

## **Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine Course Series Description**

### **Quality and Safety Case Conference**

#### **Description & Goals:**

The Q&S Case Conference serves as a forum at which presentations and discussions will occur that support an atmosphere of practice assessment and improvement. The conference will be multidisciplinary including providers of care in the NICU such as subspecialty residents (fellows) in Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine, neonatology staff, nursing staff, respiratory therapists, etc. and invited participants, as appropriate to the particular discussion scheduled for a given session.

The goals of this conference are to review care offered patients in the nursery system and identify systems and personal opportunities for improvement. A summary of points pertinent to Institute of Medicine (IOM) goals for patient care and the AAMC competencies addressed during the meeting will be kept. Systems issues identified may be referred to nursery interdisciplinary teams, such as the practice guideline committee and the newborn medicine QA committee, for consideration. Practitioners who identify opportunities for personal improvement or advancement will be encouraged to pursue these through independent study. Follow-up of such personal improvement efforts is not part of the goals of this conference.

The meeting will be held monthly and attendance will be kept. This will be considered a required meeting within the fellowship training program. Barring emergent situations, fellows will be excused from clinical duties to attend.

**Objectives:** Through active participation and presentation in this conference, the participant will:

1. Develop and display skills required to appraise critically the care of patients in the NICU setting, including one's own performance as a member of a care team.
2. Identify micro-systems that impact on care in the NICU environment
3. Identify mechanisms to address areas where care can be improved, including referral to other multidisciplinary quality and safety meeting, referral to practice guideline development committees, etc.

#### **Mechanisms to Achieve Goals and Objectives:**

The trainee will participate in meetings and will present pertinent patient information concerning patients he/she provided care for in the nursery system. An open, multidisciplinary discussion will follow, under the supervision of a session moderator, usually the conference coordinator. A summary of IOM patient care goals and AAMC competencies addressed will be developed based on the discussion at the meeting and will be disseminated after the meeting.

#### **Competencies:**

The meeting will contribute to the development of competency in neonatal-perinatal medicine as described by the ACGME. Specific competencies may vary between sessions, but all 6 competencies will be addressed over the course of several sessions.

**Coordinator:**

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**Evaluation:**

The coordinator will keep records of topics presented and attendance. The coordinator will perform professionalism evaluations of fellows as part of the 360-degree evaluation process.