Call for Abstracts:
The 4th International Conference on Brain Monitoring and Neuroprotection in the Newborn is dedicated to providing a forum for the continuing education of professionals working to improve the neurological and developmental health outcomes of premature and sick newborns. This conference explores means to understand, monitor, protect and treat the developing brain of the premature and term neonate.

Material presented in the abstracts should be organized and presented according to accepted scientific style (see outlines below). All new investigational studies must include the hypothesis being tested, methods (including consent from subjects, data collection, masking of observers, etc), results with applicable statistics, and discussion/implications regarding practice.

Abstracts describing care practices must include the scientific basis underlying the practice, process of implementation, results, and conclusions. If a control group is used for comparison, the methodology section must include details regarding group assignment, masking of observers, applicable statistics, etc.

Although often interesting, single case studies are discouraged due to their lack of generalizability.

Abstracts are requested in the following areas:
1) Progression of and influences on fetal/neonatal brain development, both normal and abnormal
2) Neuroprotection strategies in the neonate
3) Continuous EEG monitoring – theory and applications
4) Other forms of brain monitoring, such as NIRS, biochemical

Who Should Submit?
Abstracts are welcome from researchers, or any member(s) of the interdisciplinary team of health professionals who work with high-risk infants.

Abstracts are welcomed from individuals or groups representing any or all of the following:
• Advance practice nurses
• Researchers
• Physicians: Neonatologists, Neurologists, Obstetricians, Pediatricians, Perinatologists

ELECTRONIC ABSTRACT GUIDELINES:
1. Both the Abstract and application form must be received electronically, no later than September 15, 2008.
2. Please visit the web site, www.cme.hsc.usf.edu/brain09, to view a sample abstract, download the application form, and read any updates.

Abstracts Accepted for Oral Presentation or Poster Session
1. The abstract will be reprinted in the conference syllabus.
2. The designated author who will represent the abstract must register for the conference, and is eligible for the early registration fee. The conference is unable to cover any related costs of attendance.

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There is no minimum or maximum length. The preferred format is Arial font, 12 pt, in WORD if possible.

Title: succinct and accurate description of abstract content.
Author(s)' Name(s): provide first name, middle initial (optional), last name, degree(s), and Institution for each author. Principal author should be listed first. Underline the presenting author.

If abstract is a scientific presentation:
Problem statement or short introduction.
Hypothesis being tested.
Methodology [randomized controlled trial, cohort, retrospective review, literature search, etc.]
Results, with relevant statistics
Implications, especially generalizability of the conclusions, need for additional studies, etc.
Learner Objectives

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Problem statement or short introduction.
Rationale, including scientific support, for the program or change to be described.
Process or methodology implemented.
Results or impact, with statistical data as appropriate
Implications
Learner Objectives

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