsbury, MD, and Robert Ursprung, MD, two national leaders of renown in neonatal CQI, this pre-conference session is ideally suited to preparing the clinician for developing sound quality improvement initiatives in the NICU. Of particular note, this year’s CQI session will have a discussion of international collaboration in neonatal outcome improvement from Clara Galviz, MD, President of the Colombian (S.A.) Association of Neonatologists.

The main conference starts on Thursday, February 20th, 2014, and runs through Sunday February 23rd. The NEO Conference is always arranged thematically and the major themes of this year’s meeting include: The Early Care of the Critically Ill Neonate; Respi-
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One of the other unique features of the NEO Conference is the annual Legends of Neonatology Award Dinner. Starting in 2007 at the first NEO Conference, we have made an effort to acknowledge and show our appreciation to some of the legendary figures in the history of Neonatology. Winners of the Legends Award essentially constitute a ‘Hall of Fame’ for Newborn Medicine. Prior recipients include: Mildred Stahlman, Maria Delivoria-Papadoopoulos, Mary Ellen Avery, Lucille Ann Papile, Avroy Fanaroff, Marshall Klaus, Jerold Lucey, Robert Bartlett, Stanley Dudrick, George Gregory, John Clements, Forrest Bird, William Norwood, William Oh, Abraham Rudolph, Lilly Dubowitz, M. Jeffrey Maisels, and Jen-Tien Wung. This year’s honorees will be Frederick C. Battaglia, MD, who pioneered our understanding of fetal physiology, metabolism, and the maternal-fetal dyad, and Joseph Volpe, MD, the widely admired and acknowledged founder of the field of Neonatal Neurology. Both Legends have also agreed this year as part of the NEO Conference to present historical perspectives of their work during the regular sessions of the meeting, which should be extraordinary talks. The work of these amazing individuals represents some of the primary reasons why outcomes for critically ill infants have improved so dramatically in the last few decades. At the Legends presentation itself, as Course Director for NEO, I will review the history leading up to the contributions of these Legends and show how their work has become the core upon which much of modern Newborn Medicine is founded. This night is always a very special event and a highlight of the meeting that attendees should not miss!

This year’s event at the incredible Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek will be one of the foremost programs of the year in Neonatology. The NEO Conference is run alongside another great meeting in Newborn Medicine—Specialty Review in Neonatology—for individuals looking for a broader review of the field of Neonatology. We very much hope that you can join us for one of these meetings and promise you an educational experience that you will not soon forget.

~on behalf of the NEO Planning Committee~
## CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (CQI) PRE-CONFERENCE DAY
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2014**

Moderated by: Dan Ellsbury, MD, and Robert Ursprung, MD

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2014
GETTING STARTED ON THE RIGHT FOOT —
THE EARLY CARE OF THE CRITICALLY ILL NEONATE

7:45 am – 8:00 am Introductory Remarks
Alan Spitzer, MD

8:00 am – 9:00 am Improving the Resuscitation Experience — The Optimal Use of NRP
Steven Ringer, MD, PhD

9:00 am – 10:00 am The Fluid Management and Early Nutritional Care of the ELBW Infant
John M. Lorenz, MD

10:00 am – 10:30 am Break and Exhibits

10:30 am – 11:30 am Pharmacological Choices for the ELBW Infant — Indomethacin, Caffeine, iNO, Hydrocortisone, Antibiotics — What Is The Evidence?
Matthew Laughon, MD, MPH

11:30 am – 12:30 pm What Do We Do at the Threshold of Viability?
Lucky Jain, MD

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm Lunch and Exhibits

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Helping Babies and Parents Bond: The Critical Role of the NICU Staff
Sue Hall, MD

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm What NICU Parents Want Neonatologists to Know: Parent Leaders of the Preemie Parent Alliance

4:00 pm – 4:30 pm Break and Exhibits

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm Parent Leaders of the Preemie Parent Alliance Panel Discussion and Q&A

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Breaking Bad News – Helping Families When They Need Us the Most
Anthony Orsini, DO
## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2014
### RESPIRATORY SUPPORT 2014—WHAT DO YOU DO, WHEN DO YOU DO IT?

- **8:00 am – 9:00 am** | Surfactant 2014 — How Have Things Changed?  
   *Roger F. Soll, MD*

- **9:00 am – 10:00 am** | Non-invasive Ventilation — Optimal Approaches  
   *Mark Mammel, MD*

- **10:00 am – 10:30 am** | Break and Exhibits

- **10:30 am – 11:30 am** | Rescue Tools — What Do You Use and When?  
   *William Walsh, MD*

- **11:30 am – 12:30 pm** | What is Chronic Lung Disease and How Do You Manage It?  
   *Michele Walsh, MD*

- **12:30 pm – 1:30 pm** | Lunch and Exhibits

### NEUROLOGICAL INJURY IN THE NEONATE

- **1:30 pm – 2:30 pm** | SPECIAL LEGENDS PRESENTATION  
   Neurological Injury in the Low Birth Weight Infant  
   *Joseph J. Volpe, MD*

- **2:30 pm – 3:30 pm** | Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome — Acute and Long-Term Effects  
   *Estelle Gauda, MD*

- **3:30 pm – 4:30 pm** | Planning for Neonatal Follow-up  
   *Ronald L. Ariagno, MD, FAAP*

