

50th Annual

# Iowa Conference on Perinatal Medicine

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Monday — Wednesday

March 31-April 2, 2025



West Des Moines Marriott Hotel  
1250 Jordan Creek Parkway  
West Des Moines, Iowa 50321

Sponsored by the Iowa Statewide Perinatal Care Program, the University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine and the University of Iowa Health Care.

# Monday, March 31, 2025

## PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP:

The S.T.A.B.L.E. Program

Penny Smith, BSN, RNC-NIC; Rebecca Chuffo Davila, DNP, NNP-BC

*Info to follow*

## PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP:

Obstetric Patient Safety (OPS): OB Emergencies Workshop 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition Jeana Forman, MSN, RNC-OB, C-EFM, C-FMC; Lauren Sullivan, BSN, C-EFM, RNC-OB; Brenda Wolf, BSN, C-EFM, RNC-OB

8:00 am – 4:30 pm

*Info to follow*

# Tuesday, April 1, 2025

## CONFERENCE

- 7:00 am**                    **REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST**
- 7:50**                        **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 8:00**                        **Caring for Pregnant Persons with Substance Use Disorder**  
**Abbey Hardy-Fairbanks, MD; Amanda Eleazer**  
*Identify improvement opportunities for treatment and trust in patients with Substance Use Disorder.*  
*Understand the physiology of trauma and Substance Use Disorder.*
- 9:00**                        **Diagnosis and Treatment of Hypoxic Ischemic Encephalopathy (HIE) - 2025**  
**John Dagle, MD, PhD**  
*Understand the staging criteria used in making the diagnosis of HIE.*  
*Understand the indications and expectations for the use of hypothermia in the treatment of HIE.*
- 10:00**                      **REFRESHMENTS & EXHIBITS**
- 10:30**                      **The Landscape of Quality Metrics in Obstetrics**  
**Christian Pettker, MD**  
*Review the past and current nationally used and publicly reported quality metrics in obstetrics.*  
*Describe benchmark and performance statistics for common quality metrics in obstetrics.*  
*Contextualize these common quality metrics for different hospital and health system settings*
- 11:30 am**                **LUNCH (on your own)**

# Tuesday, April 1, 2025

- 1:00 pm**                    **Morbid Obesity in Pregnancy**  
**Jeffrey Quinlan, MD**  
*Discuss the rates of morbid obesity in pregnancy and its associated risks.  
Describe treatment strategies during pregnancy and appropriate planning for delivery including location of delivery.*
- 2:00**                        **Safe Sleep for Iowa Babies**  
**Penny Smith, BSN, RNC-NIC**  
*Review elements of the SFCH Safe Sleep Toolkit to reduce the risk of SIDS and sleep-related infant death.  
Discuss unsafe consumer sleep products that are not recommended by the AAP.*
- 3:00**                        **REFRESHMENTS & EXHIBITS**
- 3:30**                        **Report from the Iowa Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC)**  
**Stephanie Radke, MD, MPH**  
*Understand the definitions of maternal mortality, pregnancy-related mortality, and pregnancy-associated mortality and how the cases are evaluated by committee.  
Understand the underlying drivers of maternal deaths and opportunities for improvement, with emphasis on opportunities for healthcare providers and hospitals.*
- 4:30**                        **ADJOURN**

# Wednesday, April 2, 2025

- 6:45 am**                    **REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST**
- 7:50**                        **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 8:00**                        **Peripartum Depression**  
**Jeffrey Quinlan, MD**  
*Discuss the epidemiology, risk factors for, and natural history of peripartum depression.  
Describe how to screen for peripartum depression and evidence-based approaches to treatment during pregnancy and in the postpartum period.*
- 9:00**                        **Toxicology Testing for Substance Use in Pregnancy**  
**Alison Lynch, MD, MS**  
*Recognize the elements of an ideal toxicology testing policy.  
Describe the chain of events initiated from a positive toxicology test.*
- 10:00**                        **REFRESHMENTS & EXHIBITS**
- 10:30**                        **Quality Improvement Collaboratives: Your Role in Improving Outcomes for Mothers and Infants in our State**  
**Stephanie Radke, MD, MPH**  
*Gain an understanding of quality improvement methodology and how to participate in your facility.  
Understand the power of collaborative quality improvement to improve health outcomes for a population.*
- 11:30 am**                    **LUNCH (On your own)**

