



38th Annual 2024 Perinatal Partnership Conference

Hot Topics in Perinatal Care:

Identifying What Birthing Individuals and Mothers Want,

What's Working, &

What Needs to be Improved for Parents, Babies and Families

Conference Schedule, Topics & Speakers

June 6th - June 7th, 2024

w/ Pre-Conference Opportunities 6/5/2024

The Hilton Hotel & Conference Center 40 Lodge Street Albany, NY

Online Registration at the NYSPA website: <https://nysperinatal.org/event-5569036>

Join your colleagues, peers and other perinatal health providers from throughout NYS at the only multi-disciplinary statewide conference focused on pregnancy, birth, infant care. It's your opportunity to hear from - and meet with government officials, clinical and community providers and advocates to gain new information and strategies to help improve care and service provision.

NYSPA's 2024 Perinatal Partnership Conference

AGENDA

NEW for 2024!: Wednesday, June 5, PRE-CON Opportunities

7:30 Registration/ 8:00—4:30 AWHONN – Obstetric Patient Safety: OB Emergencies Workshop

(AWHONN pre-registration required) **Sandra Asanjarani, RNC-OB, MS, NPWH, C-EFM & Michelle Szefer, BSN, RNC-OB, C-EFM**
As part of its effort to reduce the rising trend of maternal mortality in the United States, AWHONN developed the Obstetric Patient Safety (OPS): OB Emergencies Workshop, now in its 3rd Edition. The curriculum for this program is guided by the leading causes of maternal morbidity and mortality. The focus of the workshop is on various obstetric emergencies that may occur at any point during pregnancy or in the postpartum period. This course is limited to 16 participants who must register through <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PX9G5YT>
Registration deadline: May 19, 2024. Participant materials can be purchased directly through the [AWHONN Store](#). Materials include the prerequisite course, participant handouts, and workshop resources. **Nursing contact hours or CME: 10.75 (0.75 pharmacy).** For more details, please see AWHONN OPS Flyer: <https://www.awhonn.org/education/hospital-products/ops/>

Any questions please email: **Sandra Asanjarani** saa9017@nyp.org or **Michalle Szefer** mszefer@kaleidahealth.org .
****AWHONN Workshop attendees who wish to attend the NYSPA conference 6/6-6/7 can attend the NYSPA conference with a \$75 discount. Inquiries should be sent to schesnao415@gmail.com**

7:00 - 8:00 pm The Black Maternal Health Crisis: A Walk Through History

Tracey Webber, DNP, CNM, MPA, FACNM

The Black Maternal Health Crisis: A Walk Through History Drawing from the 1993 film “Sankofa, the presenter juxtaposes the history of enslaved women practicing midwifery, a discussion about Granny Midwives, how Black women’s bodies have been the subject of suboptimal care because of systemic racism in medicine, and what we as providers, allied health professionals, policy-makers, and community advocates can do to decrease Black maternal health disparities. This lecture allows participants to go back in time to better understand where we are today. **This evening pre-con session is free to conference attendees, but reservation is required. Please contact schesnao415@gmail.com to reserve your seat.**

Thursday, June 6, 2024

7:30 - 8:15 Registration, Breakfast & Exhibits

8:30 - 8:45 Welcome:

LuAnne Brown, NYSPA Board President,
Sally Dear-Healey, PhD, CCE, Doula, PPNE, HFCE & Ellen Tourtelot, MD, 2024 Conference Co-Chairs

8:45 - 9:45 Keynote: TeamBirth: Process Innovation for Safety, Effective Communication, and Dignity in Child-birth

Trisha Short, BSN, Angela Chien, MD

9:50 - 10:50 Plenary 2: Updates on Maternal & Infant Mortality in New York State

Marilyn Kacica, M.D

10:50 - 11:25 Break/Exhibits/Posters

11:30 - 12:30 Plenary 3: Substance Use in the Perinatal Period: Harnessing Technology to Address Barriers to Care

