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Measurement of regional oxygenation, especially with the use of nearinfrared spectroscopy (NIRS), is the main research area of Berndt Urlesberger. Furthermore, the transitional period from fetal to neonatal life is the main focus of recent research. Here again, the use of NIRS and its possible clinical use during this period is the central topic. Berndt Urlesberger authored and co-authored publications in the field of Neonatology with the topics Neonatal Transition, Cerebral Oxygen Supply Mechanical Ventilation, Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation, Cerebral Development, Neurodevelopmental Outcome. He authored 145 original publications and 10 book chapters.

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