Overcoming Barriers to Breastfeeding

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Many newborns become jaundiced, but for some, it can be extremely dangerous. In all cases, breastfeeding needs to be supported and good follow-up is required. We will re-view the pathophysiology of hyperbilirubinemia along with its risk factors. We will dis-cuss recommended practices for prevention and management of hyperbilirubinemia, in both the inpatient and outpatient settings. Early and unnecessary supplementation of the newborn undermines a mother’s confidence in her breastfeeding ability. Breastfeeding can be interrupted and discouraged by medical personnel during this time. When newborns are monitored using an effective proven screening tool, breastfeeding and any necessary supplementation can co-exist until the breastfeeding dyad is stable.

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Participate in the Breastfeeding Task Force of Greater Los Angeles

Make a contribution:
Your tax deductible contribution helps the Task Force continue the projects that support breast-feeding.

Attend a Task Force meeting: The Task Force meets Quarterly for networking and updates.

Our Upcoming General Meetings:
April 27, 2010
July 27, 2010
8:30am–12pm
SLAHP, 2930 W. Imperial Hwy, Inglewood, CA

TARGET AUDIENCE

Physicians, Registered Nurses, RDs, Nutritionists, Occupational Therapists, CPHWs, Lactation Consultants & Educators, LLL Leaders, Health Educators, Case Managers, Home Visitors, Doulas, Breastfeeding Peer Counselors and others interested in supporting families in the initiation and maintenance of breastfeeding.

Location and Parking
Parking for the public is located on the hospital campus at 15th street and the fee is $6.00. Leavy Hall is located south of the main hospital (NOT in the hospital). See Campus Map link on our website.

Participant Confirmation
Confirmation by e-mail will be sent to participants providing an e-mail address. No other confirmation will be sent.

Cancellation Policy
Written cancellations received one week prior to the event will be granted subject to a $5 fee. No refunds after this date.
Agenda
9:00  Registration
9:30  The Path to Baby-Friendly: A Hospital’s Story of Success
10:45 Break
11:00 Hot of the Press: New Joint Commission Perinatal Core Measure for Breastfeeding and Healthy People 2020
12:15 Lunch
12:30 Hyperbilirubinemia and Breastfeeding
1:45 Break
2:15 Identification, Prevention, and Management of the Potential Hyperbilirubinemia of the Newborn
3:30 Adjourn

Objectives
Following the presentations, participants will be able to:

- Describe the paradigm shift of the hospital environment to support the Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative: Ten Steps to Successful Breastfeeding
- Explain how breastfeeding fits into the new Joint Commission Perinatal Care Core Measures
- Assess an infant’s risk for hyperbilirubinemia
- Describe four different methods of supplementation whilst maintaining optimal breastfeeding

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Continuing Education Credits

Nurses: The Community Perinatal Network is an approved provider by the California Board of Registered Nursing. This course offers 6 contact hours of continuing education. CPN’s provider number is CEP 14797. Licensee must maintain certificate for a period of four years.

Lactation Consultants: The Breastfeeding Task Force of Greater Los Angeles is an approved provider by the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners. This course offers 5 L CERPs. CERP application will be submitted.

CHES: The National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc. designates Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Health Education Administration (LACDPH/HEA) as a provider of continuing education contact hours (CECH) in health education (Provider number MEP 2460). Certified Health Education Specialists (CHES) may receive up to 5 Category I CECH for this event.

Registered Dieticians: maintain a copy of the agenda and certificate for CPEs for their Professional Development Portfolio.

Registration Fees
Registration includes continental breakfast, lunch, syllabus, and continuing education credit

Prior to Mar 9th  $90
On or after Mar 10th/at the door  $100

Register online at www.breastfeedla.org or Fax this registration form to (213) 596-5776, OR Mail Registration Form and check(s) Pay to: BTFGLA, 1821A Speyer Lane, Redondo Beach, CA, 90278