



## American Academy of Pediatrics releases the Neonatal Resuscitation Program, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition to elevate neonatal resuscitation, education and training in U.S. hospitals

### *Coincides with AAP and RQI Partners' launch of first-ever neonatal resuscitation quality improvement solution*

**DALLAS, June 8, 2021** – The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) debuts the 8<sup>th</sup> Edition of its internationally recognized [Neonatal Resuscitation Program® \(NRP®\)](#) in June. This Edition of NRP also highlights a strategic alliance, [announced last October](#), with RQI Partners to develop improved educational solutions for neonatal resuscitation training. The 8<sup>th</sup> Edition of NRP features enhancements to course content, learning levels and education delivery methods that bring greater effectiveness and efficiency to neonatal resuscitation, education and training for healthcare professionals through:

- **Two levels of provider learning:** NRP Essentials for all providers who care for newborns or NRP Advanced for professionals who lead newborn resuscitation or participate in complex resuscitations.
- **The NRP Learning Platform™:** a new learning management system hosted by RQI Partners designed to optimize responsiveness and efficiency.
- **Two education delivery method options:** traditional instructor-led training and the new RQI *for* NRP, which incorporates the True Adaptive™ learning design. Leveraging artificial intelligence, courses offer personalized instruction tailored to and driven by individual needs, knowledge, actions and performance.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Edition can be purchased exclusively through RQI Partners, a partnership between and service provider for the American Heart Association, the leading voluntary health organization devoted to a world of longer, healthier lives, and Laerdal Medical, the world leader in medical simulation and resuscitation training.

For the first time, the AAP's Neonatal Resuscitation Program combines with the American Heart Association and Laerdal Medical's co-developed [Resuscitation Quality Improvement® Program \(RQI®\)](#) to create RQI *for* NRP — a new and innovative quality improvement solution. Quarterly, self-directed instruction leads to mastery, maintenance and verified competence on a neonatal simulator for the single most, impactful intervention for newborns needing resuscitation: positive pressure ventilation.

"We're thrilled to collaborate with RQI Partners to introduce RQI *for* NRP as part of our Neonatal Resuscitation Program, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition," said Janna Patterson, MD, MPH, FAAP, senior vice president,

Global Child Health and Life Support at the American Academy of Pediatrics. “This groundbreaking program makes low-dose, high-frequency practice of positive pressure ventilation skills easy and accessible for the first time. The innovations included in the 8<sup>th</sup> Edition will enhance the NRP experience for learners as well as educators and administrators, ultimately improving patient care and outcomes.”

Developed in 1987 by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Heart Association, the Neonatal Resuscitation Program teaches an evidence-based approach to newborn resuscitation and facilitates effective team-based care for providers who attend to newborns at the time of delivery. Currently, there are more than 400,000 NRP providers and 20,000 instructors in the U.S. alone. RQI, launched in 2015, is a self-directed, simulation-based performance, mastery learning and quality improvement program for healthcare professionals that offers “low-dose, high-frequency” hands-on learning sessions through quarterly CPR skills practice coupled with real-time feedback, debriefing and analytics. The RQI program is currently used by more than 1,000 hospitals nationwide and outside the country.

“Leveraging science from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Heart Association’s leadership in resuscitation education and Laerdal Medical’s expertise in neonatal simulation solutions, we have developed another lifesaving resource,” said Clive Patrickson, RQI Partners’ chief executive officer. “RQI for NRP and the complete Neonatal Resuscitation Program, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition have taken neonatal resuscitation education to a higher plane, positioning clinical providers to set a new standard in emergency care. Together, we are transforming resuscitation for life.”

In addition to influencing neonatal resuscitation educational solutions in U.S. hospitals, the AAP and RQI Partners will maximize novel programs and international collaboration to reach and engage new audiences and customers, further extending the availability of the Neonatal Resuscitation Program around the globe.

For more information about RQI for NRP, visit [www.rqipartners.com/nrp](http://www.rqipartners.com/nrp). To learn more about the NRP, visit the [AAP website](#).

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**Additional Resource:**

- [RQI for NRP Launch B-roll](#)

**About the American Academy of Pediatrics**

The American Academy of Pediatrics is an organization of 67,000 primary care pediatricians, pediatric medical subspecialists and pediatric surgical specialists dedicated to the health, safety and well-being of infants, children, adolescents and young adults. For more information, visit [www.aap.org](http://www.aap.org).

**About the American Heart Association**

The American Heart Association is a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives. We are dedicated to ensuring equitable health in all communities. Through collaboration with numerous organizations, and powered by millions of volunteers, we fund innovative research, advocate for the

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### **About RQI Partners LLC**

RQI Partners LLC is a partnership between the American Heart Association and Laerdal Medical, positioning the organizations to deliver innovative solutions that accelerate the impact of their lifesaving mission. The company blends the Association's leadership in science and resuscitation education with Laerdal's expertise in technology and implementation to deliver impactful and innovative resuscitation quality improvement programs. For more information, visit [www.rqipartners.com](http://www.rqipartners.com) and follow us on [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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