

APLUS Conference | November 14, 2025

Moody Outpatient Center at Parkland, Dallas TX

Morning Sessions

▶ 7:00 - 7:45 AM **BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION**

▶ 7:45 - 8:00 **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

Carmen Bowling, RN,DNP, Senior Vice President, Parkland Health
Lina Chalak, MD, Division Chief, Neonatal Perinatal Medicine, UTSW
Venkat Kakkilaya, MD, Course Director
Lorraine Bautista, MD, Course Director
Vishal Kapadia, MD, Course Director

▶ 8:00 - 8:30 **Roger Soll, MD**

Title: “Approaches to care and outcomes of infants born at 22-25 weeks GA”

8:30 - 8:50 Panel Discussion

Panelists: Matthew Rysavy, MD and Myra Wyckoff, MD



▶ 8:50 - 9:20 **Satyan Lakshminrusimha, MD**

Title: “No to iNO in Premies?”

9:20 - 9:40 Panel Discussion

Panelists: Veeral Tolia, MD and Marina Santos-Oren MD



▶ 9:40 - 9:55 **BREAK (Refreshments & Sponsor Exhibits)**

▶ 9:55 - 10:25 **Amit Mukerji, MD**

Title: “Pressure Selection on CPAP in preterm neonates: Current Evidence & Future Directions”

10:25 - 10:45 Panel Discussion

Panelists: Elie Abu Jawdeh, MD and Melody Chiu, MD



▶ 10:45 - 11:25 **NICU Nurse Panel: Improving Outcomes of Tiny Infants**

Susan Mandel, RN, Texas Children's Hospital
Kimberly Nichols, RN, University of Alabama

11:25 - 11:45 Panel Discussion

Panelists: Valerie Simcik, RN and Samantha Doup, RN



▶ 11:45 - 12:10 PM **Venkat Kakkilaya, MD**

Title: “Evolving Respiratory Care: Parkland’s NICU QI Journey in Non-Invasive Ventilation”

12:10 - 12:30 Panel Discussion

Panelists: Niraj Vora, MD and Nathan Sundgren, MD



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Lung and Brain
Protective Respiratory
Support Strategies for
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Workshop Sessions

▶ 1:30 - 4:30 PM **Hands-on Skills Lab**



Stabilization of Tiny Babies in the Delivery Room

This interactive session brings participants to the bedside with experienced neonatologists, APPs, nurses, and respiratory therapists to practice the critical steps of stabilizing extremely premature infants during the first golden minutes of life.

Vishal Kapadia, MD; Nathan Sundgren, MD; Arun Prasath, MD; Katherine Stumpf, MD; Myra Wyckoff, MD; Maricel Maxey, NNP; Lebanon David, NNP; Erin Trout, NNP; Kristi Garcia, RRT; Milagros Sevilla, RRT; Amelia Snead, RN; Emma Ramon, RN and Valerie Simcik, RN

Lung and Brain Protective Respiratory Support Strategies for Extremely Preterm Infants

Lung and Brain Protective Respiratory Support Strategies for Tiny Babies in the NICU

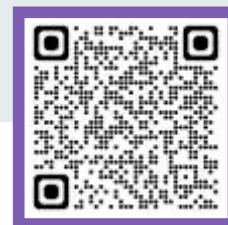
This immersive workshop centers on gentle, neuroprotective, and lung-sparing respiratory practices for extremely premature infants in the NICU.

Venkat Kakkilaya, MD; Melody Chiu, MD; Mandy Brasher, MD; Susie Harville, RN; Debbie Capputo, RN; Elaine Ho, RRT and Victor Ramirez, RRT

SALSA: Surfactant Administration using Laryngeal or Supra-glottic Airway

This hands-on session introduces participants to the SALSA technique—a minimally invasive approach to surfactant administration utilizing a laryngeal mask airway (LMA) or other supraglottic devices.

Kari Roberts, MD and Chelsea Houston, RN



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LISA: Less Invasive Surfactant Administration

LISA Using Direct and Video Laryngoscopy and Confirmation of LISA Catheter Placement with Capnography

Lorraine Bautista, MD; James Rohwer, MD; Milagros Sevilla, RRT; Fara Kluger, RN; Arpitha Chiruvolu, MD and Amy Reedy, RN

APLUS Teams 2023 and 2024



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