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NNEPQIN Spring Conference

Designing Strategies to Improve Perinatal Outcomes in Northern New England



May 28, 2026 (8:45 am – 4:00 pm)



Virtual Live Stream from Lebanon, NH



Free

Thursday May 28, 2026

- 8:45am **Welcome & Opening Remarks**
Julie Bosak, DrPH, CNM, MSN, NNEPQIN Executive Director, Lebanon, NH
- 9:00 **Landscape of Obstetrics in Rural Health**
Brock Slabach, MPH, FACHE, Chief Operations Officer (COO), National Rural Health Association, Leawood, KS
- 10:00 **CPT 2027 - Maternity Care Services – Coding Restructure**
Tammy Love, MSHI, RHIA, CCS, CDIP, Director Coding Classification and Policy, American Hospital Association, Washington, DC
- 10:30 **Break**
- 10:45 **Leading the Charge: Enhancing Revenue Through Appropriate Charges and Leveling of Care?**
Meaghan Smith MSN, RNC-OB, C-EFM Director of the Family Birth Center Maine Medical Center – Portland, Portland, ME
- 11:45 **LUNCH BREAK**
- 12:45pm **Perinatal Bereavement Support - outpatient and inpatient**
Amelie Thurston, RN, Clinical Nurse Educator, University of Vermont Medical Center, Burlington, VT
Marti Churchill, CNM, Lead Midwife, University of Vermont Medical Center, Burlington, VT
- 1:45 **Prenatal Alcohol Exposure and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder: Improving Perinatal Health through Updated Data, Screening, Documentation Early Intervention Strategies**
Kristen Eriksen, RN, Family Navigator at FASD United, Caregiver Navigator at MassFASD, FASD United, MassFASD at IHR, Waltham, MA
Marinell Newton, LICSW, Social Worker, Vermont Department of Health, Children with Special Health Needs, Waterbury, VT
Mei Elansary, MD, MPhil, Professor of Pediatrics, Boston Medical Center, Boston, MA
- 2:45 **Break**
- 3:00 **A Hard Time to be a Human (especially working with other humans!)**
Charity Bell, MPA, Founder, Relentless Positivity, Hollis, NH
- 4:00 **Wrap Up**

LEARNING OBJECTIVE: At the conclusion of this activity, learners will be able to describe at least two innovative strategies to improve pregnant, postpartum and neonatal outcomes.

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