



Inaugural Conference of the Global Newborn Society

**November 2-4, 2025
Stockholm and Uppsala
Sweden**

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Who We Are

We are a worldwide organization headquartered in New York, USA, with members in all 6 populated continents; the goal is to reduce neonatal morbidity and mortality.

We seek to push the boundaries of discovery, to transform infant health care, advance education, and engage the society in our mission.

We focus on the period from conception to 1000 days after birth.

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Where We are

There are more than 10,000 members in the green-shaded countries in the 6 populated continents; the numbers do vary between regions and with time.



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Why this Conference, and Why Sweden?

The organization is now in its 4th year and has grown rapidly both in terms of the number of members and across time zones. Maybe it's time to start meeting in person. For details, please contact Dr. [Akhil Maheshwari](#), Founder-CEO of the organization.

Sweden, the home of the Nobel Prize, emphasizes life-long learning based on the individual rather than systems and institutions. What could be a better place?

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What is in the Conference and When?

November 2, 2025, 5:30 - 8 PM

Inauguration at the Nobel Prize Museum,
Stortorget 2, 103 16 Stockholm, Sweden

Details about all faculty members are catalogued
at the end of this brochure

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November 2, 2025, 5:30 - 8 PM

**Inauguration at the Nobel Prize Museum, Stortorget 2, 103 16
Stockholm, Sweden**

**An informal opening ceremony: Soft drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Swedish
wines available upon request.**

6 PM: A brief 3-minute movie. Goals of the GNS

**6:15 PM: Brief 3-minute welcoming addresses by leaders from all over
the world.**

8 PM: Informal Dinner with Soft Music

9:30 PM: Bus ride to your pre-booked hotels in Uppsala

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What more, and When?

November 3, 2025, 8:45 - 7:30 PM
Uppsala University Sweden

7 - 8 AM: Breakfast in your hotel

8:45 - 1 PM: 8 plenary sessions

1 - 2 PM: A lunch plenary session

2 - 4 PM: 4 workshops

6 PM: Dinner with a plenary

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8:45 AM: Plenary sessions in the primary conference hall. 2 min introduction for each speaker.

Chairs: Waldemar "Wally" Carlo (USA) and Joe GN "Skip" Garcia (USA)

Panel: Michael Zemlin (Germany), Roya Huseynova (Saudi Arabia, Azerbaijan), Melvin Hardy (USA), Marisa Nimrod (T&T), Jargalsaikhan Badarch (Mongolia), Aimen Ben Ayad (UAE), Srinivas Bolisetty (Australia), Moisés Quiles-Corona (México), Amit Upadhyay (India)
Each talk 20 min + 10 min discussion

9-9:30 AM: Plenary: Waldemar Carlo, Birmingham, USA
Topic: Saving Lives at Birth

9:30-10:00 AM: Plenary: Kei Lui, University of NSW, Australia
Topic: Making Changes Through Collaboration

10-10:30 AM: Plenary: Melvin Hardy, The Carter School for Peace and The Political Leadership Academy, Washington DC, USA
Topic: To Achieve Societal Well-Being, Let's Focus on Maternal-Infant Health. Or it may be an Arrovial Impossibility.

10:30-11 AM: Plenary: Joe GN "Skip" Garcia, University of Florida, USA
Topic: "DAMPening Innate Immunity Responses to Reduce Preterm Births

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11-11:30 AM: Shared Plenary: Ramadevi Pullela, California, USA; and Bhavesh Patel, Brisbane, Australia

Topics: Ramadevi Pullela: Artificial Intelligence in Newborn Medicine; Bhavesh Patel: AI for My Patients' Journeys

11:30-12 noon: Plenary: Srinivas Bolisetty, Professor - Neonatology, Royal Hospital for Women, NSW, Australia

Topic: Challenges in Developing Consensus in Clinical Practice: Experience from the Australasian Neonatal Medicines Formulary

12 Noon-12:30 PM: Plenary: Marisa Nimrod, Rotarian and Hematology-Oncologist, Cocorite, Trinidad & Tobago

Topic: Bridging the Gaps in Newborn Health Equity: Advancing Global Strategies for Survival, Development, and Well-Being

12:30 PM-1 PM: Plenary: Amit Upadhyay, Neonatologist, UP, India

Topic: Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria causing Neonatal Sepsis: Running Out of Options.

1-2 PM: A surprise, and a Lunch Plenary:

Ola Didrik Saugstad , Neonatologist, Norway - *Delivery Room*

Handling: Past, Present, and Future Aspects

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2-4 PM: Workshops:

Cohort A: Neonatal resuscitation: Wally Carlo (US; global efforts to minimize asphyxia), Moisés Quiles-Corona (Mexico; efforts in Central/South America and Africa), and Ola Didrik Saugstad (global educational efforts; renowned for findings that room air is adequate for most infants needing resuscitation at birth).

Talks 30 min each; followed by discussion and demonstrations.

Cohort B: Neonatal Hematology

Christof Dame (Berlin, Germany) and Rachana Singh (Tufts, Boston; RBCs); Akhil Maheshwari (Boston Children's Physicians Group, NY; Leukocytes); and Brunetta Guaragni (Fresh-Frozen Plasma and rFVIIa; and Platelet Function). Talks 30 min each; followed by discussion.

Cohort C: Mother-Infant Health takes More than Medical Interventions

Chairs: Etel Barborka (Sweden), Manoj Shrivastava (India)

Talks: Randal Buddington (US), Melvin Hardy (US), Fauzia Shah (India), Sherrie Buddington (US), Michelle Ross (Congo-Canada), Sonji Harold (US); Talks 20 min each; followed by discussion.

