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The Physical and Developmental Environment of the High-Risk Infant

*Evidence-Based Science for Establishing
an Appropriate NICU Environment*



**ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION
DEADLINE:
OCTOBER 1, 2003**

February 1 - February 4, 2004
Sheraton Sand Key Resort, Clearwater Beach, Florida

Sponsored by the University of South Florida College of Medicine

In Collaboration With:

The Lawton and Rhea Chiles Center for Healthy Mothers and Babies

The Center for Infant and Child Development at USF

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Call for Abstracts

The submission of abstracts is an invitation for an oral presentation and/or a poster session. Many NICU professionals have developed creative approaches to environmental problems or care practice issues and/or have conducted studies and designed successful programs to assist parents and families. This conference offers an opportunity to share your work and experiences with colleagues. Abstracts should focus on one of the following categories:

- Research/Studies Related to the NICU Physical and Developmental Environment
- Research Related to NICU Care Practices
- Programs to Improve the NICU Environment
- New Approaches to Basic Care Practice
- Structure and Design Innovations
- Programs or Activities to Support and Promote Involvement of Parents and Families
- Economic Analysis of NICU Design and Function
- Administration and Organization of NICU/Staffing Issues
- Facilitation of Practice Change
- Basic Science Related to Fetal or Newborn Development

Who Should Submit

The interdisciplinary team of health professionals who work with high-risk infants and their families are invited to share programs, experiences, research and accomplishments.

- Neonatologists and Pediatricians
- Neonatal Nurse Clinicians/Practitioners
- Clinical Nurse Specialists
- Infant/Child Development Specialists
- Architects
- Therapists
- Administrators
- Parents/Others Who Work with High-Risk Infants and Their Families

Instructions for ELECTRONIC Abstract Submission

ELECTRONIC Abstract Guidelines

1. Abstract applications must be ***received electronically, no later than October 1, 2003.***

Go to www.publichealth.usf.edu/conted/ to view a sample abstract **and** to submit an abstract.

2. **Please include the following information in your word document:** Name, degree(s), title, institution, address, city, state, zip, country, daytime phone, fax and email address! Only the primary author will be listed in the syllabus; additional authors may be listed in the heading of the abstract. **NOTE: You must select which type of presentation the abstract is being considered for:** Oral Presentation and Poster Session, Oral Presentation Only, or Poster Session Only.

3. The abstract should conform to the following guidelines:

- a. Title - centered.
- b. Author Name(s) - provide first name, middle initial (optional), last name, and degree(s) for each author.
- c. The abstract should include:
 - Statement of the problem
 - Statement of program, activities or methods
 - Summary of results or effects
 - Implications
 - Institution/agency where research or project was performed

- Three educational objectives
 - A topical outline
 - A minimum of three references
- d. Avoid nonstandard abbreviations. Spell out all abbreviated terms at first mention, followed by the abbreviation in parentheses that can be used subsequently. Tables, graphs or pictures may be included.
 - e. Complete abstract submission guidelines can be found at www.publichealth.usf.edu/conted/

NOTE:

- Font must be no smaller than 10 point
- Single space with one blank line between paragraphs. **(Do not indent paragraphs.)**

Abstracts Accepted for Oral Presentation or Poster Session

1. The abstract will be reprinted in the conference syllabus using the original copy of the abstract as submitted via the website.
2. The designated author who will represent the abstract (oral presentation or poster session) must register for the conference and is eligible for the early bird registration fee. **The conference is unable to cover any related costs of attendance.**

For more Info.

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