

What is NEC and How Do We Prevent It?

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Overview:

The definition of necrotizing enterocolitis (NEC) has changed over time, however, the use of Bell's Criteria in defining NEC limits our ability to understand the different types of NEC. In addition, the use of Bell's Criteria in NEC research inhibits our ability to understand the various NEC presentations. This presentation will address the need for an accurate and reproducible definition of NEC throughout the field of neonatology.

Objectives

At the conclusion of this activity, the participant will be able to:

- 1. Discuss the differences proposed for the definition of NEC.
- 2. Review the evidence for various components in NEC prevention.

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- Patient Care and Procedural Skills
- Medical Knowledge

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- Provide patient-centered care
- Employ evidence-based practice
- Apply quality improvement

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