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Announcement

An NIH Consensus Development Conference on Infantile Apnea and Home Monitoring

The conference will be held September 29 and 30 and October 1, 1986 at the Masur Auditorium, Warren Grant Magnuson Clinical Center, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD.

It is sponsored by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; the Division of Maternal and Child Health, HRSA; the Food and Drug Administration; and the NIH Office of Medical Applications of Research.

Discussion will center on the specific indications for the use of home monitoring and for its discontinuation. A draft report, including options for a consensus statement, will be prepared by the consensus development panel and distributed to all registrants prior to the meeting. The draft report will consider the following key questions: 1) What is known about the relation of neonatal and infant apnea to each other and to mortality (especially SIDS) and morbidity in infancy? 2) What is the efficacy and safety of currently available home devices for detecting infant apnea? 3) What evidence exists regarding the effectiveness of home monitoring in reducing infant mortality (especially SIDS) and morbidity? 4) What recommendations can be made at present regarding the circumstances for the use of home apnea monitoring in infancy? 5) What further research is needed on home apnea monitoring for infants?

The conference will bring together pediatricians, neonatologists, family practitioners, epidemiologists, medical engineers, nurses, parents, and members of the public. Following 2 days of presentations by experts and members of the panel and comments by individuals and organizations in addition to discussion from the audience, the panel will consider the available evidence and modify its draft report as needed.

To register to attend the conference, contact Ms. Barbara McChesney, Prospect Associates, Suite 401, 2115 East Jefferson Street, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 468-655.