



# Valley Children's Healthcare Outreach Education Program

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## Valley Children's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)

More than 70 years ago, Valley Children's Healthcare began with the vision of five civic-minded women who saw the need for a dedicated pediatric hospital in Central California. Since then, it has grown from a 42-bed hospital to one of the largest pediatric healthcare networks in the country.

Valley Children's Hospital offers Level IV neonatal intensive care at the Madera campus in our 88-bed Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), which features 21 private and semi-private rooms. Our NICU is Central California's only Regional Level IV NICU - the highest level of medical care available for premature and critically ill newborns. Our NICU offers the most comprehensive array of services to ensure the best possible outcomes for the most vulnerable infants with congenital or acquired conditions. With a focus on family-centered care, our patients have access to a full range of pediatric and surgical specialists that treat potentially life-threatening illnesses due to extreme prematurity, congenital defects, injury, chronic illnesses and more.

As the only Regional Level IV NICU in Central California, we also provide education and consultation to nurseries and neonatal units throughout the region to ensure that babies get the best care possible. Our team supports a network of NICUs throughout Central California, providing services for Madera County, Merced County, Fresno County, Kings County and Tulare County.

Valley Children's NICU is ranked as one of the best children's hospitals in Neonatology by U.S. News & World Report for 2023-2024 - the seventh such ranking for our NICU. Our expert multidisciplinary team is constantly striving to innovate and improve patient care, so babies have the best outcomes.

Our Level II and Level III satellite NICUs (Fresno, Merced and Hanford) are staffed with Valley Children's team of experts to provide families with critically ill babies the opportunity to receive treatment closer to home.

## Valley Children's Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICU)

Collectively, the Valley Children's NICUs consist of 116 beds:

- Valley Children's Hospital (Madera): 88-bed Regional Level IV NICU
- Valley Children's Satellite NICUs:
  - Saint Agnes Medical Center (Fresno): 8-bed Community Level III NICU and a 6-bed Intermediate Level II NICU
  - Mercy Medical Center (Merced): An 8-bed Intermediate Level II NICU
  - Adventist Medical Center (Hanford): A 6-bed Intermediate Level II NICU



## Neonatal Outreach Program Overview

Valley Children's Hospital Neonatal Outreach Program is designed to advance and ensure the medical care needs of babies and their families in the Central Valley. Outreach provides educational awareness and needs for parents, community and professionals using a multidisciplinary team approach which includes physicians, nurses, respiratory care providers and interdisciplinary team members.

This Neonatal Outreach Education Program brings our institution and referring community hospitals together to focus on enhancing neonatal care and keeping neonatal patients closer to home for their healthcare. In addition, our collaboration helps prevent neonates from being transferred unnecessarily and may also assist in identifying earlier, when a neonate does require a higher level of care and may need to be transferred. Together, with improved communication, coordination of care, clinical tools and sharing of best practices, we strive to increase the confidence of clinicians in caring for neonates and to improve the healthcare experience for patients and their families.

Our neonatal outreach team is designed to share information and support best practices and resources with our referring facilities. Our goal is to provide joint education and training of perinatal and neonatal health professionals. This relationship will also allow our facility to provide joint identification, development and review of protocols, policies and procedures related to the care of the high-risk obstetric and the neonatal patient population.

### **The Neonatal Outreach Education Program offers the following:**

- Professional consultation in development, review and/or revision of neonatal standards, protocols, policies and procedures
- Guidelines for maternal-fetal and neonatal consultation
- Guidelines for referral and/or transport for any hospital providing basic, intermediate-level neonatal intensive care
- Provisions for medical, nursing and/or ancillary staff in service education with topics mutually agreed upon
- Review of neonatal patient data and outcomes
- Assessment and evaluation of services provided

# Valley Children's Outcomes & Goals

The goals of the Valley Children's NICU are to optimize care for preterm and critically ill newborns.

## Our areas of focus for improving survival rates and long-term outcomes include:

- Delivery room Stabilization/Standardized Practices
  - Optimizing golden hour principles
- Growth and Development
- Family Centered Care
  - Parents are partners, involved in decision making, support and education
- Infection Control
  - CLABSI bundles
  - Antibiotic stewardship
- Prevention of Hospital Acquired Conditions
- Neuroprotective Care

## Our Successes

- 3-year survival comparison amongst California NICU's (2020 – 2023)
- Survival without major morbidity
- CLABSI

## Current Quality Improvement Focus Areas

- Improving early family involvement in care
- Positive touch
  - Skin-to-skin
  - Other sensory input (scent, voice)
- Unplanned extubation reduction
- Safe to Sleep
- Decreasing hospital acquired conditions

# Program Courses



# Neonatal Resuscitation Program

## Provider Course

The Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) 8th Edition course conveys an evidence-based approach to care of the newborn at birth and facilitates effective team-based care for healthcare professionals who care for newborns at the time of delivery. NRP utilizes a blended learning approach, which includes online testing, online case-based simulations, and hands-on case-based simulation/debriefing that focus on critical leadership, communication and team-work skills.

