

Learning Activity:

LEARNING OBJECTIVES	EXPANDED CONTENT OUTLINE
The learner will be able to describe the current state of respiratory care of neonates in NICUs and the role of nasal continuous positive airway pressure in the respiratory management of neonates in the NICU.	1. An overview of current respiratory treatment modalities for respiratory distress among neonates in the NICU. 2. A discussion of the lack of evidence-based guidelines in this population when compared to the adult population.
The learner will be able to describe the results of a recent pilot study examining a suctioning protocol for neonates on nasal continuous positive airway pressure and the implications for building evidence-based guidelines and future practice.	1. An brief overview of the findings of prior study conducted by the research team which describes the suctioning practice of neonatal nurses in five NICUs in the United States. 2. An overview of the study methods including sample, setting, design, procedures and results. 3. A discussion of the implications of these findings in clinical practice.