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From Conception to Cradle

An Obstetric and Neonatal Conference

The Division of Women and Children's Services at the WMC invites you to attend **From Conception to Cradle**, our third annual obstetric and neonatal nursing symposium.

The symposium will commence with Katherine Jorgensen, MSN, MBA, RN, C, HonD, a nationally recognized speaker and researcher, who will explore the impact of newborn admission activities after birth.

Legal aspects of perinatal nursing can be stressful for every nurse. A legal expert will present helpful techniques for clinical application.

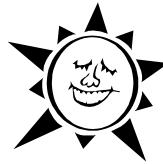
Concurrent sessions will offer diverse choices appealing to the perinatal nurse. An update on respiratory care and pain management will be presented for nurses working in Neonatal Intensive and Intermediate Care Nurseries. Current concepts about preterm labor and labor support may appeal to nurses working in Labor and Delivery and Obstetric settings.

Polly Perez, BSN, RN, FACCE, will reenergize us with

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Dr. Sarvesh Nigam has been a beloved Neonatologist since joining our NICU in 1987. He has won numerous teaching awards from the Pediatric Housestaff and is well recognized for his extensive knowledge of Neonatology. He and his wife (she is a Pediatric Hematologist Oncologist) will be continuing their practices while joining their son and daughter -in-law in sunny Arizona. Please join us in wishing Dr. Nigam and his wife continued success in their new warmer surroundings.

ECMO Preparations Underway at Westchester Medical Center

As part of the plan to develop a state of the art Extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) program at the Children's Hospital of Westchester Medical Center, team members recently participated in an intensive training course at Johns Hopkins Medical Center in Baltimore, Maryland. The multidisciplinary group included neonatologists, pediatric intensivists, pediatric general and cardiac surgeons, NICU/PICU nurse specialists, cardiac perfusion technologists, and respiratory therapists.

The comprehensive curriculum included lectures regarding all aspects of clinical ECMO. Hands-on experience was obtained in a series of "wet labs", and the final session involved management of ECMO in a neonatal piglet. In addition to the basic information obtained, the course demonstrated the advantages of the multi-disciplinary approach, which the WMC program will exemplify.

Team members are currently preparing ECMO training sessions for physicians, nurses, and respiratory therapists at the medical center. The program anticipates accepting patients *for ECMO by June 2001*.

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a motivational approach for empowering ourselves as caregivers. She will challenge us to look at our individual philosophy of care and ask us to analyze how we can better care for ourselves and others.

Join us as we advance our clinical practice and share a pleasant day with our colleagues.♥

Date - April 27, 2001

Place - Westchester Marriott Hotel -Tarrytown, NY

Time - 7:30am - 4:15pm

Cost- \$150.00

For registration please call (914) 493-8892

For more information go to our web site at:

<http://www.nymc.edu/depthome/peds/neonatology/index.htm#education>



**March of Dimes
“Walk America 2001”**

Date: Sunday April 29, 2001

**Time: 8am check-in
9am start**

**Place: Saxon Woods Pool
White Plains, NY**

Distance: 8 miles

**Contact: Eileen Margenat, CNS
Women’s Health (914) 493 – 8498**

Or (914) 949 - 7166

1. Pick up a sponsor card from Eileen and begin asking your friends and family to help support you in this important fund-raiser.
2. Please make a donation if you’re unable to walk.

Prizes will be awarded to individuals raising over \$150.00!

Lunch will be provided by “The Outback” !

Support the March of Dimes in this fund raising effort to decrease infant morbidity & mortality!

NEWSFLASH: Kangaroo missing on “Survivor, the Australian Outback.” If you know of mothers and fathers, who would like to kangaroo their babies, a new, comfortable recliner is available in the Unit. Manufactured in France by LaFuma, and recommended by kangarooing specialists, this light but durable chair will optimize the experience for parents. If you would like further information please contact any DOH Team member. ENJOY!



Welcome!

A warm welcome is extended to our newest faculty member,
Gad Alpan, M.D.
Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Dr. Alpan is a full-time board certified neonatologist here at The Children’s Hospital and comes to us from Johns Hopkins Medical Center, Baltimore Maryland.

Dr. Alpan was born in Israel. He has previously held positions, at Hadassah University Hospital, Georgetown University Hospital, UCLA Medical Center, and The Cardiovascular Research Institute, UCSF.

Most recently, Dr. Alpan was Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and Chairman, Department of Neonatology at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center in Baltimore, Maryland.

Dr. Alpan has an established record of research experience, including recent studies involving use of *Nitric Oxide* in the Neonatal ICU setting.

Bedside Balloon Septostomy

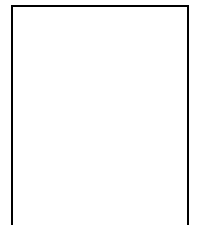
Figure Legend: Dr. Paul Woolf performs bedside balloon septostomy in the NICU in a critically ill neonate with Transposition of the Great Arteries and Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia utilizing echocardiographic guidance. Pictured are Dr. Paul Woolf (center), Dr. Marcus Erb (at Echocardiogram monitor), Dr. Pradeep Mally (left), Dr. Claire Waite (inflating the balloon) and Muel Edwigards (positioning the Echocardiogram probe). The patient tolerated the procedure without incident. Kudos to Dr. Woolf and the team!



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