

WHO Guideline on Newborn Resuscitation at Birth to promote newborn survival: An Update Biographies of the GDG

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Biography

Oleksandra Balyasna is a patient advocate and co-founder of the Early Birds Ukrainian Preemie Parent Association, established in 2016 to support families of preterm infants and promote family-centred neonatal care in Ukraine. Oleksandra is the mother of a child born preterm in 2012, an experience that inspired her advocacy work.

Since 2019, Oleksandra has participated in working groups at the Ministry of Health of Ukraine and has been a member of the Public Oversight Council of the National Health Service of Ukraine. Her work focuses on patient rights, neonatal and maternal healthcare, and strengthening family engagement in healthcare systems.

Oleksandra is also one of the authors of methodological recommendations on follow-up care for preterm infants in Ukraine, supporter of implementation of the Standards of Care.

Following the full-scale war in Ukraine, Oleksandra has actively contributed to humanitarian health initiatives aimed at protecting patient rights and improving obstetric and neonatal services in conflict-affected regions working in close cooperation with Patients of Ukraine, neonatal units in 22 regions of Ukraine and with Polish Medical Mission.

Oleksandra has been an active member of the Global Foundation for the Care of Newborn Infants (GFCNI) since 2016 and has served on its Parent Advisory Board since 2019.

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Biography

Professor Ute Feucht is a community paediatrician and full Professor in the Department of Paediatrics at the University of Pretoria, South Africa. She serves as Director of the Research Centre for Maternal, Fetal, Newborn and Child Health Care Strategies, where she leads interdisciplinary programmes focused on improving outcomes across the continuum of care from pregnancy through early childhood. She also holds a joint clinical appointment as Paediatrician in the Tshwane District Clinical Specialist Team within the Gauteng Department of Health, where she supports the strengthening of district health services and quality of care.

Prof Feucht's work is rooted in implementation science and health systems strengthening, with a strong emphasis on translating evidence into scalable, context-appropriate interventions in low- and middle-income settings. Her research and programmatic leadership span neonatal and child health, prevention of vertical transmission of HIV, integrated postnatal care, and early identification of at-risk infants. She has led and collaborated on multiple national and international initiatives, working closely with government and global partners to inform policy and practice. She is an experienced contributor to guideline development processes and multidisciplinary collaborations, bringing expertise in frontline service delivery, research, and health system integration to improve maternal and newborn outcomes.

Surname, first name(s) and initial: Hanson Fredrica Enyonam

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Ghana College of Nurses and Midwives -Part time Lecturer and Conference Scientific
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Sponsor -ICM Leadership Program, Ghana Registered Midwives Association - Project
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Academic degrees: State Registered Nurse, Registered Midwife, BSc Hons Health
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Biography

Fredrica Hanson is the Maternal Health Advisor with Project HOPE Ghana. She leads programmes focused on improving maternal and newborn health outcomes in Ghana with a focus on high volume facilities and under-served communities. With over 26 years of experience in maternal and neonatal health, she has worked extensively on clinical training as Project Director of Ghana Registered Midwives Association, health systems strengthening as Country Midwifery Advisor with UNFPA, and the implementation of evidence-based newborn care practices at facility and community levels in Ghana whilst contributing to policy discussions across the West African sub-region. Her work has encompassed Helping mothers and Babies survive including essential newborn care, birth asphyxia prevention, and capacity-building of midwives and skilled birth attendants. She has contributed to national newborn health policy dialogues and has collaborated with international partners including the UNFPA, WHO and ICM. Fredrica is a nurse and midwife by profession a Foundation Fellow of the Ghana College of Nurses and Midwives and a Fellow of the West African College of Nurses and Midwives- Maternal and Child Health Chapter She holds a BSc in Health Services Administration, course work completed for M Phil Health Services Management and is committed to advancing evidence-based care.

