

# FANNP NEWS



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## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FANNP Wants You!

This is an election year and positions are open for the FANNP Board of Directors (BOD)! The term of office is January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022. All positions are a two-year commitment except for President-Elect. Responsibilities include attendance at BOD meetings, participation at the sponsored FANNP Symposium, and participation on established committees.

### *Available positions:*

**President-Elect\***: Acts as President in their absence as designated, Chairs the Bylaws Committee, progresses to presidency upon completion of one-year term, and continues as Past-President following completion of two-year presidency term (four-year commitment).

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## Conference Update

The goal and mission of FANNP has always been to provide outstanding education to our students. This remains our fundamental priority and we plan to continue the tradition by offering the Review Course in October. FANNP is moving forward

with a virtual platform to allow all those interested to participate together. The content will remain vital to both upcoming and seasoned NNPs. FANNP is proud to be able to serve during this difficult time. The Planning Committee is working hard to make this year's conference exceptional. As information becomes available regarding the conference and registration,

As you may have heard, the FANNP Conference will be in virtual format for 2020!! The 31st Annual FANNP Symposium will be held October 13-16, 2020 (original dates were October 13-17); however, after careful consideration of the many uncertainties of safety, travel and social distancing regarding Covid-19, FANNP Leadership has decided not to hold an in person conference this year.

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## Letter from the President

Wow! What a crazy and historical time we are living in. Our lives have changed so much in the past few months: families have been quarantined, businesses forced to close, workers furloughed or let go completely, children's schools shut down; it is definitely no longer business as usual. We as healthcare workers find ourselves deemed "essential", which means having to decide between working safely and keeping our families safe at the same time. These past few months, we have had to strike a balance between home life and work life more than ever before. We are now teachers, homeschooling our children, making us realize how invaluable our school teachers are, and possibly that our own children aren't the perfect students we thought they were. Kudos to all of the teachers out there!

As summer approaches, our plans have certainly changed. Summer vacations have been put on hold or possibly cancelled. There is so much uncertainty and fear for the



future. We at FANNP hope you are all hanging in there and will continue to stay safe. Just remember there will be an end to this chaos.

In the meantime, we will push on both professionally and personally through this very troubling time. Remember, FANNP is here for you!

Due to the Covid-19 crisis, our 31st annual Neonatal Symposium: Clinical Update and Review will now be held virtually in October.

FANNP continues to remain focused on the education of both new and seasoned NNPs, and we know the inherent value of the Review Course for upcoming NNPs in studying for boards. Therefore, the conference this year will focus on the Review Track. Registration will open in July. Please check our website at [FANNP.org](http://FANNP.org) for updates on details of the conference. The deadline for poster presentation submission is July 31st. Nominations for the Kim Nolan Spirit Award are also due July 31st. Don't forget that FANNP provides scholarships to students. Those submissions are due by September

15th. Grant money is available as well and those applications are accepted throughout the year.

Additionally, this is an election year for FANNP officers. I encourage you to get involved with this outstanding organization. You do not have to live in Florida to be a part of the FANNP family. If you are interested, the deadline for nominations is July 31st. Further information and requirements can be found on the website under the "Info for members" tab.

Finally, I want to say that we are all praying for each and every one of you and your families. I know it's cliché to say, but we will all get through this...together!

*Gayla Kaye-Steed, NNP-BC  
President, FANNP*

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FANNP will post it on our website and social media platforms: Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Conference registration will open in July, so please check the website, [www.fannp.org](http://www.fannp.org), for details. If you have already made hotel reservations at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort, they may have cancelled them. Please contact them at 727-595-1611 to verify if your reservation has been cancelled or if you still plan to travel to the beach in October and need your reservation held. Please contact [conference@fannp.org](mailto:conference@fannp.org) with any questions.

*Mary Kraus, MSN, NNP-BC  
FANNP Conference Chair*

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**Secretary\*:** Records minutes of all meetings, gives notice of all meetings, keeps bylaws and membership records, sends email blasts and Chairs the Communication Committee.

**Treasurer\*:** Has charge and full knowledge of all Association funds, renders statement of financial condition of the Association for all meetings, and Chairs the Finance Committee.

