



ASSOCIATION OF NEONATAL THERAPISTS

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From the desk of the President

Association of Neonatal Therapists congratulates National Institute of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Kerala for taking the lead in organising the third Annual National Conference of Neonatal Therapy on 3rd & 4th of September, 2021.

The **well-known Kerala development model** is distinguished by achievements in social indicators such as education, healthcare, high life expectancy, low infant mortality, and low birth rate, as well as the establishment of productive social infrastructure.

Based on key performance indicators, Kerala had the highest Human Development Index of any Indian state in 2011. Lower infant mortality rate of 12 per 1,000 live births in Kerala compared to 40 per 1,000 live births in India), Lower maternal mortality ratio of 66 per 100,000 live births in Kerala compared to 178 per 100,000 live births in India.

Now it's time for the profession of Neonatal Therapy. *The art and science of integrating the infant's and family's normal development into the NICU environment is referred to as neonatal therapy.* Neonatal Therapists are needed to provide basic risk-adjusted neuroprotective care. It entails enhancing developmental position, introducing feeding/pre-feeding skills, educating on stress signs, calming strategies, along with many other techniques.

Neonatal therapists must have advanced training and skills to ensure safe, effective, and evidence-based practice. Inadequate training standardization and varying adherence to education result in compromises in early and appropriate care. *The Association Of Neonatal Therapists' vision* is to encourage the development of skilled and qualified Neonatal Therapists in India.

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Given the current state of affairs in India, the organizing committee chose an appropriate theme for the conference.

Neonatal Therapy: Practice Guidelines - setting the Trend

In the near future, every eligible newborn and family in India should receive the appropriate support from neonatal therapists and other professionals.

I wish all of the event's stakeholders the best of luck in their efforts to make it a success. I am confident that it will have a long-term positive impact on society.



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