

#99nicuMeetup lectures online. See you on 99nicu.org!

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Our previous column in the May Issue was all about the Future of Neonatal Care conference in Copenhagen last April, a.k.a. the #99nicuMeetup. If you regrettably were not able to attend, we now proudly present the lecture videos online! Find them on <https://99nicu.org/meetup2019/> or view the lectures on our dedicated Youtube channel on <https://www.youtube.com/99nicu/videos>.

Plans are currently shaping up for the 4th conference in 2020. It is still too early to disclose dates and venue but to give you a hint, our banner will have a "Welcome back" theme :) Besides support by a university, we are also engaged in discussions with a first conference partner - an internationally awarded barista and his espresso bar. And that is not a joke! We regard coffee as a key component of great meetups!

After all positive feedback from delegates, speakers and conference partners, we are committed and feel privileged to work for an IRL meeting spot for a global group of neonatology professionals. The interactivity between lecturing experts and dedicated delegates, results in a co-created learning experience that few other conferences can offer.

Naturally, we strive to further improve and develop our #99nicuMeetup concept. We are currently inspired by two super-cool conference projects that also work outside-the-box, SMACC for critical care professionals (<https://smacc.net.au/>) and dotMD that "...aims to reawaken a sense of wonder and curiosity... and... find deeper meaning and satisfaction..." (<http://www.dotmd.ie/>)

There is also plenty of online activity going on at the 99nicu web site. One question posed is on the risk of using phototherapy – is there any? How do you feel about the available evidence connecting phototherapy and epilepsy? <https://99nicu.org/forums/topic/2195-neonatal-hyperbilirubinphototherapy-and-long-term-risks/>

There has been quite a discussion going on about extrauterine growth retardation. How can we measure it? When should we be concerned, and what can we do? <https://99nicu.org/forums/topic/2197-what-really-constitutes-extrauterine-growth-restriction/>

What is your experience with placement of a UAC line in patients with a single umbilical artery? All the same or more challenging? <https://99nicu.org/forums/topic/2198-uac-insertion-in->

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Further topics worth mentioning are on early intervention after neurological injury (<https://99nicu.org/forums/topic/2190-early-intervention/>), balloon atrial septostomy (<https://99nicu.org/forums/topic/2192-post-balloon-atrioseptostomy-collapse-hypotension>), persistent neonatal hypoglycemia (<https://99nicu.org/forums/topic/2187-persistent-neonatal-hypoglycemia-insulin-glucose-ratio>), and ethical decisions at end-of-life (<https://99nicu.org/forums/topic/2180-newborn-in-terminal-stage-which-are-the-bioethical-specialist-decisions>).

We also share interesting links on the 99nicu website. One very popular link is from the NY Times who have published a guide for parents on the NICU. Definitely worthwhile to pass it on here as well: <https://parenting.nytimes.com/health/nicu-care>

With this column, we will pause our writing as we need to focus on the development of the #99nicuMeetup and the online presence of 99nicu.org. We would like to thank Neonatology Today and especially Mitchell Goldstein, editor-in-chief, for sharing space for our reflections related to the 99nicu project.

See you online on 99nicu.org, and maybe meet you in person at the 2020 Meetup!

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stefan Johansson".

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