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Name of Meeting: UW DFMCH OB Faculty Meeting
Date of Meeting: May 5, 2026
7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., WebEx

Residency Faculty:

Estefan Beltran, MD	X	Jillian Landeck, MD		Nick Sullivan, DO	X
Bonnie Brown, MD		Maggie Larson, DO		Jennifer Svarverud, DO	
Jensena Carlson, MD	X	Jonas Lee, MD		Patricia Tellez-Giron, MD	
Allison Couture, DO		Evelyn Luner, MD	X	Morgan White, MD	X
Lee Dresang, MD	X	Billy Michael, MD	X	Lashika Yogendran, MD	X
Thomas Hahn, MD		Nivi Nair, MD	X	River Cornelius, MD (fellow)	
David Hardin, MD		Ken Noguchi, MD	X	Allie Hecht, DO (fellow)	
Bethany Howlett, MD	X	Carol Platt, DO	X	Kim Krawzak, MD (fellow)	
Sarah James, DO	X	Caitlin Regner, MD	X	Micah Larson, MD (fellow)	
Brian Kenealy, MD		Samantha Sharp, MD	X	Kyle Sherwin, DO (fellow)	X
Community Faculty:				**Staff:**	
Gina Arnold, MD	X	Cassondra Kovach, MD	X	Jenny White	X
Sreevalli Atluru, MD	X	Michael Leasure, MD	X	Monica Bachmann	
Haley Bodette, MD	X	Michele Malloy, MD	X		
Nathan Gorman, DO	X	Anne Niebler, MD	X	**Guests:**	
Danielle Hartwig, MD		Rachael Rainey Thomas, MD	X	Zer Moua	X
				Liz Goetz	X
Newborn Rounding:				Britt Wanta	X
Samantha Bibee, MD					
Lauren Brooks, DO		Milap Dubal, MD		Elle Meisner, MD	
Jacob Bryan, MD	X	Bob Freidel, MD	X	Peter Pickhardt, MD	X
Kristin Catani, MD	X	Laura Kuhn, MD		Mary Thompson, MD	
Jess Dalby, MD		Mark McCabe, MD	X	Todd Vassalli, MD	X

UW DFMCH OB and Newborn Hub:
https://sites.google.com/wisc.edu/dfmchobnewborn/home

Recording link:
https://uwmadison.webex.com/uwmadison/ldr.php?RCID=0472472196822559d562bedda78185df
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Minutes

1. **Caring for Newborns: Meriter Newborn Collaborations - Zer Moua, Family Care Center Clinical Practice Leader** (Recording 0:00 – 36:50)

    a. Upcoming Meriter Policy Updates and Clarifications:
        i. Circumcision –updated language that if provider feels comfortable doing circumcision for families that refused Vitamin K, that will be allowed.

        ii. Newborn falls – not much changing

        iii. Newborn Recovery in Care – clarification:
            1. Do not delay baths for HIV positive newborns and active HSV lesions
            2. Can delay baths for Hep B and Hep C positive newborns

iv. Newborn Hypoglycemia Policy:
    1. Meriter amended how they handle escalation of care, given Meriter does not have Level 2 Nursery.
    2. Main difference – if baby has 2nd low blood sugar, will start baby on supplementation

b. Vitamin K Refusals
    i. Meriter is seeing an uptick in families refusing Vitamin K since 2022. Refusals are higher for female newborns vs. male newborns.

    ii. Current protocol has the Peds team do an in-person consent for all the Vit K refusal patients. As the number of refusals is increasing, and also happening more often overnight, Dr. Goetz would like to propose that the team caring for the newborn do their own Vitamin K refusal consent.
        1. Dr. Goetz will check with Peds Hematology about the timing window of the Vitamin K refusal consent.

    iii. Given the UW FM OB/NB group has multiple care models for dyads and newborns, Dr. Goetz asks that we create an internal protocol for completing the informed consent for Vit K refusal.
        1. This could also be a chance to discuss standard of practice within our group about offering circumcisions to patients who refuse Vitamin K.

c. Hypoglycemia Protocol
    i. There is tension in having a level 1 Nursery and a level 3 NICU; there is no in-between place to manage hypoglycemia once it has passed the capacity of the nursery but not yet reached the level of the NICU.

    ii. Introduction of 22 calorie formula after the 2nd low blood sugar reading may help keep those babies out of the NICU.
        1. Faculty noted that if the nursery is giving supplementation more often, it would be helpful to have guidance on continued or stepped down supplementation at discharge, for both the patient and the outpatient provider.

    iii. Meriter is currently discussing the option of providing Level 2 nursery care, both through the cost/revenue cycle and from a space perspective, but no specific plans yet.

d. Committee Involvement – Dr. Goetz encouraged more FM physicians to get involved on Meriter Newborn Committees, and stop by her office to talk (Meriter – 6 Center):
    i. Newborn Nursery Committee – meets monthly; 3rd Tues, 11:45 – 1:00

    ii. Newborn Clinical Consortium – meets 2nd Monday, every other month; 1:00-2:50p, odd-numbered months. Task groups may meet on off months.

    iii. Lactation Committee – meets on the 2nd Friday, every other month, from 8:00-9:00a, odd-numbered months.

iv. Newborn Grand Rounds - next one on 6/1, 7:30a, James Bigham, MD, MPH, “Not Vaxxed…Yet: Fostering a Growth Mindset in Vaccine Hesitant Newborn Parents”

2. **Teaching Newborn Topics: DFMCH Residency Newborn Curriculum Review and Discussion – Billy Michael, MD** (Recording 36:51 – 55:40)