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*\*Please see website for a complete description of position.*

To be eligible to run for a position, one must be a current member who has served on the BOD or an FANNP committee. To be eligible to run for a position as a Member-At-Large, one must be a current member with an interest in continuing the mission of FANNP. Student members and associate are ineligible to run for office.

Please consider running for a position! We need your assistance to continue the important work of the FANNP!

**Nominations are due by July 31, 2020.** Send them to [nominations@fannp.org](mailto:nominations@fannp.org). Ballots will be emailed to active members for voting by October 1, 2020. The voting window will be announced in the Fall edition of the FANNP newsletter. The newly elected candidates will be announced in October 2020.

*Thank you,  
Tiffany Gwartney, DNP, APRN,  
NNP-BC  
Past-President, Nominations  
Committee Chair*

## FANNP Increasing Scholarship Awards

FANNP as an organization is committed to education and is proud to be able to award scholarships to nurses and NNPs continuing their educational pursuits in the field of neonatal health care.

Scholarships are awarded annually at the FANNP Symposium in October. The scholarship recipients give back and provide a short article, case study, practice pointer, evidenced-based practice update or literature review which is published in the FANNP Membership Newsletter.

**For 2020, the FANNP Board of Directors is excited to announce the scholarship award amounts have been increased and will range from \$1000 to \$2000.** Award amounts are based upon the application criteria and quality of



newsletter submission.

Scholarship monies can be used for tuition, books or any expenses incurred while in school.

All FANNP members pursuing a degree in neonatal health care are encouraged to apply for a scholarship. Or, do you know an NNP student? Encourage them to become a FANNP member and apply for a scholarship.

To obtain an application or for questions, please contact FANNP via email at: [scholarships@fannp.org](mailto:scholarships@fannp.org).

### Scholarship Application 2020 Eligibility Guidelines

1. Applicants must be FANNP members.
  - a. All voting members, student members and associate members are eligible.
  - b. Priority for scholarship awards is given to voting members, followed by student members and then associate members.
  - c. Priority for scholarship awards is based on length of membership and service to FANNP.
2. Applicants must be a licensed RN, ARNP, NNP or equivalent.
  - a. Preference will be given to currently licensed NNPs working towards an advanced NNP degree.
3. Applicants must attend an educational program leading to a degree related to the health care field during the application period.
  - a. The application period for the 2020 scholarship is September 15, 2019 to September 15, 2020 (i.e. to be eligible for a 2020 scholarship you must have attended classes sometime between September 15, 2019 and September 15, 2020).
  - b. An applicant may receive a maximum of two scholarship awards for each degree sought.
4. Applicants will provide a short article, case study, practice pointer, evidenced-based practice update or literature review to be published in the FANNP Newsletter.

To obtain a scholarship application contact FANNP via email [scholarships@fannp.org](mailto:scholarships@fannp.org)

COMPLETED applications must be postmarked by Sept. 15 each year.

# Food for Thought

## Unprecedented Times: NRP, BLS and PALS

By Jill Lionberger RNC, MSN, NNP-BC

I am sure everyone is tired of hearing about COVID-19 so I am not going to talk about it directly. I am going to address some work-related requirements that have been affected by COVID-19. If you had BLS, NRP, or PALS due for renewal this Spring, you are more than likely expired and wondering about renewal. You may be thinking, "What are my responsibilities?"

The American Heart Association (AHA) issued a couple of updates with the last one on March 31, 2020. This update supersedes the previous one on March 13, 2020. Essentially, the AHA is extending AHA Instructor and Provider Course Completion Cards for 120 days beyond their recommended renewal date, for cards that expire beginning in March 2020. Of note, this references cards that are still valid in March 2020. For providers, whose cards have expired, the AHA will allow instructors to provide remediation during update courses. The timeframe for this is over the next 120 days. The responsibility for the management of the extension and record keeping will be with the training centers.

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Life Support posted a couple of recommendations, one in March and another in April. The latest recommends for individuals whose NRP expires in March, April, May, June, or July 2020, have an extension for up to 120 days. They do leave the decision for the extensions to the discretion of the employers and regulatory bodies who require current NRP cards. To the individuals who are required to have NRP cards, it is your responsibility to find out what your institution's policy will be.