Sarah Dauber, PhD, Maria Sobrino, BS, BA

12:30 - 1:30 Lunch / NYSPA Annual Awards Program

1:35 - 2:35 Plenary 4: Updates on Infectious Diseases Affecting Pregnancy

Courtney Olsen-Chen, MD, Yangling Dong, MD

- 2:40 - 3:40** **Concurrent Sessions**
1. **NYS DOH: Closing the Gaps in the Congenital Syphilis Prevention Cascade: From Data to Action**
Suzanne Kaufman, MPH, BSN, RN, Stephanie Parenti, MPH
 2. **Is Cord Blood Banking Worth it in 2024?**
Kathryn Cross
 3. **How Project TEACH Can Help Clinicians Meet the Mental Health Care Needs of Perinatal Patients**
Kristina Deligiannidis, MD
 4. **Improving Patient Safety Through Standardized Communication in Labor & Delivery**
Ann Frank, MSN, RNC-OB, C-EFM, Sharon Doyle-Hennessy, MSN, RN, C-EFM
 5. **The Doula Effect: Enhancing Outcomes for Birthing Families**
Gabrielle DiDomenico, Doula, CLC, John DiDomenico, Doula, Chaplain
- 3:40 - 3:55** **Break/Exhibits**
- 4:00 - 5:00** **Concurrent Sessions**
6. **SET-NET and Common Perinatal Infections**
Jessica Kumar D.O., M.P.H. , Nicole Longcore, MPH
 7. **Implementing Overdose Prevention and Harm Reduction Strategies**
Jessica Sorbello, LCSW, NYS OASAS
 8. **Team Birth: Clinical Scenario Training**
Trisha Short, BSN, Angela Chien, MD
 9. **Voices of Hope and Healing: Parental Mental Health Peer Support for New York Families**
Sonia Murdock, PMH-C
 10. **The Dyad Works! The Perinatal Health Care Provider and the New Parent - Creating Parent Professional Partnerships to Impact the Outcome of the Newborn and Early Infant**
Melanie Baker, M. Sc. Sp. Ed.
- 5:15 - 6:30** ***NYSPA Welcome Reception & Silent Auction***
Whether it's your 1st or 31st time attending NYSPA, join us to relax, connect with old friends & colleagues, meet new friends & colleagues, visit with our exhibitors, view posters, and enjoy free hors d'oeuvres (& cash bar), and take part in the fun of our Silent Auction!

Friday, June 7, 2024

- 7:30 - 8:30** **RPC Coordinators Meeting (closed meeting)**
- 7:30 - 9:00** **Breakfast/Abstracts & Networking**
- 8:45 - 9:00** **Welcome and review**
Sally Dear-Healey, PhD, CCE, Doula, PPNE, HFCE & Ellen Tourtelot, MD, 2024 Conference Co-Chairs
- 9:00 - 10:00** **Day 2 Keynote: Centering Ourselves: De-radicalizing "Abortion as Healthcare"**
Rachel Carboneau, Doula
- 10:05 - 11:05** **Plenary 2: Black Perinatal Mental Health**
Ashanda Saint Jean, MD
- 11:05 - 11:15** **Posters, Exhibits, Coffee Break**
- 11:20 - 12:20** **Plenary 3: NY Medicaid Maternal Health Policy Updates**
Jennifer Mane, MSW
- 12:20 - 1:30** **Lunch - Hot Topics Roundtable Discussion Groups**
Help yourself to the lunch buffet and join a table to engage in small group discussion on one of the conference hot topics (topics to be determined and listed on final agenda)
- 1:35 - 2:35** **Plenary 4: Birthing Experiences Impacted by Bias and Communication**
Association of Perinatal Networks- panel
- 2:40 - 3:00** **Closing:**
LuAnne Brown, NYSPA Board President

Plenary Sessions

TeamBirth: Process Innovation for Safety, Effective Communication, and Dignity in Childbirth This session will introduce the TeamBirth model that is being implemented in hundreds of hospitals around the country. The speaker will provide background on the "why" behind TeamBirth, review of the core components and key behaviors of TeamBirth, examination of the research involving TeamBirth, and a call to action for clinicians.

Trisha Short, BSN, Angela Chien, MD

Infant and Maternal Mortality Updates

New York State Pregnancy-Associated Mortality for 2018 – 2020 and Infant Mortality from 2016-2019 will be reviewed. The presentation will focus on trends in mortality, racial disparities, causes of death, risk factors and contributing factors associated with death, and geographic differences where available. Discussion of Key Recommendations to prevent future maternal deaths will be presented as well as what NYS is doing to address maternal and infant mortality.

