



**June 2024  
Newsletter**

Dear NFI Community,

We are a virtual organization... rooted in very real places - hospitals, communities, countries and continents. Challenges and hardship *and* gratification and hopefulness - may be experienced supporting, guiding and changing hospital care. One of the powers of our mission and our collective group are the potentials that exist for support navigating these experiences.

We are made up of 259+ Members, 39+ NIDCAP Trainers and 30+ NIDCAP Training Centers. We are a collection of members who shape our work and directions on committees and task forces, and as board members. Every year, we meet (in-person and now also virtually) during our NIDCAP Trainers Meeting in the fall. Last year, we launched an initiative to add two additional (virtual) opportunities for members to meet each year, called the "Membership Forum".

Please join us next week for our June Membership Forum (link below). Bring your ideas and questions... or just listen in. What NIDCAP and the NFI mean to you and how you envision them evolving into the future matters. Your reflections and your participation make us stronger and more effective in supporting one another and in bringing NIDCAP to ever more infants and families and health care systems.

## NFI Updates & News



# Membership Forum

**12 June 2024  
1 - 2 pm EDT**

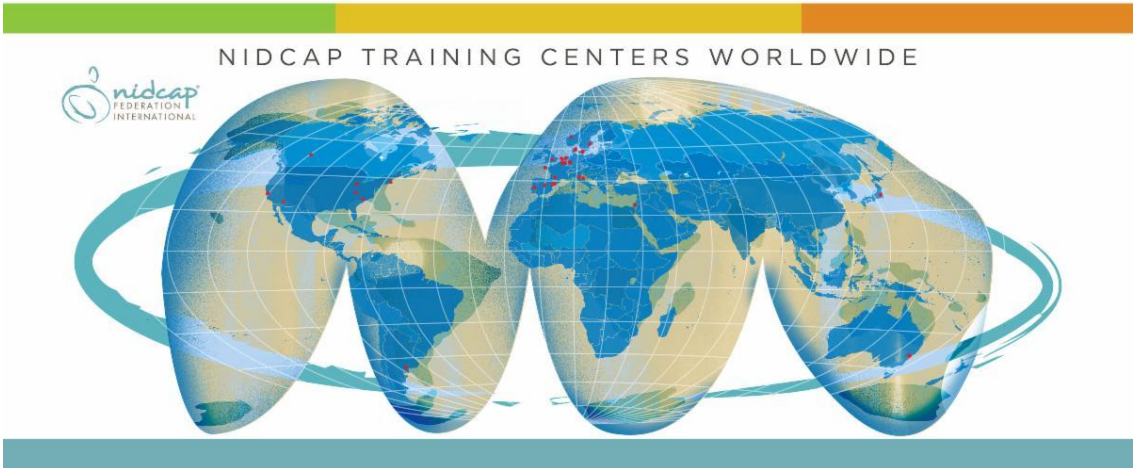
The NFI will hold a one hour virtual meeting for NFI Members and Directors of the Board. After a brief Board update, there will an opportunity for discussion and questions.

We look forward to your participation!

**Please join us at**  
**Meeting ID: 272 579 583 / Passcode: 488083**  
**OR**  
**Click Button below for link**

**Membership Forums support the NFI's communication and growth.**

**Membership Forum Zoom Link**



## CONFERENCES

A poster for the "Open One-Day Conference" on Thursday, November 7, 2024. The poster features the NIDCAP logo at the top left, a photograph of a building with a dome, and the text "SAVE the DATE". Below the date, it says "Open One-Day Conference NIDCAP: Systems Integration at Local, Regional and National Levels". On the right side, there is a list of speakers: Hayman Berman, MD; Jeff Beaman, MD; Stephanie Brown, MD; Katherine Plummer, MD; Rachel Conroy, PhD; Paul Lambert, MD; Jeff Lippman, MD, MS, LS; Pierre-Roch, MD; Elizabeth Swanson, MD; and Debra Paul, PhD. At the bottom, it says "Visit our conference page for details" and "nidsoc.org/11w2024".

### SAVE THE DATE

### One-Day Hybrid Conference Registration Open

This conference is open to anyone interested in learning about NIDCAP Care.

This is an opportunity to network with NIDCAP Trainers, Professionals and Supporters of NIDCAP Care from around the world who will convene to discuss issues around optimizing preterm and term infant care through the NIDCAP approach. Our focus this year will be on supporting and sustaining systems change in newborn and infant intensive care settings.