My hospital sent out an update outlining what the extensions will be for BLS, PALS, and NRP. They do state that if an employee goes to other hospitals, the employees are responsible for knowing what the other hospitals are requiring as the AHA and the AAP are leaving extensions up to the individual facilities to

determine. Also, bear in mind there could be more recommendations based on how the COVID-19 pandemic evolves.

Personal note: Congratulations to all graduates! After working so hard, the ending must seem anti-climatic but just remember this is not an ending but a new chapter in the book of your professional life!

### References:

[https://cpr.heart.org/-/media/cpr-files/resources/covid-19-resources-for-cpr-training/covid19-statement\\_card\\_extensions\\_update-33120.pdf?la=en](https://cpr.heart.org/-/media/cpr-files/resources/covid-19-resources-for-cpr-training/covid19-statement_card_extensions_update-33120.pdf?la=en)

[https://downloads.aap.org/DOICH/NRP\\_Updated\\_Extension\\_Recommendation\\_4\\_15\\_20.pdf](https://downloads.aap.org/DOICH/NRP_Updated_Extension_Recommendation_4_15_20.pdf)

*Food for Thought is a quarterly addition to the FANNP Newsletter, where we discuss trending topics of importance in the Neonatal Intensive Care setting. We would love to hear what you and your colleagues are discussing currently in your work place, and greatly value your input. Please feel free to send any "trending topics" that you would like to hear more about to [newsletter@fannp.org](mailto:newsletter@fannp.org). In the ever-changing world of neonatology, remaining cognizant of current practices is of vital importance to furthering our education as providers!*





## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

*Submitted by Ally Kayton, MSN,  
APRN, NNP-BC and Paula Timoney,  
DNP, APRN, NNP-BC*

### Spring 2020, Covid-19 Pandemic

All that we have known has been shaken to its core. As we celebrated ringing in 2020, who would have thought that just three short months later we would all be quarantined in our homes, wearing masks everywhere, and social distancing? As of June 20, 2020, who would have thought that we would lose approximately 121,000 Americans. This has truly been surreal.

Healthcare workers have surely taken the brunt, especially in places like New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Michigan and Illinois where the bulk of the cases of Covid-19 have been the highest. In Florida, at the time of writing, there have been 46,944 cases and 2052 deaths. How are healthcare providers going to cope with what they have seen? These experiences will surely take its toll. Nationally and globally, there has been such an outpouring of support for healthcare providers and the role we play caring for patients every day. Some of my colleagues

have felt guilty because those of us in the NICU have been tucked away and are not experiencing what those who work in the adult ICUs are experiencing.

But there is a glimmer of hope. Some of the restrictions are being lifted. Parks and

beaches are beginning to open in some areas. Under Phase 1 rules, restaurants and beauty salons are opening. We still must protect ourselves and those who are most vulnerable by wearing our masks, washing our hands, and social distancing. We will all get through this together as a community of healthcare providers who are dedicated to our patients and families.

### From the Office of The Majority Leader: Florida House of Representatives

Below is a list of go-to resources from agencies providing assistance and answering questions concerning COVID-19. The safety and well being of our community is our top priority, and ensuring everyone in need of assistance has information available to them is crucial.

Re-Employment Assistance:  
[www.floridajobs.org/?fbclid=IwAR10pjhI3Zdrxe4pxgYsW4WeEdH86v7OM5i3dmVWa7J0y2ieZkKx9Dok8](http://www.floridajobs.org/?fbclid=IwAR10pjhI3Zdrxe4pxgYsW4WeEdH86v7OM5i3dmVWa7J0y2ieZkKx9Dok8)