Surname, first name(s) and initial: Michuki Maina

Institutional affiliation: KEMRI Wellcome Trust Research Programme Kenya

Academic degrees: MBChB, MMed, MPH, Ph. D

City and country of primary residence: Nairobi, Kenya

Biography

Dr. Michuki Maina is a global health professional and paediatrician with over 15 years of experience in maternal, newborn, and child health (MNCH), neonatal care, implementation research, and health systems strengthening in low- and middle-income countries. He currently serves as Country Lead at the KEMRI-Wellcome Trust Research Programme, where he leads a programme focused on improving the quality of neonatal care through innovative technologies and collaborative partnerships across Kenyan hospitals.

Dr. Maina has played a key role in advancing neonatal research and evidence-based newborn care in Kenya. He co-led the Neonatal Clinical Information Network project, which strengthened routine neonatal data collection and quality improvement across public hospitals, and contributed to evidence synthesis using the GRADE approach to inform Kenya's national paediatric and neonatal care protocols. His work has included development of research protocols, regulatory coordination, stakeholder engagement with the Ministry of Health and county governments, and publication of scientific findings to support policy and guideline development. He holds a PhD in Epidemiology from the University of Amsterdam, an MMed in Paediatrics and Child Health from the University of Nairobi, and an MPH in Health Systems Management from Moi University and has authored over 25 scientific publications.

Surname, first name(s) and initial: Elizabeth Molyneux

Institutional affiliation: Kamuzu University of Health Sciences

Academic degrees: MBBS, MRCS LRCP, DObsRCOG, DCH, FRCP,FRCPCH,FRCPCH (hons), FRCEM, DSc h.c

City and country of primary residence: Oxford, UK

Biography

Elizabeth Molyneux is emeritus professor of paediatrics at the Kamuzu University of Health Sciences in Blantyre Malawi. She lived and worked in Malawi for over 33 years. She is a co-founder of APLS (Advanced Paediatric Life Support course and ETAT (Emergency Triage Assessment and Treatment) for WHO. In Blantyre she developed the emergency unit, started palliative care for children, the KMC unit and oncology services. She undertook several therapeutic trials including in sepsis, bacterial meningitis, seizure control. More recently she is one of the NEST360 team trying to reduce preventable neonatal mortality in 5 African countries. Her research interests are wide and include neonatal care, infectious diseases, 'tropical' oncology, emergency care, health care delivery and health care systems.

She is chair of several trial steering committees and co-chair of 2 WHO guideline committees.

Surname, first name(s) and initial: Naburi, Helga E.

Institutional affiliation: Muhimbili University of health and Allied Sciences

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Biography

My expertise includes neonatal resuscitation, point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS), advanced neonatal respiratory support, newborn survival, and health systems strengthening in resource-limited settings. I am a certified Trainer of Trainers in WHO-endorsed programs, including Helping Babies Breathe (HBB) and Kangaroo Mother Care (KMC), with extensive experience in capacity building, curriculum development, and implementation of evidence-based newborn care practices.

I was a member of the WHO-convened scoping group that identified PICO questions for updating newborn resuscitation recommendations and I have contributed to national guideline development and adaptation, including Tanzania's neonatal and HIV management guidelines, and

I have served as a consultant and collaborator in international initiatives, including the development of Target Product Profiles for neonatal care devices with NEST360 and UNICEF, and WHO expert consultations on multisectoral interventions to reduce the risk of low birth weight in low- and middle-income countries.

I have an extensive record of peer-reviewed publications and multicountry research collaborations, and I remain committed to advancing evidence-based, high-quality neonatal care to improve newborn outcomes globally.