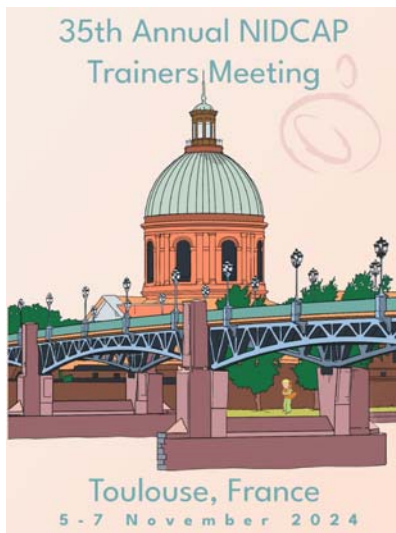
Physicians, scientists, nurses, and family organization leaders from around the world have been invited to speak. Continuing education credits will be available for RNs.

Click the button below to access our conference page to view the program and other details.

We look forward to seeing you!

[Conference & Registration Details](#)

Please share this announcement with your colleagues and friends. Thank you.



**SAVE THE DATE**

## **35th Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting**

**Toulouse, France**

**4 November to 7 November**

Open One-Day Conference  
November 7 (8:00-18:30 CET)

NIDCAP: Systems Integration at the Local,  
Regional and National Levels

Invitations to Follow

## **NFI RESOURCE**



### **R3: Research, Read & Review**

In May, the NIDCAP and Science Committee released the latest edition of research relevant to the value and practice of NIDCAP.

With appreciation to *Neerja Thergaonkar, PhD*, Senior Clinical Psychologist at the NICU, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, UK for her review.

The Committee invites you to *reflect on its*

content, to think of its impact on your practice, to use it as material for discussion with colleagues and families, or just as a curious piece of information.

Feedback of past reviews, and interest in future summary and reviews of articles, are welcome. Please contact the NIDCAP & Science Committee through [DaliaSilberstein \(daliasil1960@gmail.com\)](mailto:DaliaSilberstein)

And with gratitude to the NIDCAP & Science Subcommittee (*Jeffrey Alberts, Nolan Dyck, Ita Litmanovitz, Maria Maestro, Sandra O' Connor, Dalia Silberstein, Neerja Thergaonkar, and Dorothy Vittner*)

## NIDCAP Publications



### Cardiac Intensive Care April 2024

Butler SC, Rofeberg V, Smith-Parrish M, LaRonde M, Vittner DJ, Goldberg S, Bailey V, Weeks MM, McCowan S, Severtson K, Glowick K and Rachwal CM (2024) Caring for hearts and minds: a quality improvement approach to individualized developmental care in the cardiac intensive care unit. *Front. Pediatr.* 12:1384615. doi: 10.3389/fped.2024.1384615



### NIDCAP & the NIDCAP Nursery Program May 2024

Vittner, D., Butler, S., Lawhon, g., Buehler, D. (2024). The newborn individualised developmental care and assessment program: A model of care for infants and families in hospital settings *Acta Paediatrica.* 2024;00:1–9. doi: 10.1111/apa.17300

## NIDCAP Physician Fellowship



## One-Year NIDCAP Fellowship

The Edmonton NIDCAP Training Centre Canada (ENTCC) is accepting applications for a one year fellowship, within their Neonatology Fellowship program.

From their announcement, the fellowship will: start on either 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2025, or 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025. The application deadline for both these dates is 30<sup>th</sup> July 2024; the application form is attached.

*This Fellowship is open to Physicians who have completed at least ONE, preferably TWO years of fellowship level training in Neonatology, i.e 1 or 2 years after Pediatrics residency.*

*Please go to this site, for details:*

**<https://sites.google.com/a/ualberta.ca/neonatal-perinatal-residency-program/home/overview-of-npm-training-program/additional-training/nidcap>**

*Please see this site for general information related to Fellowships in Edmonton:*

**<https://www.ualberta.ca/medicine/programs/postgraduate-medical-education/index.html>**

*Departmental Fellowships in Edmonton are available for NIDCAP, and several other specialized areas of training in Neonatology; thus there may be competition for this position.*

### NFI Endorsements

Please share conferences, meetings, and materials for NFI endorsement. Endorsements will be shared with our members and announcements posted on [nidcap.org](http://nidcap.org) and on our social media channels. Requests may be sent to [shareyourstory@nidcap.org](mailto:shareyourstory@nidcap.org).

NFI Board of Directors





## NFI Board of Directors and Members 2024

The Board of Directors continues to meet monthly via Zoom. The full NFI Board of Director and Membership Meeting Minutes (when available) are posted within our website's Membership Section.

### *Highlights of the May 8, 2024 Meeting*

- The Board of Director Minutes from March 13, 2024, were approved.
- Dates for the Board of Director Mid-Year and NIDCAP Trainers Meeting affiliated meetings were decided.
- The next Membership Forum will be held virtually on June 12, 1300 EDT.
- Discussion had on proposed changes to the Board of Directors structure.
- Initial discussion had on holding monthly discussion groups for Trainers for support.
- The nomination period for the Office of President-Elect was opened.



Your feedback, questions, comments, NFI updates, and membership news written to me personally and/or to the whole board, are welcome.

Warm **NIDCAP** wishes,

Deborah

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