Marilyn Kacica, MD, MPH

Substance Use in the Perinatal Period: Harnessing Technology to Address Barriers to Care – This presentation will provide an overview of the state of the field of digital interventions for substance use and the potential of digital interventions to overcome barriers and fill gaps in care for pregnant and postpartum individuals who use substances. As case examples, we will discuss work done by Partnership to End Addiction to design digital interventions for substance use that are tailored to the unique needs of pregnant and postpartum people.

Sarah Dauber, PhD, Maria Sobrino, BS, BA.

Updates on infectious Diseases Affecting Pregnancy – This session will provide evidence-based updates about infectious diseases affecting pregnancy, with a main focus on respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) vaccination. The RSV vaccine was quickly deployed in the 2023-2024 RSV season, and there is a need for more education regarding the illness and the vaccine for the general population, pregnant people and those who care for and support them. The presenters will review the decision-making process that pregnant people will face in choosing vaccination during pregnancy versus preventive antibodies for the neonate. Presenters will also provide an update and reminder on the current guidelines for screening, treatment and prevention of other infectious diseases in pregnancy including cytomegalovirus, HIV, syphilis, varicella, rubella and hepatitis.

Courtney Olsen-Chen, MD, Yangling Dong, MD

Centering Ourselves: De-radicalizing “Abortion as Healthcare” Discussions to Improve Perinatal Health Outcomes

In this session, the presenter will discuss the radicalization of abortion and related perinatal healthcare issues, and how this radicalization contributes to widening health disparities and further marginalization of oppressed segments of our communities. The stark impact of systemic radicalization on individual human lives, and on the rising rates of infant and maternal mortality and morbidity in the United States will also be discussed. The session will conclude with a discussion of the role of doulas' in the healthcare landscape, both in addressing health disparities in patient-facing roles in birth, postpartum, and bereavement, and also in combatting systemic challenges in policy-related settings such as local legislature and Medicaid.

Rachel Carbonneau, Doula

NY Medicaid Maternal Health Policy Updates - This session will provide an overview of NY Medicaid maternal health policy updates from 2022-2024, to include presentation of the overarching Medicaid provider standards, updates to the State Plan, and new alternate payment programs. Explanations of new Medicaid coverage of community-based provider services, such as doula services, community health worker services, and nutrition counseling will be provided and next steps and future considerations will be discussed.

Jennifer Mane, MSW

Black Perinatal Mental Health – Racial disparity in maternal health outcomes is a product of structural racism in the medical system and providers' implicit bias when providing care to Black birthing people. Providers often lack knowledge of structural racism's impacts on the practice of medicine and the role of their own implicit biases in contributing to these outcomes. The emotional, psychological, and community impact of disparities in care for Black birthing people, as well as interactions with a racist medical system, contribute to the psychological and emotional distress experienced during the perinatal period. This session will improve knowledge on structural racism in medicine and the harmful impacts of implicit bias, and equip providers with perinatal mental health screening strategies for early identification of needs, and thus decrease the distress experienced by Black birthing individuals, their newborns, and their family systems.

Ashanda Saint Jean, MD

Birthing Experiences Impacted by Bias and Communication – Community health workers are critical partners to many pregnant individuals, especially those of minority and impoverished status. Three Moms who have had negative experiences during their pregnancy and births will share their stories through video recording while the CHWs who worked with them will be present to add context to the clients' stories and explain their role in the case management of the clients. This session is designed to help providers gain a better understanding of how individuals perceived their care and birth experiences, and how we can do a better job of understanding and working with pregnant individuals to improve their care and experience.

The Association of Perinatal Networks - panel

Concurrent Sessions

NYS DOH: Closing the Gaps in the Congenital Syphilis Prevention Cascade: From Data to Action - This presentation will cover the current epidemiologic trends in congenital syphilis both nationally and within New York State as well as the most common missed prevention opportunities that lead to congenital syphilis. This will be presented through a health equity lens which will identify the social determinants of health and structural barriers that contribute to these outcomes and strategies to address them.

