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# Extension Seminar in Paediatrics - The first 1000 days of life

### **Preliminary program**

#### Self-paced learning package: available from Friday 14 February 2025

Topic and presenter	Learning objectives
Pharmaceutics in paediatrics and neonates Dr Kate O'Hara, Vice-President, AdPha; Deputy Service Manager - Clinical, John Hunter Hospital, Newcastle, NSW	<ul> <li>Assess suitability of medication for prem neonate</li> <li>Consider neonate-specific issues when compounding</li> </ul>
Premature babies: outcomes and challenges Dr Srinivas Bolisetty, Medical Co-Director – Newborn Care, Royal Hospital for Women, Sydney, NSW	<ul> <li>Understand the most likely complications for babies affected by premature birth, and long- term impact of these complications</li> <li>Describe developmental issues which are common in children born prematurely</li> </ul>
Newborn testing and recent changes, principles for newborn testing Dr Kathryn Leadbeater, Advanced trainee, Paediatrics, John Hunter Hospital, Newcastle, NSW	<ul> <li>Describe the process for newborn screening,</li> <li>Understand the rationale for early intervention for rare diseases</li> <li>Discuss conditions which are screened in Australia</li> </ul>
Metabolic conditions – case presentation Dr Kaustuv Bhattacharya; Metabolic Paediatrician, Genetic Metabolic Disorders Service; Conjoint Senior Lecturer, University of Sydney, NSW	<ul> <li>Definition of inborn errors of metabolism</li> <li>Overall scheme of acute metabolic conditions</li> <li>Case presentation of an acute metabolic condition</li> <li>Pharmacological and clinical management of acute conditions</li> <li>Broader view of alternative therapies including enzyme replacement, gene therapy and organ transplantation</li> </ul>



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#### Live virtual seminar: Saturday 22 March 2025

All times are listed in AEST

Time (AEST)	Session	Learning objectives
0850- 0900	Online login and registration available	
0900- 0910	Welcome and introductions	
0910- 0930	Review of online learning content and Q&A Led by Michelle Jenkins, Pharmacist Manager, Paediatrics and Production, John Hunter Children's Hospital, Newcastle, NSW	
0930- 1015	<b>Presentation 1: NICU baby with complex</b> <b>problems</b> <b>Presented by: Dr Amber Seigel,</b> <i>Neonatal and</i> <i>Paediatric Emergency Transport Service Retrieval</i> <i>Staff Specialist, NSW Health, NSW</i>	<ul> <li>Describe the key steps in assessing a premature baby with multiple medical problems</li> <li>Explain how gestational age affects medication choices and dosing in premature babies</li> <li>Apply current NICU and clinical guidelines to select appropriate medications for premature babies</li> <li>Determine when and how clinical guidelines need to be modified for complex cases</li> </ul>
1015- 1100	<b>Case session 1: NICU baby - Part 1</b> <b>Led by: Rebecca O'Grady,</b> Specialist Neonatal ICU and Paediatric Pharmacist, Royal North Shore Hospital, NSW	<ul> <li>Describe the most common complications for babies affected by premature birth including bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD), pulmonary hypertension and patent ductus arteriosus (PDS)</li> <li>Explain the treatment of early and late sepsis in neonates</li> <li>Describe necrotising enterocolitis (NEC)</li> <li>Explain the prevention, long term outcomes and treatment of NEC</li> </ul>
1100- 1115	Break	
1115- 1145	Growth and development over the first 1,000 days	<ul> <li>Understanding the major domains of growth and development in children</li> </ul>



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	<b>Dr Kathryn Leadbeater,</b> Advanced trainee, Paediatrics, John Hunter Hospital, Newcastle, NSW	<ul> <li>Importance of early intervention in a gen paeds context</li> <li>Describe the impact of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) on outcomes in children</li> </ul>
1145- 1215	<b>Case session 1: NICU baby - Part 2</b> <b>Led by: Rebecca O'Grady,</b> Specialist Neonatal ICU and Paediatric Pharmacist, Royal North Shore Hospital, NSW	<ul> <li>Describe the most common complications for babies affected by premature birth including bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD), pulmonary hypertension and patent ductus arteriosus (PDS)</li> <li>Explain the treatment of early and late sepsis in neonates</li> <li>Describe necrotising enterocolitis (NEC)</li> <li>Explain the prevention, long term outcomes and treatment of NEC</li> </ul>
1215- 1245	<b>Presentation 2: RSV comparison of states with vs without nirsveimab in 2024</b> <b>Presented by: Dr Coen Butters,</b> <i>General</i> <i>Paediatrician and Paediatric Infectious Diseases</i> <i>Physician, John Hunter Children's Hospital, NSW</i>	<ul> <li>Overview the epidemiology of RSV infection in infants during their first 1000 days of life</li> <li>Describe the impact of RSV on healthcare systems and the community</li> <li>Explain the role and impact of nirsveimab in RSV</li> <li>Compare this impact to State/Territory locations without nirsveimab access</li> <li>Describe the projected benefits of Australia-wide nirsevimab implementation</li> </ul>
1245- 1315	Break	
1315- 1415	<b>Endocrinology in the first 1,000 days of life</b> <b>Presented by: A/Prof Patricia Crock,</b> <i>Conjoint</i> <i>Professor School of Medicine and Public Health,</i> <i>The University of Newcastle, NSW</i>	<ul> <li>Describe treatment of hypopituitism in newborn babies</li> <li>Describe treatment of thyroid disorders in babies and children</li> <li>Explain neonatal hypoglycaemia and usual treatment</li> </ul>
1415- 1445	Perinatal infections Presented by: Dr Joanne McIntosh, Staff Specialist Neonatologist NICU, John Hunter Children's Hospital, Newcastle, NSW	<ul> <li>Describe common infections affecting neonates, and their usual treatment</li> <li>Identify signs and management of newborn sepsis, including early and late onset</li> <li>Apply antimicrobial stewardship principles to paediatric antibiotic use</li> </ul>
1445- 1500	Break	



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	Case session 2: Perinatal infections	
1500-	Led by Michelle Jenkins, Pharmacist Manager,	
1530	Paediatrics and Production, John Hunter	
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	Final Q&A, seminar summary and close	
1530-	Led by Michelle Jenkins, Pharmacist Manager,	
1545	Paediatrics and Production, John Hunter	
	Children's Hospital, Newcastle, NSW	
1545	Seminar close	