Surname, first name(s) and initial: Ramji, Siddarth

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Maulana Azad Medical College (New Delhi, India)

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City and country of primary residence: Chennai, India

Biography

I trained as a paediatrician and for over forty years as an academic, researcher and public health expert have played a key role in shaping neonatal health research, policy development and health systems implementation in India. My research work in neonatal resuscitation demonstrated the efficacy and safety of using room air in the delivery room for resuscitating non-vigorous newborn infants. This body of research work, conducted over 15 years, has significantly contributed to the revision of global newborn resuscitation guidelines. I also chaired the National Task Force for developing neonatal resuscitation guidelines for India. I have also in the past been a member of WHO's guideline development groups on newborn health, member of the DSMB of WHO's multicounty trials on use of antenatal corticosteroids and assisted WHO-SEARO for developing a national newborn care program for Timor-Leste. Currently as a National Chair at the Indian Council of Medical Research, I oversee funding grants for neonatal research and monitor operational research for scaling up newborn health interventions in India's public health system.

Surname, first name(s) and initial: Shah, Dharmesh

Institutional affiliation: Newborn Intensive Care, Westmead Hospital, Sydney, Australia The University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia

Academic degrees: MBBS, MD, DM, FRACP, PhD

City and country of primary residence: Sydney, Australia

Biography

Dharmesh Shah is a Neonatologist at Westmead Hospital and Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Sydney in Australia. He has a keen interest in clinical research with multiple publications in peer review journals around newborn resuscitation. His PhD studied aspect of newborn resuscitation in term and extreme preterm infants. He has conducted multiple workshops on newborn resuscitation across the country and internationally, including neonatal ultrasound workshops. He is qualified in neonatal functional cardiac echocardiography, and is keen in teaching medical students, nurses, midwives and senior doctors. He was a subject matter expert for development of “Basic and Advanced Newborn Resuscitation” module for the state of NSW. He is a statewide lead in tiny baby collaboration across Australia and leads quality improvement projects. He is part of “Skin Improvement in extreme preterm infants” group and has lead QI projects improving skin health on extreme preterm infants. He has presented across various national and international conferences as guest speaker.

Surname, first name(s) and initial: Suri Jyotsna

Institutional affiliation: Professor, Unit Head, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Vardhaman Mahavir Medical College & Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi, India

Academic degrees: MD, FICOG FRCOG (Hon)

City and country of primary residence: New Delhi, India

Biography

Dr Jyotsna Suri is a Professor and Unit Head at the Vardhaman Mahavir Medical College and Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi, which is the largest Central Government run multidisciplinary hospital in India. She trained as a gynecologist at Safdarjung Hospital, University of Delhi, in 1993. Safdarjung Hospital conducts about 22,000 deliveries yearly; most of which are high risk, referred cases. Dr Suri is best known for her pioneering role and leadership in obstetric critical care in India; she heads the Obstetric Critical Care Unit at Safdarjung hospital right from its inception in 2016. Her passion for neonatal health is reflected by her involvement as Co-PI and PI respectively for the iKMC WHO Project and the ongoing ACTION III Trial. She has been selected as the Obstetric Faculty for the 'Nurturing Care in MNCU' series of Webinars by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India and the expert obstetric reviewer for the 'Facility Based Care of Newborn- Operational Guidelines' released by MOFHW, Government of India in 2025. She is also the co-coordinator for Mission NEEV II, a programme led by obstetricians to reduce still births and neonatal mortality in India. She was awarded the Fellowship Honoris Causa by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in 2025.

Surname, first name(s) and initial: Tran, Thi Hoang

Institutional affiliation: Neonatal Unit, Da Nang Hospital for Women and Children
School of Medicine and Pharmacy, the University of Da Nang

Academic degrees: Medical Doctor (University of Medicine and Pharmacy at Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam), Master of Medicine in Pediatrics (University of Melbourne, Australia), Doctor of Philosophy (University of Melbourne, Australia)

City and country of primary residence: Da Nang, Vietnam

Biography

Associate Professor Tran Thi Hoang is a neonatal pediatrician working in the Neonatal Unit and currently serves as Deputy Director of Da Nang Hospital for Women and Children, as well as Head of the Department of Pediatrics at the School of Medicine and Pharmacy, University of Da Nang. She is Vice Chairman of the Viet Nam Perinatal and Neonatal Association and has also served as a consultant to the WHO Western Pacific Region on Early Essential Newborn Care and Kangaroo Mother Care.

