

9TH NATIONAL BI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE



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Groenkloof Campus, Pretoria

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DAY 1

Thursday, September 18

TIMESLOT	TOPIC/ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
08:00 - 09:00	Registration	
09:00-11:30	FIRST SESSION: WELCOME AND BRUNCH	
	Session Chair: Carin Maree	Normaal saal
09:00 - 09:25	House rules and ice breaker	Carin Maree
09:25 - 09:40	Message from the President of NNASA	Ruth Davidge
09:40 - 09:45	Introduction of NNASA Board and Organising Committee	Ruth Davidge
09:45 - 10:00	Word of welcome: Department of Health	Veronica Taschl
10:00 - 11:15	History of neonatology and brunch	Sithembiso Velaphi
11:15 - 11:30	Ice breaker winner announced by guest speaker	
11:30 - 12:00	Comfort break	
12:00 - 14:00	SECOND SESSION: GLOBAL TRENDS AND TECHNOLOGY IN NEONATAL CARE	
	SESSION CHAIR: Mariana Scheepers	Auditorium
12:00 - 12:40	International trends and Council of International Neonatal Nurses (COINN)	Tracey Jones
12:40 - 13:00	Development of a neonatal intensive care short course for singly qualified professional nurses practising in Johannesburg	Kerry-Ann Singaram
13:00 - 13:20	Exploring the perceptions of registered neonatal nurses towards continuous professional development	Hendrien Meyer
13:20 - 13:40	Specialised medical professionals' insights on oral feeding in infants and young children receiving high-flow oxygen therapy	Esedra Kruger
13:40 - 14:00	The do's and don'ts of radiology in the neonatal intensive care unit	Amely Gower
14:00 - 14:30	Tea break	
14:30 - 16:30	THIRD SESSION: ETHICAL-LEGAL ASPECTS OF NEONATAL CARE	
	Session Chair: Reeva De Fleuriot	Auditorium
14:30 - 14:50	Risks in a high-tech neonatal environment	Nikki Botes
14:50 - 15:10	Ethical decision-making	Gale Ure
15:10 - 15:30	Clinical negligence in South Africa: magnitude of the crisis, prevention of negligent harm and conflict resolution by mediation	Carlien van Heerden
15:30 - 15:50	Implications of the SANC's scope of practice for nurses in the neonatal intensive care unit	Bonginkosi Shongwe
15:50 - 16:30	Opportunity for discussion with panel members	Nikki Botes, Gale Ure, Carlien van Heerden, Bonginkosi Shongwe
16:30 - 17:00	Tea break	
17:00 - 18:00	NNASA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	
	Session Chair: Ruth Davidge	Auditorium
17:00 - 18:00	AGM	All members and non-members are welcome

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TIMESLOT	TOPIC/ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
07:30 - 08:30	Registration	
08:30-10:30	FOURTH SESSION: CARING TODAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TOMORROW	
	Session Chair: Kerry-Ann Singaram	Auditorium
08:30 - 08:35	Welcoming words	Kerry-Ann Singaram
08:35 - 08:55	Family integrated care	Tracey Jones
08:55 - 09:15	Emergency transport	Joji Mercier
09:15 - 09:35	Neonatal nurses as advocates for antimicrobial stewardship in the multidisciplinary NeoAMS team	Meagan MacDonald and Zezethu Qayi-Mjulwa
09:35 - 09:55	Parents' needs for speech-language therapy in the neonatal intensive care unit and after discharge	Alethea Stemmet
09:55 - 10:15	The prevalence and management of syphilis at two primary healthcare facilities in the Free State Province, South Africa	Olive Khaliq
10:15 - 10:35	Perspectives of professional nurses on implementation of the Perinatal Problem Identification Programme (PPIP) in the neonatal wards of a public hospital, Northwest Province	Kelebogile Manjinja
10:35 - 10:55	Validation of the Adapted Theory of Health Promotion in the Neonatal Intensive Care Units	Betina Heyns
11:00 - 11:30	Tea break	
11:30-13:30	FIFTH SESSION: INTERPROFESSIONAL TEAMWORK	
	Session Chair: Klarissa Nel	Auditorium
11:30 - 11:45	Neonatal report: Child Health and Mortality Prevention and Surveillance	Ziyaad Dangor
11:45 - 12:00	Interprofessional team approach to Kangaroo Mother Care	Mercy Ndacayisaba
12:00 - 12:15	Role and lessons learned by the occupational therapist in neonatal care	Eunice Masombuka
12:15 - 12:30	Speech therapists' role in neonatal care	Alta Kritzinger
12:30 - 12:45	What can we learn from the dietician in neonatal care?	Marlene Gilfillan
12:45 - 13:00	The nurse's role in breastfeeding of small and sick neonates	Jeanell du Plessis
13:00 - 13:15	Follow-up of sick and small neonates	Marike Boersema
13:15 - 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 - 15:30	SIXTH SESSION: INITIATIVES TO IMPROVE NEONATAL CARE	
	Session Chair: Betina Heyns	Auditorium
14:00 - 14:20	Health quality of breastmilk produced by lactating mothers of very low birth weight and the short-term outcomes thereof at two tertiary hospitals in Bloemfontein	Ahmad Jassen
14:20 - 14:40	Neuroprotective developmental care: How is your unit doing?	Welma Lubbe
14:40 - 15:00	Implementation of an essential package of neonatal care in Kwa-Zulu Natal	Ruth Davidge
15:00 - 15:20	A competency framework for performance management	Mariana Scheepers
15:20 - 15:40	Purposeful Compassion in Neonatal Nursing: Using the Regul8 Framework to Shape the Way Nurses Care	Nonhlanhla Mtolo

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15:40 - 16:00	Tea break	
16:00 - 18:00	SEVENTH SESSION: THE NICU JOURNEY	
	Session Chair: Cathy Miller	Auditorium
16:00 – 16:20	Developmental care – <i>you matter</i>	Klarissa Troskie
16:20 – 16:40	Caring for neonatal nurses	Margaret Sitshongaye
16:40 – 17:00	Preparing parents for end of life	Ane Buchner
17:00 – 17:20	Bereavement	Liesl Myburgh
17:20 – 17:50	A family's journey	Nokulunga Maqubela
17:50 – 18:00	Closure of conference	NNASA Team

DAY 3

Saturday, September 20

TIMESLOT	TOPIC/ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
07:30 - 08:30	Registration	
08:30-09:00	Poster presentations (Walk-about)	Poster presenters
09:00 - 14:00	TRADE EXPO AND WORKSHOPS	Side venues
09:00 - 11:00	From evidence to action: when research meets clinical practice in neonatal care	Welma Lubbe
11:30 – 13:30	Neonatal ventilation	RCA

Exciting announcement of the first Neonatal Product Expo to be held with an opportunity for all in the trade with neonatal products to showcase their products to professionals from all neonatal disciplines following the NNASA National Conference 2025! Products can include products used for daily care, high-tech equipment, specialised treatment, programmes or any other product to improve the outcomes of neonates and their families.

Poster presentations

Transforming Neonatal Education: From the screen to the newborn care unit, empowering neonatal nurses with confidence through access to E-Learning	Mrs Nonhlanhla Mtolo
Assessing the Relationship Between Nurses Attitude Toward Palliative Care and Ethical Climate in Neonatal Intensive Care Units in Tanzania 2024-2025	Mrs Jina Simai Mohamed

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