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ANNUAL KARNEOCON AND SOUTH NEOCON 2026

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Theme: Evidence to Excellence: Advancing Neonatal Practices



DATES

29TH – 30TH
AUGUST 2026



VENUE

THE CHANCERY PAVILION,
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TOGETHER, ADVANCING NEONATAL CARE
FROM EVIDENCE TO EXCELLENCE

Scientific Programme - Annual Karneocon and South Neocon 2026

Day 1: Saturday, 29th August

Hall A: Keynote Orations & Advanced Clinical Tracks

Timings	Session Type	Topic	Moderator	Speaker	Chairperson
09:00 AM - 09:20 AM	Plenary Lecture	Evidence to Excellence: Translating Global Neonatal Clinical Trials to Bedside Care (Neonatal Research that transformed neonatal practice in the last decade)		Prof Dr Boris Kramer	Dr L.H.Bidari
					Dr Shripada Rao
09:20 AM - 09:40 AM	Keynote Address	Optimizing the Golden Hour: Delivery Room Interventions in Extreme Preterm Infants - An ILCOR 2025 Perspective		Dr N. Karthik Nagesh	Dr Leslie Lewis
					Dr Veerbhadrappa
09:40 AM - 10:00 AM	Guest Lecture	Predictive Models AI models for Neonatal Sepsis + Recent advances in sepsis Management		Dr Lakshmi	Dr Jagdish Chinnappa
					Dr Naveen Benkappa
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Oration Session I	Dr Elizabeth John Oration Lecture	Dr K K Diwakar	Dr Arun K Singh	Dr R Kishore Kumar
					Dr Chaitali R
11:00 AM - 11:15 AM	Dr Reddy's Session Decod Blue	RSV Pneumonia Prevention		Dr R Kishore Kumar	
11:15 AM - 11:30 AM		Micropremie care: Outcome-defining Practices – Do's and Don'ts		Dr Sheila Mattai	Dr S. Srinivasan
11:30 AM - 11:50 AM	Guest Lecture	Advances in invasive ventilation, Synchrony and Automation: Closed-Loop Systems and Neurally Adjusted Ventilation Assist in the NICU		Dr Girish. G	Dr Satyan Lakshminrusimha
12:00 PM - 01:00 PM	Oration Session II	NNF-Karnataka Oration (Bangalore Neonatal Trust)	Dr Chaitali R	Dr Swarnarekha Bhat	Dr R Kishore Kumar
					Dr Jose O
01:00 PM - 02:00 PM	Lunch Break	Topic	Judges	Judges	Chairperson
01:00 PM - 02:00 PM		Poster Viewing	Dr Sivana Gowda Joladarshi	Dr Anjali Raj	
			Dr Pavitra Vasudevan	Dr Sriram Bonu	
			Dr Vishwas Rao	Dr Arun Kumar P	
			Dr Rudresh Naik		
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02:00 PM - 02:40 PM	Panel Discussion	Is CPAP Still King? Re-examining First-Line Non-Invasive Support in the Era of NIPPV and Nasal HFOV	Dr. Senthil	Dr Sreedhar	
				Dr Siddu Charki	
				Dr Revansiddappa B	
				Dr Abhisek Phadke	
				Dr Kumar	
02:40 PM - 03:20 PM	Debate 1	"The PDA Debate: Aggressive Closure vs Conservative Watchful Waiting — Has Conservatism Gone Too Far?"	Dr B.S Prasad	Team for	
				Dr Ramchandra Bhat	
				Dr Akshay Krishna	
				Team against	
				Dr Sushil Kumar	
				Dr Deepthi Thandeshwar	
03:20 PM - 04:00 PM	Panel Discussion	The Threshold of Viability: Ethical, Legal, and Clinical Dilemmas in Managing Periviable Newborn	Dr Somashekar Nimbalkar	Dr Prashanth	
				Dr Dasarath Anantapur	
				Dr Chandrakumar	
				Dr Srinivas Murthy	
				Dr Surender Singh Bisht	
04:00 PM - 04:15 PM	Guest Lecture	The Probiotic Paradox: Strong Trial Evidence, Strong Regulatory Caution - How Should the NICU Respond?"		Dr Hariram	Dr Kallesh Hebbal
04:15 PM - 04:30 PM	Academic Session	Kidney Health Surveillance After NICU Discharge: The New Frontier in Neonatal Follow-Up		Dr Niveditha Kamath	Dr Rajeshwari
04:30 PM - 04:45 PM	Sponsored Talk Pfizer				
05:00 PM - 06:30 PM	GBM	General Body Meeting (All Members – Main Hall)			
06:30 PM - 07:30 PM	Inauguration	Official Inauguration Ceremony			