# Wednesday, April 2, 2025

1:00 pm

## CONCURRENT SESSION I

1) **Early Neonatal Respiratory Distress**  
**Brady Thomas, MD**

*Learn how to recognize and evaluate early neonatal respiratory distress and understand its various potential etiologies.  
Learn how to assess and manage infants with early neonatal respiratory distress and determine when transferring to a higher level of care may be needed.*

2) **Intraamniotic Infection**  
**Sarina Martini, MD**

*Understand the risk factors to mitigate intraamniotic infection.  
Describe the diagnosis of intraamniotic infection.*

2:00

## CONCURRENT SESSION II

1) **Umbilical Cord Clamping, Insights in 2025**  
**John Dagle, MD, PhD**

*Describe the anatomy and physiology of the umbilical cord, both prenatal and postnatal.  
Discuss the advantages of delayed cord clamping and timing of resuscitation.*

2) **Case Studies in Fetal Monitoring**  
**Brenda Wolf, BSN, RNC-EFM, RNC-OB**

*Define NICHD's EFM category 2.  
Identify and review algorithms to guide providers and nurses in labor management of category 2 EFM.*

3:00

## ADJOURN

# Purpose and Intended Audience

This conference is designed to provide state-of-the-art information on obstetric and newborn care practices, which is of particular importance and value to obstetric and newborn care nurses, midwives, family physicians, obstetricians, pediatricians, and allied perinatal health care professionals.

# Educational Objectives (Topic-specific objectives can be found on the agenda).

After attending the conference, participants should be able to:

1. Define and demonstrate improved skills in the medical and nursing care of the normal obstetric patient and the normal newborn infant.
2. Discuss and apply recent advances in the medical and nursing care of obstetric and newborn patients with specific high-risk problems.

# Continuing Education Credit



In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by the University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine and the Iowa Statewide Perinatal Care Program. The University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

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# Sponsorship

This conference is sponsored by the Statewide Perinatal Care Program, the University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine, University of Iowa Health Care, and the Department of Nursing.

## **The Conference Planning Committee**

John Dagle, MD, PhD	Rebecca Chuffo Davila, DNP, NNP-BC
Amy Sanborn, DNP, RN, C-EFM	Brenda Wolf, BSN, RNC-OB, C-EFM
Stephanie Radke, MD, MPH	Jeff Quinlan, MD
Penny Smith, BSN, RNC-NIC	Jill Kinnaird, Coordinator

## **Planning Considerations**

Content considerations and the selection of speakers are the responsibilities of the Planning Committee and Conference Director. Commercial firms providing financial support did not have input into these areas.

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## Guest Faculty

LAUREN SULLIVAN, BSN, C-EFM, RNC-OB  
Clinical Education Specialist, Maternity Services  
UnityPoint Health, Des Moines, Iowa  
University of Iowa Health Care and  
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## The University of Iowa and Carver College of Medicine Faculty

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Neonatal Nurse Practitioner, Stead Family  
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## Conference Facility

A block of rooms has been reserved at the West Des Moines Marriott Hotel (**515-267-1500**). When making reservations please state that you are attending the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Iowa Conference on Perinatal Medicine to receive the group rate. Room rates are \$131/room (not per person) plus tax, with a limit of 4 guests to a room. Rooms at this rate will be held through the end of the day, Monday, March 10, 2025.

[Book your group rate for IA Conf on Perinatal Medicine Mar-Apr 2025](#)

**Directions to the West Des Moines Marriott:** *The hotel is located at 1250 Jordan Creek Parkway. Take I-80 to EXIT 121 (Jordan Creek Parkway exit) and turn south onto Jordan Creek Parkway. The Marriott is located on the west side of the street a short distance from the exit.*

# Registration Fees

**Physician:**

2 day fee - \$250 1 day fee - \$225

**Nurses, \*Physician Assistant, \*Midwife:**

2 day fee - \$195 1 day fee - \$165

\*Provides certificate of attendance at an activity certified for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit*<sup>TM</sup>.

**S.T.A.B.L.E. Renewal:** \$60

**AWHONN OPS:** \$100

**Medical Residents, Medical Students,**

**Nursing Students (not eligible for nursing CEUs):** No Fee

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**Online Registration**

**Credit card (Visa, Mastercard, Discover, American Express):**

<https://uiowa.cloud-cme.com/course/courseoverview?P=5&EID=72844>

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