Her work focuses on advancing maternal and child health through the delivery of low-cost, evidence-based interventions, including the promotion of breastfeeding, Early Essential Newborn Care, and Kangaroo Mother Care. She also has a particular interest in integrating life-support measures into delivery room practice to optimize immediate newborn stabilization, while preserving essential components of care such as early skin-to-skin contact.

Surname, first name(s) and initial: Mutisya Ashley Wayua

Institutional affiliation: Founder & Executive Director - Zuri Nzilani Foundation

Academic degrees: Bachelor's Degree in Communications

City and country of primary residence: Nairobi, Kenya

Biography

Ashley Muteti is a maternal and newborn health advocate and communications professional with over 11 years of experience in communications, public health advocacy and programme leadership.

She is the founder of the Zuri Nzilani Foundation, a Kenya-based non profit organization focused on improving maternal and newborn outcomes through strengthened health systems, with particular emphasis on hypertensive disorders in pregnancy and quality of care. She has led initiatives supporting the training of healthcare providers and advancing community and stakeholder engagement to improve access to quality, respectful and evidence-based care.

Ashley is currently contributing to a national initiative aimed at expanding access to specialized maternal and child health services through the development of Level 4 and Level 5 facilities across Kenya.

She is recognized among the Top 100 Kenyans for her contributions to maternal health. She brings lived experience, technical contribution, and programmatic leadership, including participation in a global consensus process on the definition and classification of preeclampsia in collaboration with the World Health Organization and partners. She is committed to ensuring that the voices of women and families are represented in shaping health systems and policies.

Surname, first name(s) and initial: Khalid Yunis

Institutional affiliation: American University of Beirut

Academic degrees: MD, FAAP

City and country of primary residence: Lebanon

Biography

Dr. Khalid Yunis graduated from the American University of Beirut; completed pediatric residency at McGill University; fellowship in neonatology at McGill and Brown Universities.

Tenured Professor of Pediatrics, Head, Division of Neonatology, Medical Director, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, American University of Beirut. Founded the National Collaborative Perinatal Neonatal Network and The Neonate Fund, supporting vulnerable newborns and advancing neonatal surveillance in Lebanon. Established Lebanon's first birth defects surveillance system with CDC, coined the first neonatal-specific antimicrobial stewardship program in collaboration with BSAC.

He played a major role in maternal and newborn health policies with local, regional, and global organizations. He served as an expert, temporary advisor, consultant, panel discussant, guideline development group member, on several WHO committees for over a decade.

An accomplished researcher with over 115 high impact publications. An internationally recognized expert. His research focuses on maternal, neonatal, and child health in LMIC. His work addresses health disparities affecting vulnerable populations, including refugees and underserved communities. He leads a quality improvement program supported by UNICEF on upscaling newborn care in peripheral hospitals. This program includes simulation-based training, in neonatal resuscitation using high-fidelity, real-life scenario manikin. He initiated an academic program to integrate high-fidelity simulation to the neonatal fellowship curriculum. This program educates fellows through realistic clinical scenarios, providing hands-on experience, enhancing clinical competencies.

Surname, first name(s) and initial: Syed Rehan Ali

Institutional affiliation: Sindh Institute of Child Health and Neonatology

Academic degrees: MBBS, DCH, MRCPI, FRCPCH, Dip HPE

City and country of primary residence: Karachi, Pakistan

Biography

Dr. Syed Rehan Ali is a distinguished Professor of Neonatology at the Sindh Institute of Child Health and Neonatology. With over 18 years of extensive teaching and training experience in the field, he has made significant contributions to the advancement of neonatal care in Pakistan. Dr. Rehan is dedicated to improving service delivery for vulnerable infants in government healthcare facilities throughout Sindh province, working closely with the government of Sindh to implement effective strategies and enhance neonatal health outcomes.

