

BEST of IPOKRaTES: An Update in Neonatology

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Place: Medical University of Vienna, Medical Center, Vienna, Austria

Date: 7 - 10 April 2026

Objectives

IPOKRaTES seminars provide high-quality postgraduate education, enabling professionals to remain abreast of the most recent developments and to discuss clinical problems and scientific issues directly with international experts. This seminar will focus on state-of-the-art management of critically ill neonates, including delivery room care, respiratory support, infection prevention and control, hemodynamics, neonatal neurology, nutrition, and long-term follow-up. Special emphasis will be given to evidence-based interventions, new guidelines, advanced imaging, and innovative therapies. Workshops will provide hands-on training in lung ultrasound, vascular access, and management of the difficult airway.

The programme aims to bridge current knowledge gaps, foster critical discussion, and support opportunities for research and collaboration in the care of preterm and sick newborn infants.

Lecturers

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Participation Fees

Conference participation

Single person

before Febr. 3, 2026 € 580,– after Febr. 3, 2026 € 650,–

Workshop participation

per workshop € 40,-

The Number of Participants is limited: 250 – First come, first served
Only registered participants, NO on site registration! Please register via Internet:

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Host

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Program Design

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Target Audience

Pediatricians, neonatologists, fellows, residents, nurses, and other health care professionals involved in neonatal intensive care in both university and non-university hospitals.



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Tuesday, 7 April 2026		
09:15	Welcome M. Keller / R. Polin / G. Sarközy	
08.30	Welcome	
09.00	Neonatal resuscitation: From physiology to practice Peter G. Davis	
09.45	New ERC Guidelines 2026 Mario Rüdiger	
10.30	Oxygen for Newborn Resuscitation Ju-Lee Oei	
11.15	Coffee break	
11.45	Non-Invasive Surfactant Administration: What's new and what works? Katrin Klebermass	
12.30	Lung ultrasound and surfactant delivery Francesco Raimondi	
13.15	Lunch break	
14.15	Treatment of Refractory Pulmonary Hypertension with a focus on PPHN and Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Judy Aschner	
15.00	Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia: From Acute Care to Long-Term Follow-Up Andreas W. Flemmer	
15.45	Nitric oxide in preterm neonates: practical approaches and long-term outcome Ju-Lee Oei	
16.30	Coffee break	
17.00	Workshop 1: Advanced Neonatal Airway	



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Wedneso	day, 8 April 2026
09.00	Non-invasive ventilation: Choosing wisely from the smorgasbord of choices Peter G. Davis
09.45	Lung protective invasive mechanical ventilation Anton van Kaam
10.30	Evidence based methods of facilitating extubation Peter G. Davis
11.15	Coffee break
11.45	Oxygen targeting in the NICU: Should we use closed loop FiO2? Anton van Kaam
12.30	Prediction models for and prevention of ROP Ann Hellström
13.15	Lunch break
14.15	Is it really a seizure? The challenge of paroxysmal nonepileptic events Roberta M. Cilio
15.00	Bedside ultrasound and artificial intelligence: Science or science-fiction? Francesco Raimondi
15.45	Clinical Trials Endpoints in Neonatology Judy Aschner
16.30	Coffee break
17.00	Workshop 2: Neonatal Vascular Access



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Thursday, 9 April 2026		
09.00	Life in the NICU without antibiotics: Making healthier babies Richard Polin	
09.45	Necrotizing Enterocolitis: A Misnomer in need of a Revised Paradigm Josef Neu	
10.30	Is congenital cytomegalovirus still a problem in 2026? Francesco Raimondi	
11.15	Coffee break	
11.45	Microbiome-driven care Boris Kramer	
12.30	Infection Prevention and Control in the NICU – sense and nonsense Angelika Berger	
13.15	Lunch break	
14.15	Neonatal meningitis Richard Polin	
15.00	ROP and the brain Ann Hellström	
15.45	Early diagnosis and targeted treatment of neonatal-onset epilepsies Roberta M. Cilio	
16.30	Coffee break	
17.00	Workshop 3: Neonatal Lung Ultrasound	



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Friday, 10	April 2026
09.00	Practical Issues in the Nutritional Support of ELBW Infants Josef Neu
09.45	Fortification of mothers own milk or pooled donor milk Boris Kramer
10.30	Pain control in the newborn – access to treatment and global awareness Ju-Lee Oei
11.15	Coffee break
11.45	Chronic Lung disease – old perspective, new interventions Mario Rüdiger
12.30	Postnatal steroids: Do we know what to do? Anton van Kaam
13.15	Lunch break
14.15	The sound of silence – language and music inside the incubator Angelika Berger
15.00	Parent-Delivered Stimulation in the NICU: Empowering Families, Enhancing Outcomes Katrin Klebermass
15.45	Palliative Care and Ethics in Neonatology Andreas W. Flemmer
16.30	Adjourn



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