



PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

IT MAY BE A SILENT PROBLEM, BUT THE SOLUTION IS ANYTHING BUT! "LET'S MAKE IT LOUD AND CLEAR"

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VENUES: 2016 Early Hearing Detection & Intervention (EHDI) Annual Meeting; San Diego, CA, 2017 National Association of Neonatal Nurses (NANN) Annual Conference; Providence, RI

SYNOPSIS: Identifies need for neonatal nurse educational strategies to ensure nurses grasp it is not "just a procedure to check off" and the important role they play in advocating for follow-up compliance. Strategies to deliver this education will be included based on survey of nurses at 24 hospitals across 15 states.

EFFECTIVE ANSWERS TO THE MOST COMMON QUESTIONS FROM NURSING STAFF

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VENUE: 2017 Early Hearing Detection & Intervention (EHDI) Annual Meeting; Atlanta, GA

SYNOPSIS: Ensuring that nursing staff questions and concerns are expressed and addressed with appropriate and accurate information improves the quality of care each baby and their family receives. A survey of 100 hospitals using the same screening protocol and screening service provider will identify those questions that require ongoing communication by newborn hearing screening program leadership to ensure that newborn hearing screening programs develop and maintain the knowledgeable support of nursery staff.

CONTROLLING FALSE POSITIVES: TACTICS THAT WORK TO BRING DOWN REFER RATES WITH DATA FROM MULTIPLE SITES AS EVIDENCE

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VENUES: 2017 Early Hearing Detection & Intervention (EHDI) Annual Meeting; Atlanta, GA 2017 American Academy of Audiology, Indianapolis, IN

SYNOPSIS: Six hospitals in three states are the subject of this report that focuses on managing this challenge of high refer rates. Upon close observation and tracking of screening practices at all six of these program sites, tactics and strategies have emerged that can be adopted to avoid high refer rates. By following specific guidelines that could be applied to other hospitals, YTD refer rates have continued to decrease at these programs and are being presented as a way to address this challenge regardless of the newborn population screened.

THE EFFECT ON LOSS TO FOLLOW UP WHEN BABIES ARE SCHEDULED FOR OUTPATIENT FOLLOW UP APPOINTMENTS PRIOR TO HOSPITAL DISCHARGE

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SYNOPSIS: In order to improve timeliness of hearing loss diagnosis, and ultimately increase the effectiveness of UNHS programs, LTF rate must be significantly reduced. Results discussed will evaluate the effective of LTF rates when parents receive follow-up appointment information prior to hospital discharge.

FROM INCOMPLETE SCREENING TO DIAGNOSIS: AN UNEXPECTED CLUE AIDS TIMELY IDENTIFICATION

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SYNOPSIS: Reverse Leads message when Jelly Tabs® are properly applied is highlighted in a case study supporting previous reports of eventual finding of Auditory Neuropathy. Argues for learning from experience to adjust protocols to ensure that detection is not delayed rather than just repeating screening attempts states.

REDUCTION OF LOSS TO FOLLOW-UP RATES THROUGH SCHEDULING DIAGNOSTIC APPOINTMENTS PRIOR TO DISCHARGE

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VENUE: 2016 Early Hearing Detection & Intervention (EHDI) Annual Meeting; San Diego, CA

SYNOPSIS: Collaboration with Idaho EHDI coordinator to describe dramatic decrease (>50%) in lost to follow up rate with introduction of Peloton screening and follow-up process.

ACHIEVING QUALITY IN AN OUTSOURCED NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING PROGRAM

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SYNOPSIS: Data from Alabama, Louisiana, and Georgia Peloton sites describing impact of parent hearing screening education prior to delivery, loss to follow-up rates associated with scheduling follow-up, and how these practices affect timely compliance with recommendation for rescreening by one month.