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| Jan. 16  | Jan. 30  | Feb. 13  | Feb. 27  |
| Mar. 13  | Mar. 27  | April 10 | April 24 |
| May 8    | May 22   | June 12  | June 26  |
| July 10  | July 24  | Aug. 14  | Aug. 28  |
| Sept. 11 | Sept. 25 | Oct. 9   | Oct. 23  |
| Nov. 6   | Nov. 20  | Dec. 4   | Dec. 18  |

**Time:** 8 a.m.- 12 p.m.

**Location:** Valley Children's Hospital, NICU

**Registration:** Please call Clinical Education at 559-353-5902 to register for this course and for course fee information.

**Learning Manual:** Course requirement. Must review book prior to the course.

**Course Pre-Requisite:** You must successfully complete the online exam prior to your NRP course and must bring proof of successful completion. On-site class must be completed within 30 days of online testing.

**Continuing Education Credits:** Provider approval pending by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider number CEP316. Call for specific contact hours.

# Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP)

## Mentor Course Site

### **NRP Instructor Development and NRP Eligibility Requirements:**

- Instructor candidates must have a current NRP Provider Card
- The NRP instructor candidate must be a physician, registered nurse/nurse practitioner, respiratory therapist or physician assistant with experience in the hospital care of newborns
- The NRP instructor candidate must have current maternal-child educational or clinical responsibility with a hospital setting
- It is recommended that NRP instructors and instructor candidates have ongoing delivery room experience

### **Steps to become an NRP Instructor:**

- Submit NRP Instructor Application to the AAP
- Within 30 days of application approval, enroll in the NRP 8th edition Instructor Candidate Curriculum on the NRP Learning Platform
- Pass the 3-part Instructor Exam on the NRP Learning Platform
- Choose an instructor mentor and co-teach 3 instructor-led events under their guidance.

Valley Children's is pleased to offer instructor candidates an opportunity to pair with one of our instructor mentors to complete the three instructor-led events as part of their instructor training requirements.

**Time:** 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Location:** Valley Children's Hospital

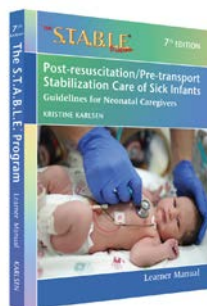
**Registration:** If you are interested in an NRP Mentor class, please contact [slapsley@valleychildrens.org](mailto:slapsley@valleychildrens.org) for more information.

**Course Fee:** There is no fee for this opportunity.

# S.T.A.B.L.E.

## Pre-Transport Stabilization Program

The S.T.A.B.L.E. Program is a widely accepted neonatal post-resuscitation/pre-transport stabilization education and clinical tool. S.T.A.B.L.E. stands for the six assessment parameters covered in the program: Sugar and Safe Care, Temperature, Airway, Blood Pressure, Lab Work, and Emotional Support for the family. S.T.A.B.L.E. is considered by neonatal educators and leaders in neonatology to be the follow-up, complementary program to the American Academy of Pediatrics/ American Heart Association Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP).



S.T.A.B.L.E. 7th Edition

This course is intended for physicians: Neonatal, pediatric, ER, family practice residents; nurses: L and D, postpartum, nursery, neonatal intensive care, midwives, LPNs, EMTs and respiratory therapists.

### S.T.A.B.L.E. 7th Edition: \*\*\*

**Virtual:** Mar. 5, 2026, Jul. 9, 2026, Sept. 8, 2025 and Dec. 3, 2026

**Time:** 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Location:** Valley Children's Hospital

**Registration:** Please email completed registration form (see page 18) to [slapsley@valleychildrens.org](mailto:slapsley@valleychildrens.org)

**Course Fee:** \$100 (includes CEUs)

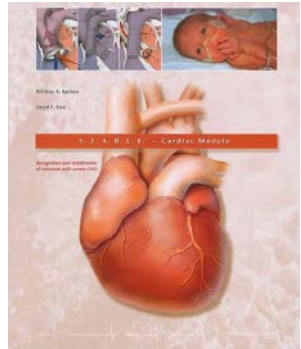
**Course Pre-Requisite:** Books must be purchased prior to class, and can be found online at [stableprogram.org/shop](http://stableprogram.org/shop). The Foundations course must be completed prior to registration for this course, the link for this can be purchased at the above website. Proof of completion required prior to attending the course. Contact [slapsley@valleychildrens.org](mailto:slapsley@valleychildrens.org) with questions.

