

National NRP Committee Report 2009

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The national NRP steering committee met in June 2009 in Ottawa and marked its fourth year under the wing of the Canadian Pediatric Society (CPS). Core membership is comprised of representatives from neonatology, nursing, respiratory therapy, and liaisons from the Canadian Association of Midwives, College of Family Physicians of Canada, Canadian Nurses Association, Canadian Association of Neonatal Nurses, SOGC, Canadian Pediatric Anaesthesia Association and Canadian Respiratory Therapist Association as well as delegates from each province and territory. The steering committee reports to the Fetus Newborn Committee of the CPS.

The CPS has made significant progress in automating provider registrations including online course rosters, the NRP provider and instructor databases and an NRP instructor eForum / listserv is in development. NRP education and support resources can be found at www.cps.ca. The Education sub-committee will continue to create FAQs to be posted on the CPS website as they are approved.

Members share that providers working in rural and remote communities may find it challenging to maintain skills. The committee believes regular skill and communication drills are important and can be accomplished with basic simulation tools. The primary role of NRP is to provide an educational program. It does not confirm competence. Practitioners must adopt a pattern of regular practice to obtain and maintain competency.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the CPS are moving forward with integrating simulation team OSCEs for revisions to NRP 2012. Members can anticipate a significant change to the format of next NRP education programming combining cognitive and hands-on skills with team training. There was discussion around the growing function of simulation technology to facilitate skill acquisition and maintenance.

On the international front, Dr. Nalini Singhal reported the international collaboration with WHO in the program **Helping Babies Breathe** (HBB). The program will promote the 'Golden Minute', which recognizes the importance of the first minute after birth. This education program aims to address the initial steps of airway management which they estimate could make a difference to over 500,000 babies who suffer birth asphyxia in the developing world.

There were 6 applications received for the first NRP Research grant. The 2009 award of \$25,000 was granted to a team from Toronto investigating education models in sponsoring knowledge translation for resuscitation skill.

The next national steering committee will be held in Vancouver in conjunction with the CPS ACM in June 2009.