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UNM Continuing Education Center

34TH ANNUAL
**Amazing Newborns
Conference**

Big Questions, Small Patients



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CONFERENCE DESCRIPTION

The 34th Annual Amazing Newborns Conference is proud to present, “Big Questions, Small Patients”. This year’s conference focuses on evidence based care of the Newborn for a variety of conditions. Talks include information on medication safety in pregnancy and vaccines. The conference includes two 30-minute “Treat Now!” talks, aimed at giving providers information on how to identify and treat conditions that require immediate care to prevent long-term complications. This year’s breakouts provide a variety of topics, including skills labs, developmental focus, and a 2-part “Golden Hours” introduction.

CONFERENCE DEDICATION

The 34th Annual Amazing Newborns Conference is dedicated to Dr. Andy Hsi. Dr. Hsi dedicated his life to improving the health, well-being, and future of New Mexico’s children and believed deeply that every child deserves the opportunity to thrive.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this conference, the participant should be able to:

1. Explain to patients and their families how drugs are determined to be medically safe for pregnant women.
2. Apply current evidence based practice to the administration of vaccines.
3. Apply new knowledge in the examination of neonates who may be suffering from seizure activity.

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SPEAKERS

Crystal Avila-Schroeder, MD

Assistant Professor

UNM School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics

Tyler Christensen, DO

Fellow

UNM School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, Division of Neonatology

Gerri A. Duran, PhD, MD, OT/L, FAOTA

Occupational Therapist

Presbyterian NICU Developmental Follow-Up Clinic
Albuquerque, NM

Leslie Denson, MD

Fellow

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Francesca Garcia, MD

Assistant Professor

UNM School of Medicine, Department of Neurology

Courtney Grassham, NNP-BC, PHMNP-BC, PHM-C

Nurse Practitioner

Perinatal Associates of New Mexico
Albuquerque, NM

Sania Iftekhar, MD

Fellow

UNM School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, Division of Neonatology

Yitong Albert Liu, MD

Assistant Professor

UNM School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, Division of Nephrology

Tracy McDaniel

Policy Director

Southwest Women’s Law Center
Albuquerque, NM

Jason McKee, MD

Professor of Surgery

UNM School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics

Kiley Quintana, MD

Assistant Professor

UNM School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, Division of Genetics

Heather Pratt-Chavez, MD

Professor

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Kristi Watterberg, MD

Professor Emerita

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BIG QUESTIONS, SMALL PATIENTS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2026

7-8 am	Registration, Networking, Exhibits
8-8:15 am	Keynote Presentation Kristi Watterberg, MD
8:15-9:05 am	Hirschsprungs: Diagnosis, Treatment and Long-Term Management Jason McKee, MD
9:10-10 am	Medication Safety in Pregnancy UNM Fellow (TBD)
10-10:15 am	BREAK with Exhibits
10:15-11:05 am	IUGR vs SGA: Screening for TORCH Leslie Denson, MD
11:10 am-12 pm	Identifications, Diagnosis, and Treatment of Seizure Activity in Neonates Francesca Garcia, MD
12-1:30 pm	LUNCH on their own
1:30-2:30 pm	Vaccine/Immunization Crystal Avila-Schroeder, MD
2:30-2:45 pm	BREAK with Exhibits
2:45-3:45 pm	Breakout Sessions I A. An Introduction to the Golden Hours for Community Providers Part I Sofia Markee, DO and Kathryn R. Romero, MSN, CCRN B. LP and Chest Tube Placement Lab UNM Fellow (TBD) C. Being Prepared to Designate: When Does an Infant Meet the Criteria for High Risk for Cerebral Palsy? Gerri A. Duran, PhD, MS, OT/L, FAOTA
3:45-4 pm	BREAK with Exhibits
4-5 pm	Breakout Sessions II A. An Introduction to the Golden Hours for Community Providers Part II Sofia Markee, DO and Kathryn R. Romero, MSN, CCRN D. Intubation/SALSA Lab UNM Fellow (TBD) E. Addressing Parental Anxiety in the NICU Courtney Grassham, NNP-BC, PHMNP-BC, PHM-C

