

## The Path forward

In a country of 1.16 billion population of whom 31.5% are children, the no of paediatricians required to justify the cause of child health would be a huge number which at present is neither feasible nor practical. In such a situation, empowering the community physician (who often is the first and only contact to majority of the children) with the knowledge and necessary skills to manage common childhood emergencies would make a huge difference to the health of children. Thus, in an attempt to improve the morbidity and mortality in children at the community level (rural as well as urban) at the community level, a high-level meeting was held on 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2010 at the India International centre, New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by national and international experts in the field of Emergency Medicine and Intensive Care including Dr J S Surpure (USA), Dr Sunit Singhi (PGIMER, Chandigarh) and Dr Suresh Gupta (SGRH, New Delhi). The meeting was attended by members of the Core Group of Paediatric Emergency Medicine from all over the country. As an editor of this journal, I had the privilege of attending the meeting.

The agenda of the meeting was "Engineering the Training Program for Health Care Providers" and was organised by the Society for Trauma and Emergency Paediatrics (STEP) and Institute of Child Health, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi.

The main objectives of the meeting were

- \* To start a course on the management of common childhood emergencies for the community practitioners.
- \* To identify the target group faculty for delivering the course and the group which will undergo the course?
- \* To design a resource material for the course entitled "Children's Medical Emergencies - a Compendium for Community Practitioners" and decide the contents and pattern of the same;
- \* To decide the contents and duration of the course, and the timeline for the first course
- \* To elaborate on the logistics and funding for future courses.

After much discussion and deliberation by the group members, the following points were agreed upon:

- \* The first such course on common childhood emergencies for the community practitioners would be held at Chennai on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 at the 'National Assembly on Paediatric Emergency Medicine' conference.
- \* It would be a 4 hour workshop and the target group would be Registered Medical Practitioners (RMP). A total of 40 participants would be trained.
- \* The registration would be free for the participants.
- \* The course contents would be in lecture and video format accompanied by skill stations wherever applicable.
- \* A proposal for funding of future courses by the Ministry of Health to be prepared and presented at the secretarial level
- \* The frequency at which the course would be held to be decided after test running the first course; training of trainers for the course to be held at regular intervals to maintain quality of the course.

The core group then identified 12 most relevant common childhood emergency topics that are of importance to the community physicians. Each faculty was allotted one of the 12 topics to prepare. The deadline for preparation of the resource material including lectures was fixed at 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. The format of presentation of most of the topics was decided upon. It was decided that depending on the feedback from the participants and other core group members the contents of the resource material would be finalised.

Initiation of such an ambitious project such as this would not have been possible without the dedication of the team members who took their valuable time out to come together for a noble cause like this. We wish the group good luck in their endeavour and hope to see a healthy future for the children of our country.

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# FAOPS 2010

16th Congress of  
The Federation of Asia and Oceania Perinatal Societies  
14th-17th December, 2010 Hotel The Ashok, New Delhi, India



## “Bridging Gaps in Maternal-Neonatal Health”

### Registration Fees

#### Upto 30th Sep 2010

India & SAARC Countries  
Rs. 8000  
International  
USD 500  
Senior Citizens, PG Students  
& Residents\*  
Rs. 4000 or USD 250

#### 1st Oct 2010 - December 2010

India & SAARC Countries  
Rs. 9000  
International  
USD 550  
Senior Citizens, PG Students  
& Residents\*  
Rs. 4000 or USD 250

#### On Spot

India & SAARC Countries  
Rs. 10000  
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USD 600  
Senior Citizens, PG Students  
& Residents\*  
Rs. 4000 or USD 250

#### Workshop

India & SAARC Countries  
Rs. 500  
International  
USD 35

#### Accompanying Person

India & SAARC Countries  
Rs. 5000  
International  
USD 400

**LAST DATE**  
30th Oct, 2010  
FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROGRAMME

#### Tuesday, December 14, 2010 Workshops / Mini Courses Conference Day 1

9.00 am – 10.00 am  
10.00 am – 5.00 pm

Registration  
8 mini workshops in Neonatology & Perinatal medicine.

\*Each delegate can choose any two workshops – one in the morning session and one in the afternoon session. Details of workshop given in the registration form  
6.00 pm onwards – Inaugural Dinner

#### Wednesday, December 15, 2010 Conference Day 2

8.00 am – 9.00 am

Morning Session: 1. New NRP Guideline  
2. Retinopathy Of Prematurity  
3. Early VS Delayed Cord Clamping

9.00 am – 11.00 am  
11.00 am – 11.30 noon  
12.00 noon – 1.45 pm

Plenary Sessions: Meeting Challenge of IUGR  
Keynote address: Ethics in Perinatal Medicine  
Concurrent Symposia: 1. Neonatal Infections  
2. Controversies in Newborn care  
3. Controversies in Perinatal Care  
4. Symposium on Caesarean section

2.45 pm – 4.15 pm  
7.00 pm Onwards

Awards & Free Paper Sessions  
FACULTY DINNER

#### Thursday, December 16, 2010 Conference Day 3

8.00 am – 9.00 am

Morning session: 1. Perinatal Database Management  
2. Beyond NICU care  
3. Difficult to ventilate neonates

9.00 am – 11.00 am  
11.30 am – 12.00 noon  
12.00 noon – 1.45 pm

Plenary Sessions: Perinatal Asphyxia / Global epidemic of HIE  
Keynote address: Perinatal Steroids  
4 Concurrent Symposia: 1. Kernicterus  
2. Emerging /affordable Technology in Perinatal care  
3. Evidence based practices  
4. Problems of isoimmunization

2.00 pm – 3.30 pm  
6.00 pm Onwards

Free Paper Presentations  
Cultural Evening & Gala Dinner

#### Friday, December 17, 2010 Conference Day 4

9.00 am – 11.00 am

Bridging Gaps in Maternal Neonatal Health – To meet the challenge of MDG 4 & 5

11.30 am – 1.00 pm

4 Concurrent Sessions: 1. Community Interventions in reducing NMR in South Asia  
2. Scientific Symposia in Neonatology on Late Preterms  
3. Community Interventions in reducing MMR in South Asia  
4. Nutrition

1.00 pm – 1.30 pm

VALEDICTORY

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