

**Dear Colleagues:**  
**Be Sure To Mark Your Calendars & Plan To Attend**  
**The Florida Association of Neonatal Nurse**  
**Practitioners 19<sup>th</sup> National Symposium**  
**Clinical Update & Review**  
**October 14-18, 2008**  
**Sheraton Sand Key Resort**  
**Clearwater Beach, Florida**

The 19<sup>th</sup> National Symposium is sure to please both “new” and “seasoned” NNPs with over 20 speakers from across the continental United States featuring NNPs, Neonatologists, a Pathologist, a Perinatologist, and even law students and their professor. Speakers “back by popular demand” this year include:

- Carol Botwinski, EdD is an Assistant-Professor at the University of Tampa School of Nursing, Adjunct Clinical Instructor at the University of South Alabama, and FANNP Past-President. She will present review tract sessions on Fluid & Electrolyte Management, Renal Function/Failure, and Sepsis, which promise to be clear, concise, and understandable.
- Bruce Buehler, MD is an engaging speaker who maintains the audience’s attention and is requested to return by participants every year. His academic appointments include Clinical Professor of Pediatrics & Pathology and the Executive Director of the Hattie B. Munroe Center for Human Genetics in Omaha, Nebraska. He will be presenting a general session on Expanded Newborn Screening and a Review of Genetics for the review track.
- David Burchfield, MD is a dynamic speaker combining humor with extensive knowledge that captivates the audience. He will be presenting an interactive Journal Club for the Advanced Track and his popular Radiology review for the Review track.
- Dianne Charsha brings over 20 years of clinical experience as an NNP. She is a national speaker and author on numerous professional and clinical topics, and is known for her enthusiasm and teaching skills. Dianne will speak on Congenital Heart Disease, Differential Diagnosis and Management of Respiratory Distress, and Blood Gas Interpretation and Ventilation for the review tract.
- Jacqui Hoffman is the Coordinator of the NNP Online Program at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner with Pediatrix Medical Group, Inc. and current FANNP President. She will present review tract sessions on Common GI Conditions and Neonatal Nutrition, which promise to offer a concise overview with comprehensive handouts great for NCC review.
- **Marion Kay will be the keynote, opening speaker.** She is a management consultant specializing in communication. She is one of the few speakers that does not need a slide show as she engages the audience; this year she will be discussing Motivating Yourself and Others.
- Leslie Parker is a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner and Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Florida in Gainesville, where she is program director of the Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Program. Leslie will discuss Neonatal Metabolic and Endocrine Function for the review tract in a two-part session.
- Edwina Popek, MD is a pathologist who brings the focus of pathologic placental findings and the impact on the fetus/neonate. This year she will be discussing Multiple gestations and Congenital TORCH infections for the Advanced Track.
- Lisa Glantz-Williamson is a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner at Blank Children’s Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa. She will be presenting the ever-popular Test Taking/Study Tips with a “Game show” format Q&A portion in conjunction with Pam LaFerriere for the review track. In addition, she will provide a Hematology Review that is sure to provide an excellent review for the NCC exam.
- Thomas Wiswell, MD is an attending Neonatologist at Florida Hospital in Orlando. He brings a wealth of experience, knowledge and evidence-based approach that makes his presentations thoroughly enjoyable. This year he will be exploring in a general session the current evaluation and management of hypoglycemia.

We are honored to have the expertise of Dr. Juan Dumois, Dr. Armando Fuentes, Dr. Lucky Jain, Dr. Lance Parton, Cheryl Robinson, Gale Schmaltz, Dr. Alan Spitzer, Suzanne Staebler, and Dr. Lance Wyble join us this year, offering a wide variety of Clinical and Professional topics. Watch for the brochure on our Web site and in your mail box by June; check out all the other outstanding speakers that have been lined up with the topics that I am sure you will not want to miss.

This year we are excited to be able to offer a Neonatal Medical Malpractice Mock Trial featuring the Campbell School of Law Students as Case Attorneys and Professor Woodruff as the judge, along with FANNP members portraying NNP expert witnesses, defendant, and plaintiffs. The purpose of the Mock trial is to introduce NNPs to the mechanics of a malpractice trial from the courtroom perspective. A typical case that might be encountered as an NNP will be provided to raise awareness and is guaranteed to make NNPs stop and think about everything they do in practice. This special session will be offered for the Advanced Track on Saturday.

Networking activities will once again include the “Welcome reception”, “Roundtable Discussion” and a “Luau” on the beach for the entire family to attend. We encourage everyone to wear to the Luau their favorite Hawaiian shirt or dress as they listen to music provided by Rob Synder, DJ and enjoy a Buffet feast. The topics for this year’s round table discussion are: Role transition and Workforce Issues and Expanded Shifts and includes an incredible buffet dinner and dessert (my favorite part).

Mark your calendars now!! The symposium offers a great way to prepare for certification exam, or keep up with the latest knowledge; it is also a great way to network and have fun.

The conference will be held at the Sheraton Sand Key Beach Resort, a fantastic resort located on the beautiful Gulf of Mexico. Please make your plans to attend now; brochures will be available soon. Please visit [www.fannp.org](http://www.fannp.org) for more information.

Hope to see you in October!

The FANNP Conference Planning Committee