**Continuing Education Credits:** Provider approval pending by the California Board of Registered Nursing, provider number CEP316. Call 559-353-8771 for specific contact hours.

# S.T.A.B.L.E.

## Cardiac Module

The S.T.A.B.L.E. Cardiac Module provides general guidelines for the assessment and stabilization of neonates with suspected congenital heart disease (CHD). Prompt, effective, appropriate care of neonates with severe CHD can reduce secondary organ damage in short and long-term outcomes and reduce morbidity and mortality. This course is beneficial for any neonatal or pediatric healthcare provider (physicians, nurses, respiratory therapists) who must identify and care for neonates or infants with congenital heart disease.



S.T.A.B.L.E. Cardiac Module

### **S.T.A.B.L.E. Cardiac Module:**

If you would like to host Cardiac S.T.A.B.L.E. at your hospital, please contact [slapsley@valleychildrens.org](mailto:slapsley@valleychildrens.org) for more information.

**Location:** Valley Children's Hospital

**Registration:** Please email completed registration form (see page 17) to [slapsley@valleychildrens.org](mailto:slapsley@valleychildrens.org)

**Course Fee:** \$100

**Continuing Education Credits:** Provider approval pending by the California Board of Registered Nursing, provider number CEP316. Call 559-353-8771 for specific contact hours.

**Course Pre-Requisite:** Books must be purchased prior to class, and can be found online at [stableprogram.org/shop](http://stableprogram.org/shop). Pretest must be completed prior to attending the course.

## Neonatal Intensive Care: Quarterly Virtual Lectures

This two-hour virtual course is designed to educate participants on a topic that is specific to the neonatal population and pertinent to current evidence-based practices. The topic will vary annually and will be decided upon after assessing the educational needs of the outreach referring facilities.

This course is intended for physicians, nurses and respiratory therapists.

**When:** There will be quarterly NICU Education Seminars covering topics ranging from NRP 9th ed. updates, lactation support and more. Dates and topics will be emailed.

**Location:** Virtual Presentation

**Registration:** Please email [slapsley@valleychildrens.org](mailto:slapsley@valleychildrens.org) to be added to webcast email distribution list for instructions and log-in information.

**Course Fee:** Free

**Continuing Education Credits:** Provider approval pending by the California Board of Registered Nursing, provider number CEP316. Call 559-353-8771 for specific contact hours.



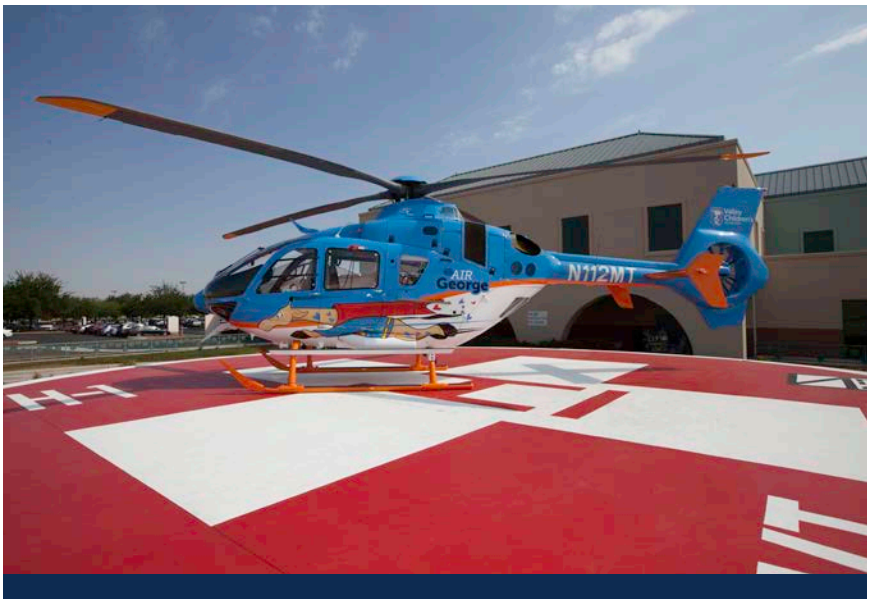
# Neonatal Transport Review

## Physician Case Presentations and Lectures

We are excited to offer educational opportunities to our primary care, obstetric and pediatric physicians in the Valley Children's Hospital region. This includes specific case reviews on neonatal stabilization care and subsequent hospitalization course of the infant transferred from referring facility. In addition, specific lectures may be requested.

