
Hello!

Posted by Kmcnealy - 2008/01/06 21:25

My name is Kristie, and I have 3 kids. My older two were both premature, with the second arriving at 31 weeks and spending 7 weeks in the NICU. I'll share more about her story soon. I'd do it now, but there is total chaos going on upstairs (the kids are 5yrs, 2 yrs, and 3 mos... you do the math!).

I look forward to meeting everybody on here who's in the NICU, or has been there before.

Please introduce yourselves!

-Kristie

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Re:Hello!

Posted by Kelby - 2008/01/08 03:33

Hello! I had three in the NICU, all born six weeks early. My first was only there for a week, but it was over Christmas and it was just a horrible experience. With the twins, we weren't NICU rookies anymore... that made it a little easier, but their stays were longer. And, of course, there was the sadness of taking one home and splitting her up from her brother who stayed.

I love your Web site and what you do to help NICU parents! I look forward to your advice here, and to meeting other NICU moms. We are in a bit of our own club, like it or not. :unsure:

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Re:Hello!

Posted by Kmcnealy - 2008/01/08 08:06

Camden spent Christmas in the NICU too, and it was definitely terrible. I was discharged on Christmas Eve.

As far as her story goes, I was in the hospital on bedrest for a week, because she was breech and I had almost no cervix left. They were afraid I wouldn't be able to get to the hospital on time, and she would be delivered breech, at home. . . She started having decels, and had to be delivered by c-section. She was on a vent for 7 days, had NEC, pneumonia, a rota virus infection, etc.

She's 2 now, and finally doing better with her chronic lung disease. Now we're just working on talking, and some sensory issues.

Can't wait to hear other people's stories!

-Kristie

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Re:Hello!

Posted by JodiG - 2008/01/20 08:38

My youngest (4 months old now) ended up in NICU for a few days. It was weird because I'd always associated NICU with pre-term and very small babies. He was born at 38 weeks and was 9 pounds 2 oz. He had blood sugar problems, which doesn't seem like much in the grand scheme of what happens in NICU but it was plenty scary for us!

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Re:Hello!

Posted by Kmcnealy - 2008/01/20 23:50

The NICU is stressful no matter how long or short your stay is. Did you have gestational diabetes?

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Re:Hello!

Posted by JodiG - 2008/01/21 02:52

No, I didn't. That was about the ONLY thing that didn't happen with that pregnancy. I spent 4 months on bed rest and ended up w/ preeclampsia on the day I was induced. It wasn't the easiest pregnancy. But everyone is healthy now

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Re:Hello!

Posted by Kelby - 2008/01/21 03:03

Bed rest is noooooo fun! I was on it for about 2.5 months with the twins. Agonizing!!! And I also know it's weird to do a NICU stint with a larger baby. It just feels like they should go home! My first was 8 pounds, 2 ounces (born at 34 weeks! and yes, I did get GD). She was twice the size of some of the babies there! It was odd.

I'm glad you guys are all doing great now. Some pregnancies are just... work... :(

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Re:Hello!

Posted by RestoringMom - 2008/01/26 07:31

My youngest was in the NICU for a couple of weeks after her birth for PPHN. She wasn't a preemie either, scheduled C-section with resulting respiratory distress.

I've written a free eBook "For Those Who Hold the Littlest Hands" that's a resource for other NICU parents. The information to download this complimentary eBook are in the NICU section of this website.

She was transferred on Easter morning after a blessing from a Spiritual Care Director. You can read his thoughts in the online article "Healing Blessing in the Intensive Care Nursery." Ironically Jurgen himself became a NICU parent following the birth of his second.

Our NICU experiences were used as an example of blessings and healing at the beginning of life in "Spiritual Dimensions of Hospice Care: Blessings, Dreams and Storytelling." This Video was the first of a 3-part series produced by Kaiser Permanente for a 2002 Clinical Video Conference. The series is still available.

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Re:Hello!

Posted by Type1Tup - 2008/07/29 21:37

Hi! when my brother and sister were born they were also born premature and they're twins...is the NICU the aquarium thingy? cuz that's where my brother and sister were put in for a couple weeks i think i don't remember much because i was like 6 years old when they were born but when they came home they had this computer system they were suppose to have with them 24/7 so it can monitor their breathing it was scary because they were so little

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