As a supervisor and examiner for the College of Physicians and Surgeons Pakistan (CPSP) in Neonatology, Dr. Rehan plays a crucial role in shaping the next generation of healthcare professionals. He has authored over 70 peer-reviewed papers and contributed to several book chapters, establishing himself as a leading voice in neonatal research and practice.

In addition to his academic responsibilities, Dr. Rehan is a prominent facilitator and trainer for numerous neonatal training programs at the national level. He has also actively participated in technical working groups, contributing to the development of national guidelines on antenatal corticosteroids, small and sick newborn care guidelines and reviewer and Author Pakistan Neonatal Resuscitation course guidelines.

Surname, first name(s) and initial: Niermeyer, Susan

Institutional affiliation: Professor Emerita, University of Colorado School of Medicine and Colorado School of Public Health, Center for Global Health

Academic degrees: MD, MPH

City and country of primary residence: Denver, Colorado USA

Biography

Dr. Niermeyer received her medical degree from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in 1979; she is a 2009 graduate of the Colorado School of Public Health. She completed pediatric residency and neonatal-perinatal medicine fellowship at the University of Colorado. Dr. Niermeyer has worked to improve the science around neonatal resuscitation, formulate global guidelines and educate health professionals. She served as co-chair of the Neonatal Resuscitation Program Steering Committee of the American Academy of Pediatrics and editor of the American Heart Association Neonatal Resuscitation Guidelines (2000). She participated in the 2012 WHO Basic Newborn Resuscitation guidelines process and was editor-in-chief for Helping Babies Breathe, educational materials used by health workers globally to gain skills in resuscitation and immediate care at birth, which are now incorporated into World Health Organization Essential Newborn Care Course, second edition. Dr. Niermeyer continues to participate in the ILCOR Neonatal Life Support evidence evaluation process as a content expert, and she is currently involved in development of educational materials for small and sick newborn care.

Surname, first name(s) and initial: Mercurio Mark R.

Institutional affiliation: Faculty of Medicine of Harvard University

Academic degrees: MD, MA

City and country of primary residence: Boston, USA

Biography

Dr. Mercurio is the Inaugural Executive Director of the Center for Pediatric Bioethics at Boston Children's Hospital, beginning that center in 2025. He was previously Professor of Pediatrics and Founding Director of the Program for Biomedical Ethics at Yale University School of Medicine, as well as Director of the Yale Pediatric Ethics Program and Chief of the Division of Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine at Yale New Haven Children's Hospital and Yale School of Medicine. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Biochemical Sciences from Princeton University, an M.D. from the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University, and completed Pediatrics Residency and Neonatology Fellowship at Yale. He received a Master's Degree in Philosophy, with a concentration in Ethics, from Brown University. Dr. Mercurio worked as a clinical neonatologist for nearly four decades at Yale New Haven Children's Hospital, and as Founding Medical Director of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital. He has over three decades' experience as an ethics consultant, and is a previous Chair of the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Bioethics. He is a faculty member and an Academic Advisory Board member for the Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics, and a Fellow of the Hastings Center. Dr. Mercurio has published extensively in bioethics, and he has been an invited speaker in most U.S. states and over a dozen countries.

Surname, first name(s) and initial: Maureen Daisy Majamanda

Institutional affiliation: Kamuzu University of Health Sciences

Academic degrees: MSc in Advanced Practice (Child Health), Bachelor of Science in Nursing, University Certificate in Midwifery

City and country of primary residence: Blantyre, Malawi

Biography

I am a nurse professional with over 22 years of experience in clinical practice, nursing education, research, and health systems strengthening, with a focus on neonatal and child health nursing in low-resource settings. I hold an MSc in Advanced Practice (Child Health), a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a Certificate in Midwifery.