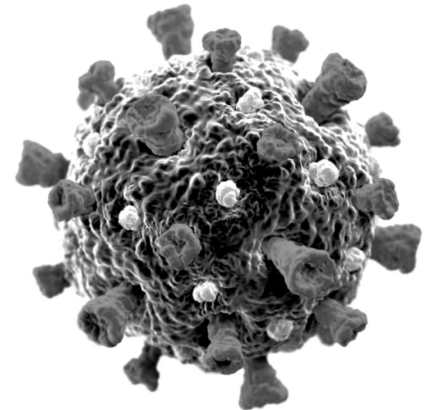
Small Business Loans:  
<https://floridadisasterloan.org>

Price-Gouging Hotline:  
[www.myfloridalegal.com/newsrel.nsf/newsreleases/126AC86DF86F943485258527005F9BDE](http://www.myfloridalegal.com/newsrel.nsf/newsreleases/126AC86DF86F943485258527005F9BDE)

Coronavirus Tax Relief:  
[www.irs.gov/coronavirus](http://www.irs.gov/coronavirus)

School Closures Update:  
[www.fldoe.org/em-response/index.stml](http://www.fldoe.org/em-response/index.stml)

Food & Education Resources For Distance Learning:  
[www.fldoe.org/em-response/resources-families.stml](http://www.fldoe.org/em-response/resources-families.stml)



Free Meals For Kids & Teens:  
<https://summerbreakspot.freshfromflorida.com/>

Florida Health Interactive Data Dashboard:  
<https://fdoh.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opstdashboard/index.html#/8d0de33f260d444c852a615dc7837c86>

COVID-19 affects different people in different ways. A wide range of symptoms have been reported – from mild to severe symptoms. After exposure to the virus, symptoms may appear from 2-14 days. People with these symptoms could have COVID-19:

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- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

Look for emergency warning signs for COVID-19. If someone is showing any of these signs, seek emergency medical care immediately:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

Call your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.

### FNPN Announces 2020 Scholarships

The Florida Nurse Practitioner Network - FNPN is excited to announce the following scholarships for 2020, including their newest and most prestigious award, the Dr. Loretta C. Ford Nursing Practice Student Scholarship.

- Nurse Practitioner Student Scholarship Award
- Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Nursing/Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Scholarship Award
- Dr. Jean Aertker Health Policy Scholarship Award
- Dr. Loretta C. Ford Advanced Nursing Practice Student Scholarship Award

All scholarship awards are



announced during the annual FNPN conference. Recipients will be notified approximately three (3) weeks before the annual conference. The deadline for submitting an application is July 15, 2020 at 5:00PM Eastern Time.

Please go to the FNPN website FNPN.org for more details on FNPN Scholarships, requirements and eligibility, and how to submit your application.

At the virtual meeting in April of the Florida Coalition of Advanced Practice Nurses, many representatives and lobbyists were represented. Strategies to develop and support legislation for expanding services to those affected by COVID-19 were discussed, with emphasis placed on mental health services. Efforts to implement HB 607 have been sidelined by the COVID-19 pandemic. At the June 5th FL BON Meeting, long term planning for implementation will be discussed. The next meeting will be held in July.

### Important Message regarding HB 607 from the Board of Nursing:

- The new law takes effect on 7/1/2020.
- APRNs WILL NOT automatically assume autonomous practice on 7/1/2020. There will be a registration application to

complete and submit to the Board of Nursing for approval.

- The Board staff cannot predetermine eligibility for the autonomous practice registration requirements.
- Additional information will be posted on the Board's website once the Board has confirmed an implementation plan for the new law following its June 5th meeting.

This link has current information which is available related to the bill: <https://floridasnursing.gov/hb-607-passes-legislature-impact-to-rns-cn-as-and-aprns/>

In addition, the Florida Board of Nursing has extended the license renewal period for RN's & APRN's due 7/31/2020 to 8/31/2020. Now is a great time to take advantage of the availability of FNPN's online mandatory compliant Controlled Substance Course for licensure renewal!

Other states are also extending licensure deadlines, so check with your State's BON.

#### References:

<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/covid19/index.htm>

<https://fnpn.enpnetwork.com/page/36989-covid-19-go-to-resources>

<https://floridasnursing.gov/hb-607-passes-legislature-impact-to-rns-cn-as-and-aprns/>

# Brag Board

First, a huge congratulations to all 2020 Graduates!!! You did it!!! Your hard work has been rewarded! FANNP salutes you!