Suzanne Kaufman, MPH, BSN, RN, Stephanie Parenti, MPH

Is Cord Blood Banking Worth it in 2024?- This session will dive into the fascinating and advanced world of cord blood banking where the audience will touch points with the unique properties and benefits of umbilical cord blood banking. We will unfold the powers of the latest medical advancements and what the potential of cord tissue and placental stem cells is. Through a mix of engaging presentation and case studies, the audience will gain insights into the advantages of cord blood banking for individuals and families. They will learn about the differences between private and public banking and be able to make informed choices about potentially preserving their stem cells. The speaker will review the basics of cord blood banking to the more advanced and modern science behind it, providing examples of case studies for the impact of stem cells in patients with leukemia, hearing loss and even HIV. The session will conclude with a look into the exciting future of possibilities of potentially finding a cure to Type 1 Diabetes and many other, currently incurable diseases.

Kathryn Cross

How Project TEACH Can Help Clinicians Meet the Mental Health Care Needs of Perinatal Patients – Through this session, attendees will learn about the consultative, education and referral/linkage services offered by New York State's Perinatal Psychiatry Access Program, Project TEACH. Project TEACH is funded by the New York State Office of Mental Health and supports a team of perinatal psychiatrists, psychologists and liaison coordinators to support NY-based clinicians meet the perinatal mental health needs of their patients. With the use of case examples, the Medical Director of Project TEACH will instruct attendees on the types of clinical consultations and referrals Project TEACH provides. Attendees will also learn about the no-cost CME-based trainings offered throughout the year for NY state clinicians and prescribers. Project TEACH can help improve provider assessment, a leading provider-based factor in mental health deaths in perinatal patients.

Kristina Deligiannidis, MD

Improving Patient Safety Through Standardized Communication in Labor & Delivery – Emergency situations can evolve rapidly in the Labor and Delivery Unit. Appropriate interventions and a timely response are required by multi-disciplinary team members. Clear, concise, closed loop communication is critical to maintain Patient Safety. In highly acute, emergent situations, rapid recognition and response times may be delayed by poor communication between team members. Ineffective communication can have a serious impact on patient outcomes. The speakers will discuss the benefits of implementing standardized tools like checklists which can streamline the communication process and help guarantee that necessary information is conveyed and help the team appropriately prepare for situations.

Ann Frank, MSN, RNC-OB, C-EFM, Sharon Doyle-Hennessy, MSN, RN, C-EFM

NYS DOH: DOH Set-met Torch Infection -

Presentation to include information about New York State's perinatal infection surveillance system and common perinatal infections including: CMV, syphilis and hep C. Other topics will include vaccine and vector borne disease in pregnant people and infants.

Jessica Kumar D.O., M.P.H. , Nicole Longcore, MPH

Team Birth: Clinical Scenario Training - The format of this workshop is a review of the two core components and four key behaviors in TeamBirth huddles. Attendees will have the opportunity to practice filling out TeamBirth shared planning boards based on practice scenarios in clinical management.

Trisha Short, BSN, Angela Chien, MD

The Doula Effect: Enhancing Outcomes for Birthing Families - This session will focus on how birth doulas can help foster comprehensive support for birthing families. As part of The Doula Partnership, a new 4-county program that helps connect community members of Cayuga, Cortland, Madison and Herkimer counties with no-cost birth doulas, their team of Cortland County doulas are challenging negative maternal and infant health trends by fostering a unique approach of individually tailored supportive care for both the birthing individual and their primary support person.

Gabrielle DiDomenico, Doula, CLC, John DiDomenico, Doula, Chaplain

Implementing Overdose Prevention and Harm Reduction Strategies – Rates of overdose continue to rise, with annual overdose deaths surpassing 100,000 in 2021. The Community Overdose Prevention Education Project, or Project COPE, is a SAMSA-funded grant initiative that seeks to reduce rates of overdose death in New York by connecting to vulnerable, underserved populations such as pregnant and parenting persons. Join members of the Project COPE team in exploring the science of substance use and substance use disorders, the basics of overdose prevention and naloxone use, and concrete ways professionals outside of the substance use disorder treatment system can help prevent overdoses among the individuals and families they serve. Concrete skills and interventions will be provided to increase overdose prevention knowledge for all who attend.