Hall B 29th August : Neonatal Subspecialties & Quality Improvement					
Timings	Session Type	Topic	Moderator	Speaker	Chairperson
09:00 AM - 09:20 AM	Academic session	Antenatal Dopplers for the Neonatologist: Hemodynamic Patterns That Predict Neonatal Course and Change Management		Dr Vishwanth Kamoji	Dr Janaki Vishwanath
09:20 AM - 09:40 AM	Mini-Lectures	Feeding the ELBW Infant in 2026: How Fast, How Much, and How to Avoid EUGR		Dr Usha Devi R	Dr Nandini Nagar
09:40 AM – 10:00 AM	Academic Session	Updates Management of Neonatal Seizures: Aligning with the Latest ILAE Guidelines		Dr Giridhar Sethuraman	Dr Radhakrisna Hegde
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Hall Blank	No Session (Delegates to attend Hall A Oration I)	-		
11:00 AM - 11:15 AM		TEA Break			
11.15 AM – 11.35 AM	Lecture	From Survival to Systems: The Next Leap in Neonatology		Dr Praveen Venkatagiri	Dr Mallesh Gowda
11:35 AM - 12:00 PM	Academic Session	Human Milk Banking: Implementation, Quality Assurance, and the Indian Roadmap		Dr Vidheya Venkatesh	Dr Amit Upadhyay
					Dr Sreenath Manikanti
12:00 PM - 01:00 PM	Hall Blank	No Session (Delegates to attend Hall A Oration)			
01:00 PM - 02:00 PM	Lunch Break	Poster Viewing			
02:00 PM - 02:20 PM	Case-Based Dialogue	PPHN Management: Phenotype-Based Diagnosis, Echo-Guided Therapy, and Choices Beyond iNO		Dr Satyan Lakshminrusimha	Dr Amit Upadhyay
					Dr Venkatesh HA
02:20 PM - 03:00 PM	Panel Discussion	Tackling Neonatal Sepsis in the Era of Antimicrobial Resistance: Antibiotic Stewardship Protocols	Dr Sridhar Santhanam	Dr Abhishek Aardhya	
				Dr Gayathri Aradhya	
				Dr Madhu B Jagalasa	
				Dr Jagdish Somanna	
				Dr Yogesh Parikh	
03:00 PM - 03:20 PM	Community Track	Neonatal Transport Engineering: Best Practices for Stabilizing and Shifting the Sick Newborn		Dr. Bhrajishna Pallapothu	Dr Deepa Sharma
03:20PM - 03:40 PM	Subspecialty Update	Genomics in the NICU: Phenotype Patterns That Should Trigger Rapid Sequencing and What to Do with the Answer?		Dr Rajat Athreya	Dr Gauri Krishna
					Dr Shalini Rao
03:40 PM - 04:00 PM	Surgical Review	Peritoneal Drainage vs Primary Laparotomy in Surgical NEC: What the Trials, the Long-Term Data, and the Surgeon's Judgment Actually Tell Us		Dr Shripada Rao	Dr Anil Kumar P L
					Dr Anand Alladi
04:00 PM – 04:15 PM	Academic session	Restrictive vs Liberal Transfusion Thresholds in Preterm Neonates: Has the Evidence Settled the Question?		Dr Shrikant Kulkarni	Dr Phanibhushan
					Dr Sharan
04.15 PM – 04.30 PM	Subspecialty Update	Bone Health in Preterm Infants: Prevention, Screening, and Post-Discharge Continuity		Dr Nalina	Dr Sushma K



