

Neo-Skin SIG

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

The skin is the largest organ of the human body and protecting skin is an essential element in providing care to well, preterm and sick newborns. The Neo-Skin Special Interest Group provides a forum for discussion of practices that promote neonatal skin health and prevention and management of skin injury for neonates and their families. We also provide opportunities for neonatal nurses to explore and share quality improvement or research initiatives related to skin care and health.

Our focus

Protecting the skin is an essential element in providing care to well, preterm and sick newborns. Furthermore, maintaining skin integrity is a key outcome for the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards within Australia. Our focus is reviewing and promoting the best available evidence around neonatal skin injuries and promoting care to meet the key objectives within the NQSHS.

Key areas

- Skin assessment and risk assessment tools
- Management of scalp injuries
- Water based nappy wipes
- Medical adhesives
- Dressing guide
- Assessment of skin pigment in skin injuries
- Atopic dermatitis



Reference: <u>August D</u>, Kandasamy Y, Ray R and New K. Neonatal skin assessments and injuries: nomenclature, workplace culture, and clinical opinions – method triangulation a qualitative study. Journal of Clinical Nursing, 2020, https://doi.org/10.1111/jocn.15422



Membership

To be a member of the Neo-Skin SIG you need to be a member of ACNN. Join online at www.acnn.org.au or if you are already a member contact us at, neoskinsig@acnn.org.au to go on our email list.

Scholarships

Need financial assistance to attend a workshop or undertake QI or research project related to skin? Checkout the Neo-Skin scholarship under the scholarship tab on the website.

Resources

We endeavour stay informed and share evidence based or emerging resources for skin care and injury prevention (guideline updates, new publications etc.). Visit the members section of the website for helpful resources. You can also join our email list for more frequent updates.

Got a question or want more information?

Join one of the Zoom meetings open to all ACNN members (meeting dates and virtual education sessions advertised on our webpages)

 We also have a face-to-face meeting and organise a workshop event at the annual ACNN National Conference

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SIG Committee

The committee consists of a minimum of 5 members and there is no maximum. Roles are held for 12 months with option to re-nominate. Roles include:

- Co-chairs/Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer-Liaison
- Social Media Liaison
- Ordinary members (minimum of 2)

Interested in becoming a committee member or want to know what's involved? Just contact us!

For more information about the SIG and resources available visit our webpages in the members area of the website. Not a member of the SIG? Contact us for access to this area.



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