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Cohort D: Neonatal Nutrition

Chairs: Naveed Hussain (US), Neelam Kler (India)

Talks: Naveed Hussain (US; Policy, Equity, and Programmatic Strategies to Close the Neonatal Nutrition Gap); Muralidhar Premkumar (US) and Noorina Joosub (Mauritius; Innovations in Parenteral Nutrition for Low-Resource Settings); Pradeep Alur (US, Nutrition Surveillance and Growth Monitoring in the First 28 Days); Sushma Nangia (India; Early Total Enteral Feeding in preterm neonates): 30 min each; then discussion.

6 PM: A surprise, and a Dinner Plenary:

Hugo Lagercrantz, Neonatologist, Sweden - *Awakening of the Newborn. Emergence of Consciousness*

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November 4, 2025, 8:45 - 5 PM
Uppsala University Sweden

7 - 8 AM: Breakfast in your hotel

8:45 - 6 plenary sessions

12 Noon: Lunch plenary

1 - 2 PM Posters

2 - 4 PM Workshops

4 - 5 PM Epilogue

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8:45 AM: Plenary sessions in the primary conference hall. 2 min introductions for each speaker.

Chairs: Hugo Lagercrantz (Sweden), Md. Mozibur Rahman (Bangladesh)

Panel: Pascal Lavoie (Canada), Brian Sims (US), Salil Gupta (US), Kamlesh Jha (US), Chhaya Prasad (India), Michael Zemlin (Germany), Susanne S. Blichfeldt (Denmark), Amit Upadhyay (India), Pankaj Agrawal (US), Vijay Baral (Singapore), Michelle Ross (DRC-Canada), Enrique Gomez (Venezuela-USA), Satyendra Singh (India)

Each talk 20 min + 10 min discussion

9-9:30 AM: Plenary: Edmund LaGamma, US

Topic: Refocusing PRBC Transfusion logic: balancing O2 delivery with O2 consumption – it's not just thresholds

9:30-10 AM: Plenary: Susanne S. Blichfeldt, Denmark

Topic: Neonatal Hypotonia: Clinical Features seen in Prader-Willi Syndrome that can Help Differentiate it From Other Congenital Diseases with Similar Symptoms

10-10:30 AM: Plenary: Michael Zemlin, Germany

Topic: New Insights on Trisomy 21 - What a Neonatologist Needs to Know

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10:30-11 AM: Shared Plenary: Michelle Ross (DRC - Canada) and Abraham Ocerekede (Uganda), Social leaders

Topic: Newborn Care in Africa: Ongoing Efforts and Needs
20 min talk + 10 minutes for discussion.

11-11:30 AM: Plenary: Md. Mozibur Rahman, Bangladesh

Topic: Basic Protocol-Based Improvements in Neonatal Care and Training can Reduce Neonatal Mortality
20 min talk + 10 minutes for discussion.

11:30-12 Noon: Plenary: Satyanam Bhartiya, India

Topic: Antimicrobial-Resistant Bacteria. What is the Answer? Bacteriophages?
20 min talk + 10 minutes for discussion

12 Noon-1 PM: A surprise, and a Lunch Plenary:

Tore Curstedt, Sweden - *Surfactant: a life-saving drug for premature infants with immature lungs*

1 – 2 PM: Posters, discussion time

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2-4 PM: Workshops

Cohort A: Personalized Neonatal Care

Cale Warnecke (a parent, US), Akhil Maheshwari (a patient/physician developing medical-genetic facilities for patient welfare, US), and Pankaj Agrawal (US, a neonatologist with expertise in genetics)
Talks 20-30 min each; followed by discussion.

Cohort B: Ethics of Neonatal Care

Key talks by Roya Huseynova (Saudi Arabia) and Mark Mercurio (online, USA): key considerations in medical ethics); and Clara Montanez (Metro-Bethesda Rotary - early detection of fetal anomalies and the impact on the family). Talks followed by extensive discussion. The board may include Fauzia Shah, Bhavesh Shah, Melvin Hardy, Md. Mozibur Rahman, Amit Upadhyay, Sherri Buddington, Marisa Nimrod, and others. The discussion will go beyond the traditional emphasis on continued management of infants with dismal prognosis. We also plan to discuss religious sensitivities, educational fears with artificial intelligence, social inclusion of certain racial and native communities, and families with same-gender parents. Infants born to parents facing dire financial challenges, in illegal immigrant families, and those born to parents suffering from substance dependence need attention. Talks followed by discussion and demonstrations.

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Cohort C: Planning and Design of Clinical Studies

Talks: Rachana Singh (US; Overview), Wally Carlo (US; Clinical Studies and Trials), Skip Garcia (US; Translational Research).

Talks 20-30 min each; followed by discussion.

Cohort D: GNS Systemized Systemic Sono-Screening (S4; in development)

Talks of 10 minutes each, followed by hands-on demonstration: Salvatore Aversa (lung), Monika Kaushal (confirmation of endotracheal tube position, supervised placement and confirmation of the position of umbilical/other central lines, and supervised lumbar punctures), Brunetta Guaragni (cranial), Kiran More (cardiac), Nikoo Niknafs (30 min, virtual; abdominal), Mohit Sahni (shock management).

Talks 20-30 min each; followed by discussion.

4-5 PM

Epilogue. Presentation of finances. Discussion about successes and limitations. Plans about next year.

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Who are/were the Faculty Experts in this Conference?

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