



Dear friends and supporters of EFCNI,

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected the daily work at EFCNI and the activities within our parent community. We recognized a vast need for reliable information about COVID-19 concerning maternal and newborn health and therefore compiled a comprehensive FAQ. By establishing a regular dialogue with our parent network on their needs we are able to be a source of help and support. In times of a pandemic a strong network is of extraordinary importance – we are glad to be part of one.

Many thanks for your interest and continuous support. Please stay safe and healthy.

Your EFCNI Team

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UPGRADE IN CORPORATE PARTNERSHIP

Warm welcome to GE Healthcare as Platinum Partner of EFCNI

We are happy to announce that GE Healthcare changed the partnership from Bronze to Platinum on June 1st, 2020. We are glad about the decision, feel honoured and look forward to the collaboration!

Together with GE healthcare, we will be addressing mainly three challenges as: Temperature management for newborn babies is one of our first priorities and very critical, because too many babies are still arriving cold in the NICU. In our collaboration we also want to raise awareness for the importance of thermoregulation from delivery until discharge. The need of an optimal thermoregulation strategy should not be overlooked at any

time. Resuscitation, is another topic we will focus on. Research has shown that the right treatment during the “first golden hour” of such a vulnerable newborn influences not only the survival rate. The first 60 minutes can have a great impact on the child’s growth and development – lifelong. Last but not least, patient safety, especially in the area of preterm and ill newborns is also our common interest.

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ACT EARLY! SCREEN EARLY!

May is dedicated to pre-eclampsia awareness

For the third time, EFCNI engaged in the pre-eclampsia awareness month of May, with its international campaign Act early! Screen early! With the support of healthcare societies, perinatal experts as well as parent- and patient representatives from all around the world, we developed a successful campaign that made a strong statement for early risk assessment in pregnancy.

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INTERNATIONAL EXPERT ROUNDTABLE

Expert Roundtable on Human Milk Regulation in the EU

On 3 June, a group of interdisciplinary and international high-level experts in the field of human milk joined our digital roundtable on “Human Milk Regulation”. Fruitful discussions on the need for a harmonised regulatory approach made it a successful event - another step forward in our ambitions to promote the importance of human milk for optimal growth and development of newborn infants.

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WEBINAR SERIES ON TRANSFORMING CARE FOR NEWBORNS TILL AUGUST 2020 (WHO, UNICEF)

Learn more about the World Health Organization’s new standards of care for small and sick newborns

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"Survive and Thrive: Transforming care for every small and sick newborn" is the title of the successful webinar series by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in collaboration with The Network for Improving Quality of Care for Maternal, Newborn and Child health. The next webinar is on June 17th. Make sure to register.

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SUPPORT OF PARENTS IN TIMES OF COVID-19 – NATIONAL EXAMPLES

National examples of parents supporting parents during the pandemic

We interviewed parent organisations and asked questions like "How do you support parents in your country?" and "What do you recommend other parent organisations in times of COVID-19?". Please read our interviews with Miracle Babies in Australia, the Irish Neonatal Health Alliance (INHA) and Unu si unu in Romania.

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GOOD NEWS FROM BRAZIL

Government acknowledges challenges of premature birth

Brazil prolonged the period of maternity leave for mothers of premature infants. Denise Suguitani, founder of the Brazilian parent organisation Prematuridade.com and member of the GLANCE Advisory Board is happy that five years of fighting finally paid off.

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Science

DR ATLE MOEN: IF PARENTS WERE A DRUG

Interview with Dr Atle Moen on his publication on parental stress-relieving effects on infants

Neonatal care exposes the baby to stress and pain, which can be reduced by actively involving parents in the care of their babies. In his new publication Dr Atle Moen, consultant neonatologist at Oslo University Hospital Rikshospitalet, argues that if the positive effects of parents on



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the pain and stress of their infants could be achieved by giving a drug without side-effects, this drug would for sure be standard of care.

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PRETERM COHORTS IN EUROPE

RECAP Winter School gives insights into preterm cohorts and registers

Are you a researcher in the fields of neonatology or epidemiology who wishes to learn about cohorts and registers? Then join us at the RECAP preterm Winter School from 29 November- 3 December 2020 in Munich, Germany. Book now to get an early bird fee!

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INTERVIEW WITH PROFESSOR ANDREAS STAHL

ROP-screenings should always be kept up – even in times of COVID-19

Professor Andreas Stahl, Director and Chair of Ophthalmology, University Medicine Greifswald, encourages parents of preterm born babies to follow the established screening process in order to save their babies' eye sight.

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GUTENBERG HEALTH STUDY COHORT

Birth weight and Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD) may be linked

A new study indicates that low and high birth weight might be risk factors for the development of retinal degenerations in adulthood. These findings could play an important role in the long-term care of low and high birth weight infants and the timely treatment of AMD.

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European Standards of Care for Newborn Health



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THE LITTLE HERO'S HOUSE

A holistic follow-up concept from the Netherlands

We are excited to continue our lighthouse projects series, a series of articles where we present initiatives, best practise examples and inspiring projects by individuals, organisations and institutions, who put their heart into improving newborn health and maternal care. The series kicks off with The little hero's house, a follow-up concept for children and parents, from the Netherlands.

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MY KEY DEMAND FOR NEWBORN HEALTH

Strong advocates for the campaign “11 Months 11 Topics”

Experts, parents and other stakeholders highlight what they find is key when it comes to advancing and implementing quality standards of newborn care and health. We are very happy to share these important statements regularly via our social media channels.

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GLANCE - Global Alliance for Newborn Care



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THE GLANCE CHAIR COMMITTEE MEETS DIGITALLY

An international committee for a global change

As the pandemic makes face to face meetings currently impossible, we were delighted to have the chance to e-meet with the GLANCE Chair Committee. In a very fruitful get-together the multidisciplinary and international group could discuss the present state and future projects of EFCNI's global initiative GLANCE.

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COVID-19 FAQ

FAQ about COVID-19 concerning the topics pregnancy, birth, breastfeeding, NICU, discharge and follow-up

The new COVID-19 pandemic creates many questions. Especially for parents-to-be and new parents. Together with the support of our partner parent organisations we compiled the most frequently questions about COVID-19 concerning maternal and newborn health. The answers are based on existing FAQs, e.g. of the World Health Organisation (WHO), and the knowledge of experts from different fields, e.g. Neonatology, Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Our FAQ includes the topics pregnancy, birth, breastfeeding, NICU, discharge and follow-up.

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