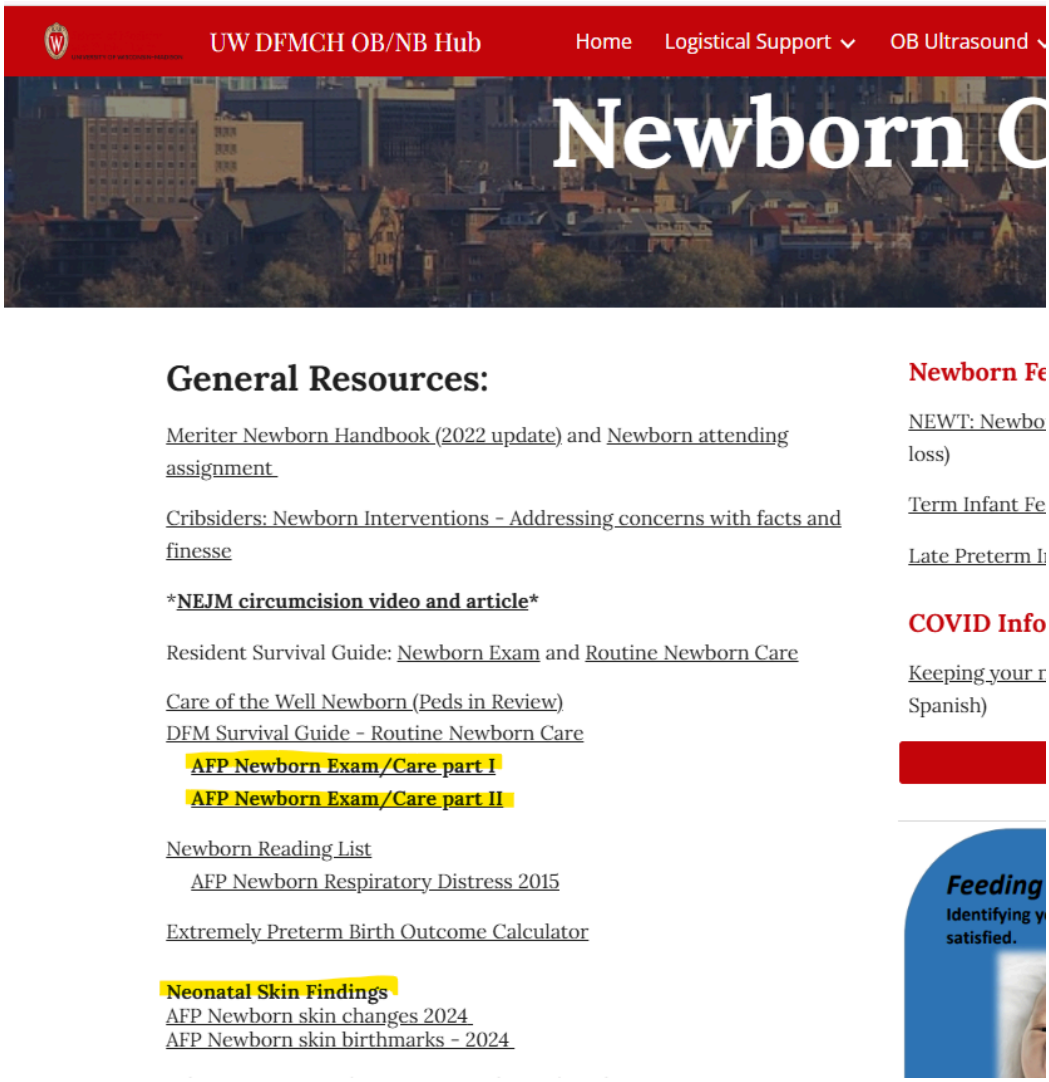
   a. Prior to residency:
      i. Tom meets with incoming residents virtually to discuss their rotational experience in medical school to understand how much (or how little) adult/pediatric inpatient, OB, ICU and newborn care they have had.
      ii. Newborn education from med school is highly variable among incoming residents.

   b. During Orientation:
      i. Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP)
      ii. Circumcision training using a model
      iii. Billy sends out reading/listening list of high-yield articles and podcasts to all new residents. The list encompasses many topics covering inpatient and OB, but specific to Newborn, it includes the AAFP articles on general newborn examination part I and part II from 2014, and newborn skin part I (common rashes) and part II (birthmarks) from 2024.

   c. R1 Lectures:
      i. Pitfalls and Pearls of Hyperbilirubinemia – Lash Yogendran - August
      ii. Normal and Abnormal findings in Newborn – sometime Aug – Oct
      iii. Neonatal Potpourri – Dr. Fliman at SSM – late winter/early spring
      iv. Breastfeeding 101 and 102 – planning to start this next year – Nivi Nair, with help from Michele Malloy

   d. Newborn rotation for interns:
      i. Mostly involves lactation, genetic counseling and independent reading focusing on the newborn Exam, respiratory concerns, and other high-yield topics

   e. FMONS – on-the-job newborn training
      i. Billy is considering how to give residents more timely reminders to review the AAFP articles on general newborn examination part I and part II from 2014, and newborn skin part I (common rashes) and part II (birthmarks) from 2024.
      ii. Both of these resources are located on the OB Newborn Hub on the Newborn page.



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Tues, July 1, 2025	Tues, Oct 7, 2025	Tues, Jan 6, 2026	Tues, Apr 7, 2026
Tues, Aug 5, 2025 (+Newborn)	Tues, Nov 4, 2025 (+Newborn)	Tues, Feb 3, 2026 (+Newborn)	Tues, May 5, 2026 (+Newborn)
Tues, Sept 2, 2025 (In Person)	Tues, Dec 2, 2025 (In Person)	Tues, Mar 3, 2026 (In Person)	Tues, June 2, 2026 (In Person)