Congratulations also go to Dr. Leslie Parker, who was selected as a Fellow for the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, one of the highest honors recognizing Nurse Practitioners. Dr. Parker was selected for Fellowship because of her groundbreaking transformative neonatal research, high-impact publications, and significant contributions to NNP education. Dr. Parker was sponsored by FANNP members Dr. Terri Marin (Fellow class '15) and Dr. Elizabeth Sharpe (Fellow class '17). Congratulations Dr. Parker on this distinguished honor!



*Leslie Parker*

FANNP would also like to congratulate FANNP Member, Melissa Dunham, a 2nd year PhD Student at Augusta University, for acceptance of her first manuscript for publication! Melissa's publication (co-authored by Dr. Terri Marin), "NICU Maternal-Infant Bonding: Virtual Visitation as a Bonding Enhancement Tool" is presented in the Journal of Perinatal and Neonatal Nursing; her abstract follows.

The admission of an infant to the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) presents specialized barriers to the maternal-infant bonding (MIB) process. Virtual visitation (VV) provides a mother with the opportunity to have continual access to her hospitalized infant via a one-way live Web camera. While increasingly used in the NICU, VV

remains a novel concept. The objective of this study was to introduce a conceptual model that incorporates the use of VV into the NICU MIB process. Adapted from the Model of Mother-Infant Bonding After Antenatal HIV Diagnosis, a newly developed model of MIB using VV as a bonding enhancement tool is offered. A Model of NICU Maternal-Infant Bonding Incorporating Virtual Visitation presents the NICU bonding process in a chronological manner, with 5 primary propositions and an explanation of their related themes. Virtual visitation is introduced into the bonding process and is shown to act as a moderated variable. A Model of NICU Maternal-Infant Bonding Incorporating Virtual Visitation introduces VV as a tool to enhance the MIB process that occurs in the NICU. The model provides the basis for the development of a research program to examine the multiple potential effects of VV in the NICU.

In addition to her current status as PhD Student, Melissa is also Director of NNPs at Prisma Health Children's Hospital, Greenville, SC. Congratulations Melissa!

Dunham, M., Marin, T. NICU maternal-infant bonding: Virtual Visitation as a bonding enhancement tool. *Journal of Perinatal and Neonatal Nursing*. 2020;34(2):171-177.

*Do you have a colleague, mentor, or student that you'd like to recognize for the Brag Board section of the newsletter? Or maybe you're the one doing some amazing work in the neonatal realm! Brag about it! Please email [newsletter@fannp.org](mailto:newsletter@fannp.org) to share these accomplishments.*

## FANNP's National Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Symposium: Clinical Update and Review, 2020

# POSTER PRESENTATION CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: July 31, 2020**

FANNP is seeking abstracts for poster presentations for the annual FANNP's National Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Symposium on October 13th-16th, 2020, now a VIRTUAL Review. The Research Committee invites submissions by members and non-members. Participation is open to health professionals whose specialty has a focus on the Neonatal Population (this includes but is not limited to NNPs, RNs, Clinical Nurse Specialists, & Neonatologists). We invite colleagues to share their expertise in one of the following categories:

- Original Research
- Innovations in Practice or Education
- Patient Safety
- Quality Improvement and Benchmarking Initiatives
- Case Studies

**Please note that a Literature Review on a specific topic will not be accepted for poster presentation.**

### POSTER PRESENTATION

All abstracts will be considered for poster presentation. Detailed instructions for the poster presentation will be provided to the Primary Author at the time of abstract acceptance.

### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Abstracts must be submitted electronically in Word Format (no PDFs). Abstracts should be no longer than 500 words, single-spaced, 12-point font, with up to 2 additional bibliography pages. The content should be presented in the form of a structured abstract with format appropriate to category. For example...

