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### Newborn screening saves lives: So why is Asia behind in saving lives?

“Newborn Screening Saves Lives”. Everyone talks about this and it has been more than 50 years since newborn screening for various disorders was implemented in many developed countries. Most developing countries especially Asia are battling with double digit infant mortality figures and yet newborn screening is not implemented. I wonder why? We present the data of the last 12 years in India, where we have saved so many lives and reduced infant mortality drastically in the centres where newborn screening was mandatory. When the evidence is so much why are the Asian countries not implementing newborn screening especially for metabolic disorders. The author discusses the way forward to make it mandatory in Asia Pacific and save lives.

#### Speaker Biography

R Kishore Kumar is an internationally acclaimed neonatologist who has worked in four continents over the course of his career. He completed his MBBS, DCH, MD from India, DCH & MRCP from London & FRCPCH from UK; MRCPI and FRCPI from Ireland. Additionally, he also holds Fellowship in Advanced Neonatal ICU from Melbourne with an FRACP from Sydney, Australia. At the time of his qualification, he was amongst one of the youngest and highest qualified neonatologists in the world. Among his many awards and accreditations is the honour of being felicitated by former US President, Bill Clinton, for his exceptional achievements in the field of neonatology and has been serving as a reviewer for many of the reputed Journals.

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