

## ILPQC 2026 Neonatal Face-to-Face Agenda

Abraham Lincoln Doubletree, Springfield, IL

Thursday, May 21st, 2026, 9:00am-3:50pm

9:00-9:15am	<p><b>VIP Welcome</b></p> <p><b>Lily Lou, MD, FAAP</b> <i>Neonatologist and Public Health Leader, UI Health</i></p> <p><b>Overview of the Day</b></p> <p><b>Leslie Caldarelli, MD and Justin Josephsen, MD</b> <i>Neonatal Clinical Co-Leads, ILPQC</i></p>
9:15-9:45am	<p><b>Celebrating ESSI &amp; Framing the Path Forward</b></p> <p><b>Leslie Caldarelli, MD and Justin Josephsen, MD</b> <i>Neonatal Clinical Co-Leads, ILPQC</i></p>
9:45-10:30am	<p><b>Beyond the Bedside: Building Mental Health Support for NICU Families</b></p> <p>Ann Downey, MD, MSc <i>Neonatologist, Medical Director of Neonatology and Neonatal Quality, Children's Minnesota</i></p>
10:30-10:45am	<b>Break</b>
10:45-11:40am	<p><b>Too Early to Be Overlooked: Coordinated Care for Late Preterm Infants</b></p> <p><i>Framing Remarks by</i> <b>Leslie Caldarelli, MD and Justin Josephsen, MD</b></p> <p><b>Maia Birchmoon-Gordon, BSN, RNC, IBCLC</b> <i>Lactation Consultant and Nurse, Endeavor Health Swedish Hospital</i></p> <p><b>Kristina Dakis, MD</b> <i>Family Medicine Physician and Medical Director, Gibson Area Hospital and Health Services</i></p> <p><b>Malika D. Shah, MD</b> <i>Neonatologist, Medical Director, Newborn Nursery, Prentice Women's Hospital Northwestern Medicine</i></p>
11:40-12:00pm	<b>QI Excellence Award Ceremony</b>
12:00-1:10pm	<p><b>Team Storyboard Session: An Opportunity to Share and Learn</b></p> <p><b>Networking Lunch</b></p>
	<p><b>Breakout Sessions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two Patients, One Opportunity: Advancing Perinatal Mental Health</li> <li>Making ESSI Stick: Building Durable Systems for Ongoing Success</li> <li>Delivery Room to Discharge: Comprehensive Care Pathways for the Late Preterm Infant</li> </ul>
1:10-1:50pm	<b>Breakout Session 1: Small Group Key Topic Discussions on Implementation Strategies</b>
1:50-2:00pm	<b>Transition to Breakout Sessions</b>
2:00-2:40pm	<b>Breakout Session 2: Small Group Key Topic Discussions on Implementation Strategies</b>
2:40-2:50pm	<b>Transition to Breakout Sessions</b>
2:50-3:30pm	<b>Breakout Session 3: Small Group Key Topic Discussions on Implementation Strategies</b>
3:30-3:50pm	<p><b>Closing Reflections &amp; Celebration: Advancing Perinatal Care Together</b></p> <p><b>Leslie Caldarelli, MD and Justin Josephsen, MD</b> <i>Neonatal Clinical Co-Leads, ILPQC</i></p>