

The Moment a Child is Born, The Mother is also Born

Indian Journal of Maternal-Fetal & Neonatal Medicine is tribute to this precious moment. Contemporary thinking and medical practice are moving at a vary fast pace. Although technology has reduced distance both in time and space, it has also made us aware off differences in demography, clinical methods and medical practices all over the world.

Mothers form the nucleus and backbone of the family but their health care needs have gone unanswered. We still live in era, where many villages in India are lacking in transport and communication facilities. Justice delayed is justice denied-as parturient may succumb to death with delayed treatment. Lack of facilities in rural area violates the principle of medical ethics: Justice. Dr. Sambarey has highlighted the problems in rural obstetrics with vast data.

Adolescent pregnancy and parenting remains a major public concern because of their impact on maternal and child health and on the social and economic well being of the nation. The test of any civilization is the measure of consideration and care it gives to its weaker members. A teenage pregnancy is not only viewed by the medical community as a high risk pregnancy but also concerns every segment of society. So we have reviewed the problems and consequences of adolescent pregnancy.

Preterm birth continues to provide an enormous challenge in the delivery of perinatal health care and is associated with considerable short term and long term consequences for surviving infants. A great number of drugs and other interventions have been used to inhibit preterm labour, but none has been completely effective. Dr. Ruchika Garg has shared her experiences about administration of progesterone for prevention of preterm labour.

Twins have aroused curiosity since ancient times. Rome is said to have founded by twins, Romulus and Remus. Twin fetuses have been of particular interest to investigators seeking clues on the relative roles of nature versus nurture in human fetal growth. Dr. L.S. Deshmukh has reviewed Neonatal outcome in twin pregnancy.

Every 5 minutes, a baby is born with birth defect. A dream of motherhood is shattered and psychological and emotional trauma is inflicted when obstetrician discloses to the mother, that her child is malformed. Dr. Varsha Deshmukh has evaluated fetal infections as an etiological factor for congenital malformations.

In Neonatal Progeroid Syndrome, features of human aging are apparent at birth. DNA damage may arise from Reactive Oxygen Species, chemical reactions, radiations, depurination, deamination. More than 30 cases have been reported in literature. Dr. Trupti Gujarathi has reported this rarest syndrome.

It is only through publications in journals, new ideas and research can be disseminated and incorporated in clinical practice. I solicit contributions and comments from esteemed readers. I am overwhelmed by the tremendous response I received from my esteemed contributors and readers Their faith will always inspire me for improvisation of the journal.

Medical professionals are occupied in the the restoration of health and research in their field with skill and dedication. To preserve and renew is as noble as to create.

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