

2020 Infant Health Policy Summit Agenda

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The National Coalition for Infant Health is a collaborative of more than 180 professional, clinical, community health, and family support organizations focused on improving the lives of premature infants through age two and their families. NCfIH's mission is to promote lifelong clinical, health, education, and supportive services needed by premature infants and their families. NCfIH prioritizes safety of this vulnerable population and access to approved therapies.

On September 10, 2020, the National Coalition for Infant Health held its 2020 Virtual Conference. Although it was originally scheduled to be an in-person summit, difficulties secondary to the COVID-19 pandemic forced the meeting virtual. The agenda follows:



Agenda

11:30 a.m.

Welcome

- **Susan Hepworth**, Executive Director, National Coalition for Infant Health

11:35 a.m.

Opening Remarks

- **Julian Nixon, NICU Dad**; CAFLS Director of Diversity & Inclusion, Clemson University

11:45 a.m.

The Forgotten Premies: Late Preterm Infants

- **Viveka Prakash-Zawisza, MD, MS, MBA**
President-Elect, National Perinatal Association

“Health care providers, parents, regulators, policy makers and advocates attended the virtual 2020 Infant Health Policy Summit on September 10.

This year's summit was held virtually because, in spite of the current public health situation, we must continue the important dialogue about issues facing the infant health community and their families.”

- **Erin Sundseth Ross, PhD, CCC-SLP**
Assistant Clinical Professor, Department of Pediatrics, School of Medicine, University of Colorado

- **Host: Susan Hepworth**, National Coalition for Infant Health

12:05 p.m.

RSV & COVID-19: Double Trouble

- **Suzanne Staebler, DNP, APRN, NNP-BC** Emory University School of Nursing; National Coalition for Infant Health

- **Crystal Baker**, Patient Advocate

- **Host: Amanda Conschafter**, Alliance for Patient Access

12:25 p.m.

Keynote Speaker

- **Congresswoman Kim Schrier, MD (WA-08)**
Author of the VACCINES Act

- **Host: Susan Hepworth**, National Coalition for Infant Health

12:50 p.m.

Break

1:05 p.m.

COVID-19 Chaos: Isolation, Disruption, Preterm Birth Reduction?

- **Rebecca L. Cypher, MSN, PNNP**
2020 AWHONN President

- **Christine Tester**, Mental Health Peer Specialist & Family Advocate, Hand to Hold

- **Mitchell Goldstein, MD**
National Coalition for Infant Health; Loma Linda University Children's Hospital

- **Host: Susan Hepworth**, National Coalition for Infant Health

1:20 p.m.

High Time: Facing Disparities in Infant Health

- **Jenné Johns, MPH**
President, Once Upon a Premie; Founder, Once Upon a

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Infant Health Policy Summit

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Thursday,
September 10

11:30 a.m. to
2:15 p.m. EDT



FEATURED SPEAKER:
Congresswoman
Kim Schrier, MD (WA-08)
Author of the VACCINES Act

TOPICS:

- 🗨 **The Forgotten Premies: Late Preterm Infants**
- 🗨 **RSV & COVID-19: Double Trouble**
- 🗨 **COVID-19 Chaos: Isolation, Disruption, Preterm Birth Reduction?**
- 🗨 **High Time: Facing Disparities in Infant Health**
- 🗨 **Congenital Gut Disorders: Research & Reality**

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Advocates:



Crystal Baker



Julian Nixon



Katie Trudo

Preemie Academy

- **Michal A. Young, MD, FAAP, FABM**
Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics and Child Health, Howard University College of Medicine
 - **Host: Susan Hepworth**, National Coalition for Infant Health
- 1:40 p.m.**
Introducing: Alliance for Black NICU Families
- **Ashley Randolph-Cooley**, Patient Advocate
 - **Host: Susan Hepworth**, National Coalition for Infant Health
- 1:45 p.m.**
Congenital Gut Disorders: Research & Reality
- **Martin L. Lee, PhD, CStat, CSci, FIBMS**
Vice President, Clinical Research and Development, Prolacta Bioscience®
 - **Heidi E. Karpen, MD**
Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Associate Director Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine Fellowship Training Program, Emory University/Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
 - **Katie Trudo**, NICU Parent
 - **Host: Susan Hepworth**, National Coalition for Infant Health
- 2:05 p.m.**
Closing Remarks
- **Susan Hepworth**, Executive Director, National Coalition for Infant Health

The National Coalition welcomes those interested in our activities as well as organizations interested in protecting access for premature infants through age two to visit our website www.infanthealth.org.

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National Coalition for Infant Health Values (SANE)

Safety. Premature infants are born vulnerable. Products, treatments and related public policies should prioritize these fragile infants' safety.

Access. Budget-driven health care policies should not preclude premature infants' access to preventative or necessary therapies.

Nutrition. Proper nutrition and full access to health care keep premature infants healthy after discharge from the NICU.

Equality. Prematurity and related vulnerabilities disproportionately impact minority and economically disadvantaged families. Restrictions on care and treatment should not worsen inherent disparities.

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