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2026

7-8 am	Registration, Networking, Exhibits
8-8:15 am	Announcements Kathryn R. Romero, MSN, CCRN
8:15-9:05 am	Neonatal Hypertension: Causes and Treatment Yitong Albert Liu, MD
9:10-10 am	22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome: Common But Still a Mystery Kiley Quintana, MD
10-10:15 am	BREAK with Exhibits
10:15-11:05 am	Is the SARNAT Working? Myissa Weiss, MD
11:10-11:40 am	Treat NOW! Pneumothorax with Acute Decompensation Tyler Christensen, DO
11:40-12:10 pm	Treat NOW! Acute Decompensation from PDA Closure Sania Iftekhar, MD
12:10-1:30 pm	LUNCH on their own
1:30-2:30 pm	Cannabis Use in Pregnancy Heather Pratt-Chavez, MD
2:30-3:30 pm	IPV Substance Abuse Tracy McDaniel

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION RATES

Advance registration is encouraged. Minimum and maximum registration numbers have been established for this activity, register early to avoid disappointment. Your registration will be confirmed via email. If you do not receive a confirmation email, please contact CPL at HSC-CPL@salud.unm.edu to verify your attendance. Please confirm your registration before making travel arrangements. Registration includes conference materials, breakfasts, and breaks on both days. **PLEASE NOTE: Lunches are NOT provided on either day and are NOT included in the registration fee.**

	Early Bird Now until 10/21/2026	Regular 10/22/2026-11/8/2026	Onsite 11/9/2026-11/13/2026
Two Days: MD, DO, PharmD, PhD, PhC, PsyD <i>paying with UNM Tuition Remission</i>	\$400.00 <i>\$390.00</i>	\$440.00 <i>\$430.00</i>	\$465.00 <i>\$455.00</i>
One Day: MD, DO, PharmD, PhD, PhC, PsyD <i>paying with UNM Tuition Remission</i>	\$300.00 <i>\$290.00</i>	\$340.00 <i>\$330.00</i>	\$365.00 <i>\$355.00</i>
Two Days: RN, OT, PT, LPN, NP, PA, Other <i>paying with UNM Tuition Remission</i>	\$275.00 <i>\$265.00</i>	\$315.00 <i>\$305.00</i>	\$340.00 <i>\$330.00</i>
One Day: RN, OT, PT, LPN, NP, PA, Other <i>paying with UNM Tuition Remission</i>	\$175.00 <i>\$165.00</i>	\$215.00 <i>\$205.00</i>	\$240.00 <i>\$230.00</i>
Two Days: Residents*/Fellows	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
One Day: Residents*/Fellows	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00

**Must provide proof of resident status*

CANCELLATION

If you pre-register and cannot attend, CPL will refund tuition, less a \$40.00 administrative fee, provided the cancellation notice is received in writing **via email on or before October 29, 2026**. No refunds will be issued after this date or for non-attendance. Activities are subject to cancellation. In the event this activity is canceled, registrants will be notified via email and will receive a full refund. CPL is not responsible for any computer/device equipment rental, airfare, hotel, car rental or other costs incurred by participants.

HOW TO REGISTER

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

CREDIT CARDS, CHECK, OR UNM PR

Checks should be made payable to UNM CPL, include the attendees name and mailed to: The University of New Mexico, Office for Continuous Professional Learning, MSC09 5370, 1 University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87131-0001. It is UNM policy to charge offerer \$35.00 plus normal merchant bank fees for each returned check. **Please note:** For security and processing efficiency, CPL does not handle credit card payments submitted via paper forms and is unable to process purchase orders. Please use our secure online registration platform.

UNM TUITION REMISSION

All eligible UNM faculty and staff may enroll using a UNM Tuition Remission (waiver) to cover tuition costs listed on the registration form. Proper completion includes all required signatures. No refund or credit will be issued for non-attendance.

1. Complete the conference registration form and select that you will be paying with UNM Tuition Remission.
2. If you need your supervisor's approval to use your tuition remission you will need to upload a completed **UNM Tuition Remission** form with proper signatures to the online registration form.

LODGING

We do not have a room block secured for this conference. However, The University of New Mexico has negotiated agreements with several local hotels, should you need lodging during the conference. These rates are based on availability and hotel occupancies. Some hotels may require proof of UNM eligibility. <https://purchase.unm.edu/local-hotel-information/index.html>.

ACCREDITATION

PHYSICIANS

The University of New Mexico School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The University of New Mexico School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of **12.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™**. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

OTHER HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS CREDITS

This program has been approved for **AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™** for physicians. Many societies and credentialing bodies accept the **AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™** as an equivalent as long as the topic is relevant to applicant's field or discipline. To obtain CE credit, refer to the guidelines provided by your board to understand specific requirements. CPL will provide more information after the course with supporting documentation, you can use to apply for CE relevant to this activity as well as a certificate with a statement of attendance.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Individuals requiring special accommodations should contact CPL as soon as possible. UNM is in compliance with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Questions?

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