Day 2: Sunday, 30th August

Hall A: Advanced Therapeutics, Award Papers & Valedictory

Timings	Session Type	Topic	Moderator	Speaker	Chairperson
09:00 AM – 09:35 AM	Panel Discussion	Predicting the Unpredictable: Early Detection of Cerebral Palsy, Cognitive Risk Assessment, and the Evidence for Early Intervention	Dr Bharathi Balachander	Dr Sandeep R Dr Anitha Nyamgoudar Dr Rajendra Prasad Dr Venkatesh	
09:35 AM – 09:55 AM	Motivation Corner	Need for Neonatologists to Network: A Vision for Sick and Preterm Neonates of India	Dr R. Kishore Kumar	Prof Dr Vinod Bhutani	
09:55 AM - 10:15 AM	Review Session	Advanced Cerebral Function Monitoring: Integrating Video EEG and NIRS in the NICU – Evidence		Dr Pradeep GCM	
10:15 AM – 10:30 AM	Academic Session	Management in Newborns Has Aggressive Early Nutrition Caused More Harm Than Good? The EUGR Debate Re-Examined		Dr Prakash Amboiram	Dr Shekar Subbaiah Dr Mohit Singhal
10:30 AM - 11:05 AM	Debate	Therapeutic Hypothermia in the Post-HELIX Era: Rethinking Patient Selection, Timing, and the LMIC Evidence Gap and the Role of Erythropoietin	Dr Prasanna Muniyappa	Team for Dr Pratap Chandra Dr Rahul Kadam Team against Dr Sarvanan Dr. Manjunath G	
11:05 AM - 11:25 AM	Metabolic Update	Inborn Errors of Metabolism (IEM): Acute Neonatal Stabilization Protocols		Dr Sai Sunil	Dr Vykunta Raju
11:25 AM - 12:05 AM	Panel Discussion	Perinatology Synergy: From Womb to NICU	Dr Lalan K Bharti	Dr Vishnu Mohan Dr Sahana Devadas Dr Gayathri Karthik Dr Latha Venkataraman	
12:05	Award Session	Oral Scientific Research	Judges		
PM -		Award Paper	Blank		
01:20 PM		(Max: 6 paper) Presentations (Gold Medal Session)			
01:20 PM - 02:00 PM	Lunch Break				
02:00 PM - 02:30 PM	Debate	Early Systemic Postnatal Steroids in Ventilator-Dependent Preterm Neonates	Dr Aravind Sheno	Team For Dr Venugopal Shivamogga Dr Manjunath Vernekar Team Against Dr Sushanth Dr Sharath Chandra	
02:30 PM - 02:45 PM	Academic session	To Treat or Not to Treat? Dilemmas and Evolving Guidelines in Neonatal Thrombosis Management		Dr Vandana Bharadwaj	Dr Girish S.V
02:45 PM – 03.00 PM	Clinical Brief	Beyond Blood Pressure: Why We Need Physiology-Driven Hemodynamics		Dr Manish	Dr Adarsh Somashekar
03.00 PM – 03.15 PM		Family-Integrated Care in the NICU: Evidence, Challenges, and Indian Perspectives		Dr Femitha	Dr Asha Benakappa Dr Niranjan



Hall B 30th August: Practical Neonatology & Community Perinatology

Timings	Session Type	Topic	Moderator	Speaker	Chairperson
09:00 AM - 09:15 AM	Update	From Glucose Numbers to Brain Outcomes: How Clinical trials have shaped Hypoglycaemia		Dr Ashwini	Dr Prakash Desai
09:15 AM - 09:35 AM	Academic Session	CMV challenge: Whom should we treat?		Dr Kritika M V	Dr Manoj Dr Marthandappa
09:35 AM - 09:55 AM	Endocrine Focus	The Salt and Hormone: Endocrine Emergencies, a Neonatologist Must not Miss		Dr Kavita Bhat	Dr Shashidhar Vishwanath
09:55 AM - 10:15 AM	Therapeutics Focus	Medico-Legal Aspects in NICU		Prof Dr SV Joga Rao	Dr Prashanth Urs
10:15 AM - 10:50 AM	Panel Discussion	Kangaroo Mother Care (KMC): Scaling up from Stabilized to Immediate KMC in Low Birth Weight	Dr Suman Rao	Dr Ashok C Dr Arjun S.K Dr. Usha B K Dr Venkatesh Murthy	
10:50 AM - 11:05 AM	Academic session	Delayed Cord Clamping and Cord Milking vs. What Should We Actually Do?		Dr Chandrakala B.S.	Dr Jyothsna Madan Dr Poornima Murthy
11:05 AM - 11:20 AM	Sponsored Talk GSK	Changing Scenario of Pertussis in India		Dr R Kishore Kumar	
11:20 AM - 12:00 PM	Panel Discussion	Demystifying Neonatal Cholestasis: Early Identification, Workup, and Referral Pathway	Dr Manisha Bhandankar	Dr Srikanth Dr Nagendra Dr Sahana Dr Arun Kr. Singh	
12:00 PM - 01:00 PM	Hall Blank	No Session (Delegates to attend Hall A Award Paper Presentations)			
01:00 PM - 02:00 PM	Lunch Break				
02:00 PM - 02:20 PM	Interactive Session	Procedural Sedation and Analgesia in the NICU: Ensuring a Pain-Free Experience		Dr Bindu P	Dr Shashibhushan
02:20 PM - 02:40 PM	Guest Lecture	Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP): Current Screening Guidelines and Anti-VEGF – Pros and Cons		Dr Anand Vinekar	Dr Prasanna Muniyappa Dr Adarsh H
02:40 PM - 03:00 PM	Academic session	Neonatal Skin Care in the NICU: Evidence-Based Practices for Preterm Infants		Dr Vivek Narendran	Dr Sunil B
03:00 PM - 03:15 PM	Community Neonatology	Tele-Neonatology and Remote Monitoring: Expanding Neonatal Care Beyond Tertiary Centres		Dr Prashanth YN	Dr Shivaleela Patil
15:15 onwards	Valedictory	Combined in Hall A			

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