



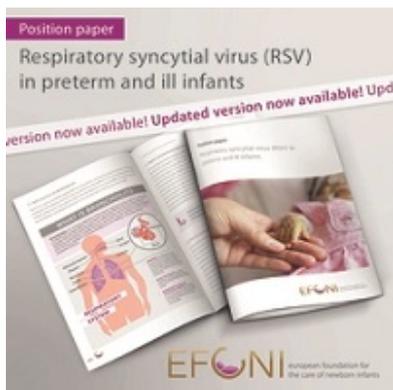
Dear friends and supporters of EFCNI,

We are entering the final stretch of what has been an exceptionally different and challenging year for all of us. Thank you to each and everyone of you for your continuous support and contributions in 2020 - it has been a pleasure to work with you.

We wish you happy holidays and all the best for 2021. Please stay safe and healthy! We look forward to seeing you again next year.

Silke Mader and the EFCNI team

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### RSV POSITION PAPER UPDATE

An updated version of the position paper “Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) in preterm and ill infants” is now available

This updated version was accomplished with the support of key experts from all over Europe and includes an extended list of prophylaxis guidelines from 33 countries.

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### EXPERT INTERVIEW SERIES

Our new expert interview series to promote RSV awareness and prevention is completed

To inform parents and carers of toddlers and young children about RSV, possible short-and long term consequences, the current status of vaccine development and preventative



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measures, we compiled several short, informative video interviews with paediatrician and neonatologist Professor Luc Zimmermann. The complete video playlist is now available online.

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### PREEMIE POWER WEEK

#### Silke Mader's talk in honour of Premie Power Week is available online

In honour of World Prematurity Day, our friends at the Canadian Premature Babies Foundation organised their very own Premie Power Week and invited Silke Mader to talk about GLANCE's "Zero Separation" campaign and the impact of separating preterm babies from their parents, a practice that unfortunately became very common during the COVID-19 pandemic. The entire series, including Silke Mader's presentation, is now available online.

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### THE PHARMACEUTICAL STRATEGY FOR EUROPE

#### Affordable, accessible and safe medicines for all – including preterm, sick and low birthweight infants

The European Commission released the "Pharmaceutical strategy for Europe" on 25 November 2020. This will lead to benefits for people across Europe, as it improves access to safe and affordable therapies. It also promotes the development of more environmentally sustainable, effective and high-quality pharmaceuticals and addresses the augmentation of response mechanisms to crisis like e.g. shortages of supplies in a pandemic. The Commission will also update the legal framework on medicines for children to ensure that they receive the best treatment.

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## European Standards of Care for Newborn Health



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### OVERCOMING LANGUAGE BARRIERS / SUPERARE LE BARRIERE LINGUISTICHE

Another two sets of the European Standards of Care for Newborn Health have been translated into Italian / Altre due serie di Standard Assistenziali Europei per la Salute del Neonato sono state tradotte in italiano

The translation project, heralded by the Italian Society of Neonatology (SIN) and Vivere ONLUS, the Italian Parents' Associations, is forging ahead successfully. In the coming months, more and more standards will be translated and published – an important milestone in spreading awareness and making the standards themselves accessible in Italy. The newest set includes the topic "Care Procedures". / La Società Italiana di Neonatologia (SIN) e Vivere ONLUS, le Associazioni dei Genitori Italiani, continuano a tradurre gli standard.

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### NEW STUDY SURVEYS PARENTS ON QUALITY OF FOLLOW-UP HEALTHCARE

Across Europe, parents call for improving follow-up care for preterm children

For preterm children, good follow-up care is crucial. A new study surveyed parents across Europe to assess how satisfied parents were overall with the quality of follow-up care their child received. Despite varying levels of satisfaction, parents across Europe made strikingly similar suggestions for improvements in follow-up care, underlining once more the need for European-wide standards of care.

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### PREVENTING COVID-19 TRANSMISSION AFTER BIRTH

New study evaluates hygiene measures to stop the spread of COVID-19 from mother to newborn

A great concern during this pandemic has been the question of preventing the transmission of COVID-19 from mother to child. A recent study has surveyed 82 newborns and their families to

evaluate the efficacy of hygiene measures in stopping the spread of the virus.

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## GLANCE - Global Alliance for Newborn Care



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### MENTAL HEALTH IN TIMES OF COVID-19

## Psychological support for families and healthcare professionals

With the aim to promote mental health, the Brazilian Parents of Premies' Association Prematuridade.com has been providing free psychological assistance to parents and healthcare professionals focusing on how to navigate the current pandemic.

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### ONLINE-FORTBILDUNG

## Webinar „Die ersten 1000 Tage“ ist jetzt für alle zugänglich!

Die Aufzeichnung der digitalen Fortbildung "Die ersten 1000 Tage – eine prägende Phase im Leben eines Kindes" steht ab sofort kostenfrei zur Verfügung! In diesem Webinar teilen renommierte Experten und Expertinnen aus den Bereichen Medizin und Ernährung ihr Fachwissen zu den ersten 1000 Tagen eines Kindes – vom Zeitpunkt der Schwangerschaft bis zum Kleinkindalter. Wir laden alle Hebammen, Nachsorgepflegekräfte und medizinischen Fachangestellten einer Kinderarztpraxis herzlich ein, die aufgezeichnete Fortbildung anzusehen.

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