

# **NEW YORK STATE PERINATAL ASSOCIATION**

## **Purpose**

To promote the well-being of prospective mothers, infants, and communities, and to promote perinatal education throughout the state of New York.

## **Mission Statement**

The New York State Perinatal Association is a state-wide alliance of health and human service professionals and consumers concerned with perinatal health issues from preconception through early childhood. NYSPA advocates for optimal perinatal care and parenting by promoting education and research, influencing state priorities and encouraging a multi-cultural and multi-disciplinary approach to maternal and child health.

## **NYSPA Activities**

- Promote community awareness regarding perinatal issues throughout New York State.
- Enhance the delivery of perinatal services through provision of educational and coalition building opportunities.
- Develop position statements regarding proposed legislation, regulations and policies affecting maternal-child health in New York State.
  - Serve as a resource for policy-making bodies.

## **NYSPA is:**

- A Member of:  
**National Healthy Mothers/ Healthy Babies Coalition (HM/HB)**
- One of 27 state organizations which comprise the State Forum of the **National Perinatal Association (NPA)**.

### **NYSPA maintains the following associations:**

- **New York State Association of Regional Perinatal Programs (NYSARPP)**
  - ◆ *NYSARPP, an association of members from each of the 20 institutions in New York State designated as Regional Perinatal Centers, is a section member of NYSPA and has a voting seat on the Board of Directors.*
- **American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG)**
  - ◆ *ACOG is a Section member of NYSPA and has a voting seat on the Board of Directors.*
- **March of Dimes**
  - ◆ *The March of Dimes is a collaborating partner with NYSPA.*
- **New York State Department of Health (DOH)**
  - ◆ *NYSPA serves as an advisory board to NYSDOH.*
- **Association of Perinatal Networks**
  - ◆ *APN is a Section member of NYSPA and has a voting seat on the Board of Directors.*

# **NYSPA PRESIDENTS**

1986 - 1988      **Solan Chao, M.D.** (deceased)  
Chairman, Ob/Gyn; St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital

1988 - 1989      **L. Stanley James, M.D.** (deceased 1994)  
former Director of Perinatology; College of Physicians & Surgeons; Columbia University;  
Babies Hospital(considered one of the pioneers in neonatology)

1989 - 1990      **Elizabeth Cooper, CNM, Ed.D.**  
Nurse; Midwife; Strong Memorial Hospital; Rochester, NY

1990 - 1991      **Donna O'Hare, M.D.**  
Project Director; Maternity Infant Care Health Planning Projects/MHRA; NYC

1991 - 1992      **Thomas Foels, M.D.**  
Pediatrician; Buffalo, NY

1992 - 1993      **Richard Olson**  
Informatics; Computer software; Syracuse, NY

1993 - 1994      **Rita Harper, M.D.**  
Chief, Perinatal Medicine; North Shore University Hospital

1994 - 1995      **Iffath Hoskins, M.D.**  
Chief of Obstetrics; Director, Perinatal Diagnostic Unit; Bellevue Hospital/ New York University  
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1995 - 1997      **Paul B. Yellin, M.D.**  
Senior Vice President for Medical Affairs and Graduate Medical Education, New York  
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**1997 - 1999**      **Donna M. Cashman, PHN**  
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## BENEFITS OF SECTION MEMBERSHIP

- One voting position in Section Board of Directors
- One set of all mailings per year
- Up to 20 copies of each Newsletter
- Access to Speakers Bureau - two presentations per year
- One admission to Annual NYSPA conference
- Opportunity to have Poster presentation at Annual Conference
- Opportunity to have Exhibitor's table @ NYSPA Annual Conference
- Acknowledgment of all section members in all Newsletter editions and at the Annual NYSPA conference

FEE: The annual fee for section members is \$700.

To obtain or renew benefits for your organization as a Section Member of the New York State Perinatal Association, complete the attached form and return with payment to:

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45 Lewis Street Binghamton, New York 13901

If any questions, please call 1-877-268-5072

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# **WHY BECOME INVOLVED IN NYSPA?**

Access to health information and resources for your organization and employees.

Maximize utilization of perinatal resources in New York State and your community.

Proactive involvement in decision-making processes and strategic planning concerning maternal/child health, at state and local levels.

Outreach and education for your employees.

Linkages with health and human service providers.

Recognition as a community partner.

# NYSPA ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Regional forums to link partners to enhance perinatal health.
- Collaborative conference with representatives from Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York on “Crossing Boundaries & Disciplines to Improve Perinatal Care”,(6/00)
- Advocated for increased PCAP eligibility to 250% FPL (2000)
- Worked with March of Dimes and other organizations to urge Governor Pataki to provide a gradual transition for the care of pregnant women to mandatory managed Medicaid, to support presumptive eligibility for prenatal care, and other key components of the PCAP standards. These efforts led to the successful inclusion of PCAP standards in the NYS Medicaid Managed Care Legislation, 1996.
- Provided testimony at numerous Public Hearings including invited testimony before the Governor’s Commission on Child Abuse and Neglect (2/96) and the State Senate’s Insurance Committee.
- Serves as an advisory to state government through representation on various bodies to the Executive and Legislative branches-including the Assembly Health Committee’s Perinatal Advisory Committee, various Ad Hoc Advisory Groups to the NYS Department of Health including those on Perinatal Regionalization, and Comprehensive Newborn HIV Testing Programs.
- Supported Legislative efforts for:
  - The Midwifery Act
  - Waving citizenship requirements for medical licence in New York State (to increase the number of obstetrical providers and increase to care access for pregnant women)
  - Direct access to obstetrical care, 1993
  - Universal primary care for children in New York State (NYS Child Health Act)
  - Address potential hazards resulting from trends in early post-partum discharge of mothers and their babies.
- Successfully challenged legislative efforts to include family savings and investment assets in eligibility criteria for PCAP, 1992
- Endorsed the need for tort reform for the Neurologically Impaired Infant, 1992

- Helped develop regulations relating to the provision of nutritional and psychosocial services for pregnant women in New York State, increased remuneration for physicians treating Medicaid patients and reduced reporting requirements, 1990.
- Supported Governor's initiative to expand funding for prenatal care to women with incomes up to 185% of poverty levels, 1989.
- Supported Governor's initiative to expand the Prenatal Care Assistance Program (PCAP), 1988.

**Position Statements Available on:**

- Medicaid Managed Care
- Neurologically Impaired Infant Legislation
- Maternal/Newborn Transport
- Universal Newborn Hearing Screening
- PCAP Expansion

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