### Lectures may include, but are not limited to:

- Limits of viability and discontinuation of resuscitation
- The late preterm infant
- Hypoxic-ischemic encephalopathy and hypothermia treatment
- Common respiratory disorders of the neonate
- Pulmonary air leak and treatment modalities
- Delivery room stabilization
- Informal debrief a delivery/transport case
- Other presentations are available upon request



## Neonatal Morbidity and Mortality (M & M)

### Conferences Presented Quarterly by Valley Children's

These conferences are designed to educate physicians, nurses, respiratory therapists and other healthcare professionals about topics related to mortality and morbidity of the neonatal population. No registration or fees required to attend these conferences.

Webcasts are available for most M&M conferences. Please email [slapsley@valleychildrens.org](mailto:slapsley@valleychildrens.org) to be added to webcast email distribution list for instructions and log-in information.

**When:** 2026 dates TBD

**Time:** TBD

**Location:** Virtual & Valley Children's Hospital

**Registration:** None required

**Course Fee:** Free

None of the faculty, planners, or staff involved in this CME activity have any relevant financial relationships with commercial interests. Valley Children's Hospital is accredited by the California Medical Association (CMA) to provide continuing medical education. Valley Children's Hospital designates this live activity for a maximum of 1.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

As an organization accredited for continuing medical education (CME), Valley Children's Hospital fully complies with the legal requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act rules and regulations.

#### **Notice to Learners**

All participants are reminded that webinars are privileged and confidential meetings through Valley Children's Healthcare, protected under California Evidence Code 1157 Confidential Peer Review, and Section 805 of the Business Professions Code. Presentations are protected information and are not to be shared.

## Lactation Education

These didactic workshops are designed to educate health care professionals who provide lactation support for mothers. This lactation education provides for discussion of current clinical management by means of lecture, case review, and open discussion.

**Topics presented may include but not limited to:**

- Breastfeeding and nutrition for term or pre-term infants
- Human milk banking and donor breastmilk
- Assessment and interventions for mother's milk supply

Please call Neonatal Outreach Education at 559-353-8771 to schedule this service.

**Continuing Education Credits:** Provider approval pending by the California Board of Registered Nursing, provider number CEP316. Call for specific contact hours.



## Valley Children's Access Center

Consultative services are available to all primary healthcare providers in the region. Clinical consultations are provided via telephone regarding management of the high-risk neonate. On-site consultative assessments of equipment, services and/or staff are available upon request.

This 24/7 one-stop center is designed for referring physicians. Access Center staff will route your call while you wait. You will always speak to a live person who will make sure your call is taken.

Use this toll-free number to obtain professional consultation with a specific physician or a physician in a specific specialty or subspecialty; facilitate direct physician-to-physician patient admissions; arrange emergency air or ground patient transport; facilitate the referral of a patient to Valley Children's; or remain informed about a referred patient's condition and/or discharge plans.

If you wish to speak to a physician who is unavailable, an Access Center representative can connect you to an available specialist or arrange for the requested physician to return your call that day.



 **Valley Children's**  
HEALTHCARE

**Valley Children's  
Access Center**

**866-353-KIDS**  
(5437)

**24/7 Provider Access**

- Speak directly with a pediatric specialist
- Refer a patient
- Emergency transport to Valley Children's Hospital

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## Mock Codes: Telemedicine Support for Community Hospitals

Valley Children’s Healthcare is proud to offer TeleNursery — a telemedicine solution designed to provide on-demand support and evidenced based newborn stabilization in community hospital settings. Through secure, high-quality video consultations, our program delivers immediate access to neonatology specialists, ensuring timely, expert support during critical moments.

If you have an existing telemedicine cart with Valley Children’s, and would like to set up mock drills or neonatal codes, contact [slapsley@valleychildrens.org](mailto:slapsley@valleychildrens.org).

### Clinical Scenarios Our TeleNursery Partnership Can Support

- Neonatal Resuscitation
- Respiratory Distress
- “Eyes-On” Evaluations
- Consultation

### Benefits For Your Hospital

- Neonatology expertise at the bedside—regardless of birth location.
  - Standardized, evidence-based stabilization and care algorithms.
  - Faster activation of neonatal critical care transport
  - Enhanced bedside clinician confidence in high-risk scenarios.
- Educational purposes- Support for mock codes, drills and team debriefings.