Research:

- Purpose
- Background/Significance

- Methods
- Results
- Conclusions
- Discussion
- Major References

Case Study: (Please do not include any identifiable information)

- Introduction
- Case Presentation:
  - History of Present Illness
  - Hospital Course
  - Family History (if indicated)
  - Social History (if indicated)
  - Labs, Images, Studies
- Discussion

A signed conflict of interest statement & CV of primary author (required for CE credits) must be submitted with the abstract. Abstracts that do not follow the submission guidelines will not be reviewed. Abstracts previously presented in other arenas are eligible for submission. FANNP would like to publish accepted abstracts in our Newsletter during the year. You will be asked to give your permission when applying.

CONFERENCE EXPENSES: All presenters chosen for the poster presentation are responsible for conference registration fees and other expenses

**Application and Checklist may be found at  
[www.fannp.org](http://www.fannp.org)**





## EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS

*\*\*Check with individual conferences for changes or cancellations in light of Covid-19*

**19th Annual World Congress on Neonatology**  
**July 20-21, 2020**  
 Vancouver, Canada  
[www.neonatalconferenceseries.com](http://www.neonatalconferenceseries.com)

**Fall 2020 National Advanced Practice Neonatal Nurses Conference-Academy of Neonatal Nursing**  
**September 9-12, 2020**  
 Bally's Hotel  
 Las Vegas, NV  
[www.academyonline.org](http://www.academyonline.org)

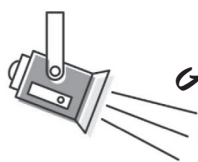
**NANN 36th Annual Conference**  
**October 10-13, 2020**  
 Ernest N. Morial Convention Center  
 New Orleans, LA  
[www.nann.org](http://www.nann.org)

**The 31st FANNP Neonatal Nurse Practitioners Symposium: Clinical Update and Review**  
**October 13-16, 2020**  
 VIRTUAL Review Course  
[www.fannp.org](http://www.fannp.org)



**Medical University of South Carolina 2020 Neonatal Pharmacology Conference**  
**November 11-13, 2020**  
 Francis Marion Hotel  
 Charleston, SC  
[www.medicine.musc.edu](http://www.medicine.musc.edu)

**Hot Topics in Neonatology**  
**December 7-9, 2020**  
 Gaylord National  
 National Harbor, MD  
[www.hottopicsinneonatology.org](http://www.hottopicsinneonatology.org)



*Advertiser  
 Spotlight*

## Graham's Foundation Supports Premie Parents



Graham's Foundation is a charitable organization whose mission is to support, comfort, inform, and guide families who experience a premature birth. For over ten years, they have been helping premie parents. Now, with the need for social distancing and changes in hospital visitation policies, their support is more important than ever.

All of the organization's services are complimentary and delivered virtually so Graham's Foundation is able to offer their complete line of programs, including:

- Care Packages are designed to meet the needs of parents of premies at every stage of the prematurity journey. They are involved from the early days in the NICU to the transition home. Three varieties of Care Packages are available:
  - o NICU -- for parents during their journey in the neonatal intensive care unit
  - o Transition Home -- provides information and resources to help ease the overwhelming feelings that can accompany bringing their baby home
  - o Remembrance -- provides useful information for the healing process and a memento to honor their baby
- MyPremie app promotes parent well-being and engagement while in the NICU and after transitioning home. Features include a built-in pocket guide, journaling, and a development tracker to help parents stay informed and organized. It's available for Android or iPhone in both Spanish and English.
- Premie Parent Mentor Program\* provides resources and peer support to parents during their time in the NICU, transitioning home, or if they've experienced a loss. Parents are matched with a mentor that has had a similar prematurity journey. Mentors are available by phone, video chat, text, or email.

Graham's Foundation recently introduced a new capability within their mentor program. Called "Connect," it enables premie parents to connect in real time with one of the organization's trained mentors. Using a telehealth-style platform, parents can select a mentor and schedule an appointment to speak with them.

"We are excited to offer this new capability," said Nicholas Hall, founder of Graham's Foundation. "We've provided a listening ear and counsel to parents of premies for many years. Now, it's especially important that parents know they are not alone. We are here for them."