Jessica Sorbello, LCSW

Voices of Hope and Healing: Parental Mental Health Peer Support for New York Families – Maternal mental health conditions primarily anxiety and depression are the most common complication of pregnancy and childbirth, impacting one in five birthing persons. This session will include discussion, some case studies and Q&A. The NYS Dept of Health, NYS Maternal Mortality Review Report on Pregnancy Associated Deaths in 2018 states the top three leading causes of pregnancy-related deaths in 2018 were embolism, hemorrhage and mental health conditions. All pregnancy-related deaths due to hemorrhage, mental health conditions and cardiomyopathy were determined to be preventable. Peer Support may be a protective factor in suicide. An emerging strategy that is critically important is the availability of providing parental mental health peer support from those with lived experience and including addressing racism, discrimination and social determinants of health.

Sonia Murdock, PMH-C

The Dyad Works! The Perinatal Health Care Provider and the New Parent - Creating Parent Professional Partnerships to Impact the Outcome of the Newborn and Early Infant - This session will review a multidisciplinary Families for Families - Peer to Peer Model to scale, in which families connect with other families as well as perinatal health providers to enhance protective factors, risk mitigation for wellness mindedness to result in dissemination of knowledge around safety and survival, wellness through communication that will produce whole-mindedness by using the lens of resilience and hope to pull wisdom principles from the realm of shared experience. Perinatal healthcare providers use of universal design to reconfigure medical model into healing welcoming safe spaces that serve as community labs for shared experience for communicating strengths building and resilience promoting, through elevating hope that counteracts intergenerational trauma's hold on families with shared knowledge of evidence based best practice that as families together with perinatal healthcare providers, result in healthy outcomes for newborn babies.

Melanie Baker, M. Sc. Sp. Ed.

Poster Presentations

Take time to visit with the researchers, clinicians & community-based individuals that have studied and implemented strategies for improving perinatal health

1. **Assessing Placental Phenotypic Rescue via DHA/EPA Dietary Supplementation in $\Delta 9$ -THC-exposed Rat Pregnancies**
2. **Addressing Health Equity in Postpartum Contraceptive Care: Investigating Disparities and Promoting Access**
3. **Birth Equity Project: Maternal Health & Doula Work**
4. **Improving Patient Safety Through Standardized Communication in Labor & Delivery**
5. **Racial Disparities Between Black and Non-Hispanic White Women in Intrapartum Care**
6. **Assessing Language Capacity for the Main Home Visiting Programs in New York State**
7. **Promoting Respectful Care at Birth Through Community Engagement**
8. **Confronting Racial Inequalities in Maternal Mental Health in Indigenous Women**
9. **Birth Equity: Improving Patient Reported Experience Measures Through Implementation of Care Team Communication**

Continuing Education Credit	
CME Directly provided activity	The University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry designates this Live Course/conference for a maximum of 10 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s) TM . Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.
CNE	The University of Rochester Center for Nursing Professional Development is accredited with distinction as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. This offering provides 10 nursing contact hours.
Social Work	University of Rochester Medical Center, Center for Experiential Learning is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers #SW-0005. This course has been approved for 10 hours.

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RATES	Member	Non-Member
Regular ends 5/19	\$345	\$450
Late ends 6/2	\$415	\$520
Walk-in on June 8 (by card or check at the door)	\$445	\$550

Lodging: A block of rooms has been reserved at the Albany Hilton for the conference at the special rate of \$145/night. Call the Hilton's Reservation Line at **1-866-691-1183** and reference the group code **1PA**. Reservations can be made 24 hours a day and will be accepted up to 5 pm on 5/9/2024. On line reservations can be made using this link: <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/nys-perinatal-association-2024/>

Interested in supporting NYSPA?

Consider bringing something to add to the Silent Auction

Popular items are wine, cheese, jewelry, baskets, scarves, purses. Is there something your community has a "claim to fame" for? Cheese, wine, craft, etc? Let us know the value and we'll be prepared to set it up and make the bid sheet (and acknowledge you for your donation).

Questions: email schesna0415@gmail.com.