SLPs in the NICU: Supporting Infants and Their Families

INTRODUCTION

The typically unplanned journey through the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) provides infants and their families with an early experience with interprofessional practice. This session reviews common reasons for an infant’s admission into the NICU, describes the interprofessional team caring for these infants, and discusses the role of SLPs as communication and feeding specialists in the NICU. The speaker examines neonatal abstinence syndrome, its cause, and the latest treatment strategies and outcomes. Finally, the speaker touches on the importance of support and post-discharge care for these patients.

This course is a recorded session from the 2021 online conference “Maximizing Outcomes for Medically Complex Patients of All Ages.”

LEARNING OUTCOMES

You will be able to:
- describe one strategy an SLP can use to support families with an infant in the NICU
- discuss two ways the interprofessional team supports an infant diagnosed with neonatal abstinence syndrome

PROGRAM HISTORY and IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Recording length: 57 minutes
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To earn continuing education credit, you must complete the learning assessment on or before March 17, 2026.

This course is offered for 0.05 ASHA CEUs (Intermediate level, Professional area).