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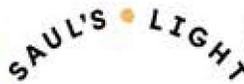
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Rest in Peace, Aida Simonian



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CEO, PAC/LAC



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What follows are sentiments from her colleagues at the FCC Taskforce and CPQCC's Perinatal Quality Improvement Panel:

"We are so grateful to Aida for her tireless support of infant health and family-centered care throughout her career. She was a passionate contributor to the FCC Taskforce and will be greatly missed."

-Colby Day, MD

Medical Director, Golisano Children's Hospital NICU at University of Rochester Medical Center

Co-Chair, FCC Taskforce

"Aida was a fearless nurse leader who touched the lives of countless NICU families and patients. Her advocacy for them was not just a job, but a lifelong commitment that left a profound impact on all who knew her, both personally and professionally. "

"I have known Aida through volunteer work on the California Perinatal Quality Care Collaborative Executive Panel for the past 8 years. For the past three years, we have collaborated as part of the Gravens Conference planning committee. I met with her a few times one-on-one and learned more about her long-standing

passion for family-centered care in the NICU, how she included families in her early career as a neonatal nurse, and how she has advocated for family inclusion. Without hesitation, Aida joined the FCC Taskforce as an Executive Council member. She did not want to receive any honorarium or financial support for her time, so she provided CME support for educational activities. Despite her busy schedule, she facilitated FCC Taskforce Office Hours earlier in the year and shared her expertise. Aida was a fearless nurse leader who touched the lives of countless NICU families and patients. Her advocacy for them was not just a job, but a lifelong commitment that left a profound impact on all who knew her, both personally and professionally. I'm deeply saddened that we won't be able to work alongside one another in our passion of advocating for NICU families. I will truly miss her."

-Malathi Balasundaram, MD

Attending Neonatologist, El Camino Health NICU

Founder & Co-Chair, Family-Centered Care Taskforce

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-Keria Sorrells

Founder & Executive Director, NICU Parent Network

Co-Chair, Family-Centered Care Taskforce

“Aida was a tireless worker for NICU babies and their families. She was a kind-hearted and warm person. She put her heart and soul into her work on the Gravens Conference, making sure things went smoothly. We are grateful and thankful to her for all the support that she provided. She will be missed.”

-Vincent C. Smith, MD

Division Chief of Newborn Medicine, Boston Medical Center

Professor of Pediatrics, Boston University Medical School

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-Courtney C Breault, MSN, RN, CPHQ
Associate Director of Quality, CPQCC

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“I recall her fierce advocacy for the babies, parents and nurses and how it helped raise the bar for all of us in that nursery in our efforts to bring our best selves and our best teamwork in service of each other and our families.”

-David Braun, MD

Associate Investigator of Neonatology, South California
Permanente Medical Group

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-Morgan Kowalski

NICU Parent

Program Manager, Family-Centered Care Taskforce

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