### LEGENDS OF NEONATOLOGY AWARD DINNER

- **7:00 pm**  
  Honorees:  
  *Joseph J. Volpe, MD*  
  *Frederick C. Battaglia, MD*
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2014
THE FETAL PATIENT

8:00 am – 9:00 am
The Fetal Echocardiogram in the Management of the Fetus with CHD
Jack Rychik, MD

9:00 am – 10:00 am
SPECIAL LEGENDS PRESENTATION
Clinical Perinatal Studies and Their Impact on Neonatal Nutrition
Frederick C. Battaglia, MD

10:00 am – 10:30 am
Break and Exhibits

10:30 am – 11:30 am
The Assessment of Fetal Well-Being
C. Andrew Combs, MD, PhD

11:30 am – 12:30 pm
What Have We Learned From The ELGAN Study?
T. Michael O’Shea, MD

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• Respiratory Support 2014 — What Do You Do, When Do You Do It?
• Neurological Injury in the Neonate
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• Neonatal Nephrology
• Neonatal Infectious Diseases
• Central Nervous System

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Legends of Neonatology Gala Award Ceremony
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2014
Please join us in honoring our 2014 award recipients whose efforts have contributed so much to the care of the critically ill neonate. Drs. Frederick C. Battaglia and Joseph J. Volpe will be inducted into the Legends of Neonatology Hall of Fame, which was established in 2007.

FREDERICK C. BATTAGLIA, MD
Frederick Battaglia, MD, was born in Weehawken, New Jersey, received his undergraduate education at Cornell University and graduated from the Yale University School of Medicine. He did an internship in Pediatrics at Johns Hopkins Hospital, but then left that program for a fellowship in the Department of Biochemistry in Dr. Philip Randle’s laboratory at Cambridge University. He returned to Yale as a fellow in Dr. Donald Barron’s laboratory the following year. Subsequently, he returned to Johns Hopkins to complete his pediatric training. Between 1962-64, he served as a fellow in the laboratory of Perinatal Physiology of the NIH in San Juan, Puerto Rico. His initial appointment was at Johns Hopkins in the Department of Pediatrics. In 1965 he left Johns Hopkins to join the faculty at the University of Colorado School of Medicine where he has contributed much of his great work. There he rose to Full Professor and Director of the Division of Perinatal Medicine and Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics, positions he held from 1974-88. He remains active in research and teaching at the Children’s Hospital of Denver to the present day. Dr. Battaglia’s contributions to both the subspecialties of Maternal-Fetal Medicine and Neonatal Medicine, particularly from the aspect of perinatal physiology, is remarkable. His work in elucidating the physiology of the fetus and placenta, the mechanisms of fetal growth and fetal nutrition, and growth failure of the fetus as seen in intrauterine growth restriction, represent an unparalleled body of work in this field. Dr. Battaglia serves as the exemplary role model of the true perinatologist. His interests and research bridge the time from conception of the fetus to the moment of hospital discharge of mother and infant. Dr. Battaglia has won numerous awards for his extensive contributions to medicine, including the Apgar Award of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Howland Award of the American Pediatric Society and election to the Institute of Medicine, among many others.

JOSEPH J. VOLPE, MD
Dr. Volpe received his medical degree from Harvard Medical School, completed his pediatric residency at Massachusetts General Hospital, carried out a postdoctoral research fellowship at the NIH and trained in pediatric neurology at Massachusetts General Hospital. He then served for 20 years on the faculty at Washington University in St. Louis, the last ten years of which as the Stein Professor of Neurology and Director of the Division of Pediatric Neurology. In 1990 he was recruited to Boston as Neurologist-in-Chief at the Children’s Hospital, Bronson Crothers Professor of Neurology, and Chairman of the Department of Neurology at Children’s Hospital/Harvard Medical School. Under Dr. Volpe’s leadership over the next 15 years, the Department of Neurology grew to a faculty size of over 50 child neurologists and neuroscientists and the clinical and research programs became the largest and most diverse of any child neurology facility in the world. Dr. Volpe is generally considered to be the leading figure in the field of Neonatal Neurology. His work in this subspecialty has included both clinical and basic research. The principal focus of his clinical research has been elucidation of the pathogenesis of the major hemorrhagic and ischemic lesions of the newborn, especially the premature newborn, and prevention of this brain injury. He has contributed more than 300 original articles and his single-authored book, Neurology of the Newborn, currently in its fifth edition, is considered “the bible” in the field. Dr. Volpe has received many awards nationally and internationally. These include the two most prestigious awards of the Child Neurology Society, both the Hower Award for lifetime achievement in Child Neurology and the Sachs Award for scientific achievement. He has been similarly honored by societies of Child Neurology, Cardiology, Neonatology, Radiology and Neurosurgery, radiology and neurosurgery worldwide. He was the first child neurologist to be elected to the Institute of Medicine of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences. In 2007 the Boston Children’s Hospital created the Joseph J. Volpe Chair in Neurology. Currently he is the Bronson Crothers Distinguished Professor of Neurology at Harvard Medical School.

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- Welcome Reception

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2014**
- NEO Day Class Participation*
- Breakfast
- AM Break
- Lunch
- PM Break

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2014**
- NEO Day Class Participation*
- Breakfast
- AM Break
- Lunch
- PM Break
- Legends of Neonatology Award Dinner.**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2014**
- NEO Day Class Participation*
- Breakfast
- AM Break
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- NEO Day Class Participation*
- Breakfast
- AM Break
- Lunch

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• 33% more protein than Similac HMF Concentrated Liquid


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