**Course Fee:** N/A

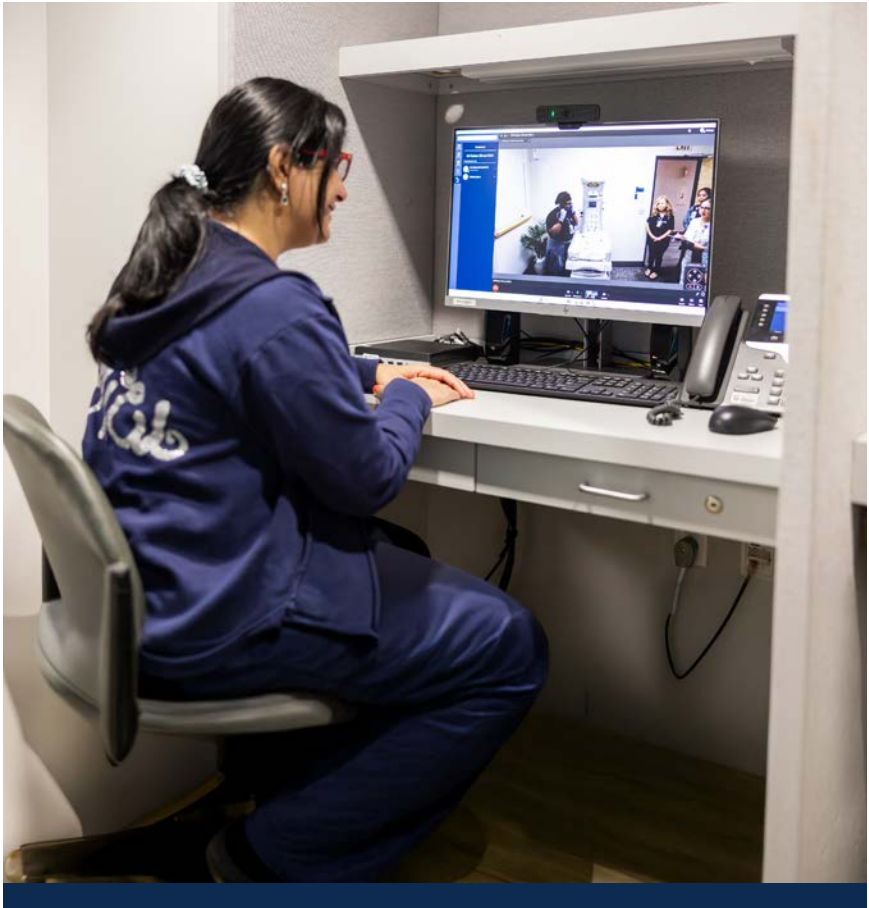
**Required Learning Manual:** N/A

**Continuing Education Credits:** N/A

**Contact:** If you have an existing telemedicine cart with Valley Children’s, and would like to set up mock drills or neonatal codes, contact [slapsley@valleychildrens.org](mailto:slapsley@valleychildrens.org).

### Want to set up your TeleNursery Program?

To partner up with Valley Children's to set up virtual newborn care in your hospital, contact Valley Children's Director of Clinical Partnerships Angie Guignard in office 559-353-8884, by mobile at 559-416-0154 or at [aguignard@valleychildrens.org](mailto:aguignard@valleychildrens.org), or Valley Children's Director of Digital Health Alyssa Webber in office at 559-353-8734, by mobile 559-367-3143 or at [awebber@valleychildrens.org](mailto:awebber@valleychildrens.org).



## Registration Information

Pre-registration is available for all courses offered at Valley Children's Hospital. Send Neonatal Outreach Education questions or requests via email to: [slapsley@valleychildrens.org](mailto:slapsley@valleychildrens.org).

**Please send completed registration forms to:**

Valley Children's Hospital  
Neonatal Outreach Education, SE20  
9300 Valley Children's Place  
Madera, CA 93636-8762

**Registration by Phone:** 559-353-8771

**Registration by Email:** [slapsley@valleychildrens.org](mailto:slapsley@valleychildrens.org)

**NRP Provider Course Only:** Please call Clinical Education at 559-353-5902 to register for this course and for course fee information.

**NRP Mentor Course Only:** Please contact [jnorgaard@valleychildrens.org](mailto:jnorgaard@valleychildrens.org) for registration information.

**Fee Schedule:** For current schedule of fees for courses, lectures and/or learning manuals, as well as information regarding continuing education availability, please contact Neonatal Outreach Education at 559-353-8771.

**If you have any other educational needs or suggestions, we would love to hear from you!**



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