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### PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Board Certification: Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine, American Board of Pediatrics (2010)
- Fellowship: Univ of California San Francisco, School of Medicine (2009) CA United States of America
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- Residency: Univ of California San Francisco, School of Medicine (2006) CA United States of America
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### Research & Scholarship

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### CLINICAL TRIALS

- TIME Study: Therapeutic Hypothermia for Infants With Mild Encephalopathy, Not Recruiting

### Publications

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### PUBLICATIONS

- **Magnesium sulfate and risk of hypoxic ischemic encephalopathy in a high-risk cohort.** *American journal of obstetrics and gynecology*  
Minor, K. C., Liu, J., Druzin, M. L., El-Sayed, Y. Y., Hintz, S. R., Bonifacio, S. L., Leonard, S. A., Lee, H. C., Profit, J., Karakash, S. D.  
2024

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2024
- **Neuroprotective therapies in the NICU in preterm infants: present and future (Neonatal Neurocritical Care Series).** *Pediatric research*  
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- **Evolution of the Sarnat exam and association with 2-year outcomes in infants with moderate or severe hypoxic-ischaemic encephalopathy: a secondary analysis of the HEAL Trial.** *Archives of disease in childhood. Fetal and neonatal edition*  
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2023
- **Evolution of the Sarnat exam and association with 2-year outcomes in infants with moderate or severe hypoxic-ischaemic encephalopathy: a secondary analysis of the HEAL Trial ARCHIVES OF DISEASE IN CHILDHOOD-FETAL AND NEONATAL EDITION**  
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2023
- **Scalp Swelling, a Proxy for "Birth Trauma," Is Not Associated With Neonatal Brain Injury.** *Neurology*  
Bonifacio, S. L., de Vries, L. S.  
2023
- **Association of EEG Background and Neurodevelopmental Outcome in Neonates With Hypoxic-Ischemic Encephalopathy Receiving Hypothermia.** *Neurology*  
Glass, H. C., Numis, A. L., Comstock, B. A., Gonzalez, F. F., Mietzsch, U., Bonifacio, S. L., Massey, S., Thomas, C., Natarajan, N., Mayock, D. E., Sokol, G. M., Van Meurs, K. P., Ahmad, et al  
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- **Neonatal encephalopathy and hypoxic-ischemic encephalopathy: moving from controversy to consensus definitions and subclassification.** *Pediatric research*  
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- **Early Discontinuation of Phenobarbital After Acute Symptomatic Neonatal Seizures in the Term Newborn.** *Neurology. Clinical practice*  
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● **Trial of Erythropoietin for Hypoxic-Ischemic Encephalopathy in Newborns.** *The New England journal of medicine*  
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- **Cardiac Dysfunction in Neonatal HIE Is Associated with Increased Mortality and Brain Injury by MRI.** *American journal of perinatology*  
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- **The Term Newborn: Evaluation for Hypoxic-Ischemic Encephalopathy.** *Clinics in perinatology*  
Bonifacio, S. L., Hutson, S.  
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- **Unanswered questions in neonates with NE.** *Seminars in fetal & neonatal medicine*  
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- **Issues in the daily management of neonates with NE.** *Seminars in fetal & neonatal medicine*  
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- **Unanswered questions regarding therapeutic hypothermia for neonates with neonatal encephalopathy.** *Seminars in fetal & neonatal medicine*  
Sabir, H., Bonifacio, S. L., Gunn, A. J., Thoresen, M., Chalak, L. F., Newborn Brain Society Guidelines and Publications Committee  
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- **Seizure Control in Neonates Undergoing Screening vs Confirmatory EEG Monitoring.** *Neurology*  
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- **Characterization of Death in Infants With Neonatal Seizures.** *Pediatric neurology*

- Lemmon, M. E., Bonifacio, S. L., Shellhaas, R. A., Wusthoff, C. J., Greenberg, R. G., Soul, J. S., Chang, T. n., Chu, C. J., Bates, S. n., Massey, S. L., Abend, N. S., Cilio, M. R., Glass, et al  
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- **Neonatal Neurocritical Care: Providing Brain-Focused Care for All at Risk Neonates.** *Seminars in pediatric neurology*  
Bonifacio, S. L., Van Meurs, K.  
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  - **Differences in patient characteristics and care practices between two trials of therapeutic hypothermia** *PEDIATRIC RESEARCH*  
Bonifacio, S. L., McDonald, S. A., Chock, V. Y., Wusthoff, C. J., Hintz, S. R., Laptook, A. R., Shankara, S., Van Meurs, K. P.  
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  - **Differences in patient characteristics and care practices between two trials of therapeutic hypothermia.** *Pediatric research*  
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  - **Response to antiseizure medications in neonates with acute symptomatic seizures** *EPILEPSIA*  
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  - **Response to antiseizure medications in neonates with acute symptomatic seizures.** *Epilepsia*  
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  - **Toward the elimination of bias in Pediatric Research.** *Pediatric research*  
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2019
  - **Development of a NeuroNICU with a Broader Focus on All Newborns at Risk of Brain Injury: The First 2 Years** *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PERINATOLOGY*  
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