For more information, visit their website at [GrahamsFoundation.org](http://GrahamsFoundation.org)

*\*Graham's Foundation premie parent mentors are not medical professionals. They are parents that have experienced a NICU journey and are offering peer support. The information they provide is meant to encourage and support parents during and after a NICU stay. It is not meant to replace the advice or expertise of medical professionals.*

## FANNP Dates to Remember

<i>Event/Item</i>	<i>Date/Deadline of Event/Item</i>
FANNP Grant.....	Ongoing
Poster Presentation Abstracts .....	July 31
Kim Nolan Spirit Award.....	July 31
Call for Nominations .....	July 31
FANNP Scholarship .....	Sept. 15
National Neonatal Nurses Day.....	Sept. 15
Annual National Neonatal Nurse Practitioner Symposium: Clinical Update and Review*	
NOW VIRTUAL! .....	Oct. 13-16, 2020
Nurse Practitioner Week* .....	Nov. 8-15, 2020

*\*Dates change annually*

### FANNP Newsletter Submission Calendar

Edition	Article Submission Deadline	Publish Date
Spring 2020	02/08/20	03/09/20
Summer 2020	05/10/20	06/08/20
Fall 2020	08/09/20	09/07/20
Winter 2020	11/07/20	12/07/20

In addition to the core components of the newsletter, we would love to hear what you have to say! Please send in anything you would like to see added to the newsletter, whether it is an interesting article, a hot topic in the neonatal world, or even a shout out regarding a fellow FANNP member who is doing awesome things! We want to hear from you! Please submit following the above guidelines to [newsletter@fannp.org](mailto:newsletter@fannp.org).  
**\*\*Interested in helping with the editing of the newsletter?? Please email the above link!\*\*\***

## Calling for Research Proposals... FANNP Grants Available

Each year FANNP sets aside funds for the support of research projects. Applications for funding are reviewed by the Research Committee. The Research Committee makes recommendations to the Board of Directors on proposals received. Members of the Research Committee are appointed by the Board of Directors. The grant application period is rolling—there is no deadline for grant submission. Grants will be awarded within six weeks following submission, based on the Research committee and BOD decision.

*Please visit [www.fannp.org](http://www.fannp.org) for more details*

## The Kim Nolan Spirit Award... In Memory and Honor of Kim Nolan

Do you know a special NNP? The Kim Nolan Spirit Award is given annually to a NNP who exemplifies Kim’s exuberance and “can-do” attitude in service to profession, community, and/or family. To read more about Kim visit [www.fannp.org](http://www.fannp.org), and nominate someone today at [award@fannp.org](mailto:award@fannp.org)! **Nominations due July 31, 2020.** Winner will be announced during the Annual Conference.



*Kim Nolan*



## Newsflash – FANNP Online

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## BRING IT ON ANSWERS from page 12

1. C- Group B strep is a gram-positive catalase negative organism that appears as cocci in pairs and chains on gram stain. Respiratory distress is a common finding in GBS positive neonates, but may also exhibit acrocyanosis, and hypoglycemia.
2. A- Cryoprecipitate is the insoluble material that comes out of solution after frozen plasma is thawed. It is rich in plasma proteins, especially fibrinogen, and contains a concentrated source of clotting factors.
3. A- Surfactant is a lipoprotein molecule that reduces the force of surface tension from water molecules on the lung tissue, thus reducing alveolar surface tension.

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Bring it On...



**Practice Questions  
to Prepare  
for the NNP  
Certification Exam**

1. A term infant in the newborn nursery was having moderate respiratory distress, slight acrocyanosis and hypoglycemia. A septic workup was obtained. The blood culture gram stain showed gram-positive cocci in chains. The blood culture will most likely be positive for:
  - a. *Listeria monocytogenes*
  - b. *Escheria coli*
  - c. Group B streptococcus
  
2. A neonate who has started to respond to therapy for sepsis has disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC) with very low levels of fibrinogen. The best volume expander for this neonate is:
  - a. Cryoprecipitate
  - b. Heparinized normal saline
  - c. Prothrombin clotting complex concentrations
  
3. Surfactant therapy for treatment of respiratory distress syndrome (RDS) does which of the following:
  - a. Decreases alveolar surface tension
  - b. Enhances growth of type 2 pneumocytes
  - c. Increases chest wall compliance

Answers on page 10

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