My work focuses on translating evidence into policy and practice through the design, implementation, and evaluation of competency-based curricula and in-service training programmes. I have led capacity-building initiatives, including the institutionalization of a neonatal care training programme in Malawi to improve quality of care and newborn outcomes. I also developed a paediatric oncology short learning programme for nurses in Malawi to strengthen specialized services within constrained health systems.

I bring experience in evidence-informed decision-making, guideline adaptation, and implementation, with engagement across clinical, academic, and policy stakeholders. My contributions include interprofessional collaboration, mentorship, and driving improvements in neonatal care through evidence-based training, quality improvement initiatives, and health system strengthening efforts.

Surname, first name(s) and initial: Lavender Tina

Institutional affiliation: Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine

Academic degrees: RM (Registered Midwife), RGN, MSc, PhD

City and country of primary residence: Liverpool, UK

Biography

Dame Tina is Professor of Maternal and Newborn Health and Director of the Centre for Childbirth, Women's and Newborn Health at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine. She holds an honorary position at Liverpool Women's Hospital. She is also a Visiting Professor at the University of Nairobi. Dame Tina leads a programme of research, with a focus on improving maternal and newborn outcomes. Dame Tina is Director of an NIHR Global Health Research Unit on the prevention and management of Stillbirth and Neonatal Death, involving eight countries, across sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. She is Associate Editor (and founder) of the African Journal of Midwifery and Women's Health. Dame Tina is an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Midwives. In 2016 she was nominated as one of BBC's 100 most inspirational women in the World. In 2018 Dame Tina was made a Senior NIHR Investigator.

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Academic degrees: Arab Board Fellowship in Neonatology (CABNeo), Iraqi Board of Medical Specializations in Pediatrics (FICMS), MBChB, University of Mosul

City and country of primary residence: Baghdad, Iraq

Biography

Dr. Sura Abd Alwahab Mahdy is a consultant neonatologist based in Baghdad, Iraq, with over ten years of experience in neonatal intensive care, including delivery room resuscitation and management of critically ill newborns in a high-volume tertiary referral center. She practices at the Children Welfare Teaching Hospital, a leading national center for neonatal care, training, and research.

Dr. Mahdy holds the Arab Board Fellowship in Neonatology and the Iraqi Board Certification in Pediatrics. She currently serves as President of the Iraqi Pediatrics Society and has held key leadership roles in neonatal care programs, including neonatal and perinatal mortality surveillance and Kangaroo Mother Care implementation.

She has prior experience contributing to WHO-convened technical processes, including participation in PICO scoping activities. Her work focuses on improving the quality of neonatal care and translating evidence into practice, particularly in resource-limited settings. She is actively involved in undergraduate and postgraduate medical education and has authored multiple peer-reviewed publications in neonatology.

Her professional interests include neonatal resuscitation, preterm care, neonatal nutrition, and quality improvement.

Surname, first name(s) and initial: Guinsburg Ruth

Institutional affiliation: Universidade Federal de São Paulo, Escola Paulista de Medicina, São Paulo

Academic degrees: MD, PhD

City and country of primary residence: São Paulo, Brazil

Biography

Ruth Guinsburg graduated in Medicine from the Universidade Federal de São Paulo (Unifesp) in 1982 and subsequently obtained both her Master's degree (1988) and PhD in Pediatrics (1993) from the same institution. She has been a faculty member of the Unifesp Postgraduate Program in Pediatrics since 2004 and was appointed Full Professor of Neonatal Pediatrics in 2007. She currently coordinates the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Hospital São Paulo, the university hospital of Unifesp.

Since 2008, she has co-chaired the Neonatal Resuscitation Program of the Brazilian Society of Pediatrics and has served as Scientific Coordinator of the Brazilian Network on Neonatal Research since 2016. From 2013 to 2025, she served as Editor-in-Chief of Revista Paulista de Pediatria, leading its indexation in Medline/PubMed and Web of Science. She currently serves as Emeritus Editor of the journal. Since 2025, she has been Scientific Advisor to the General Coordination for Medicine at the São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP).

An active member of the Neonatal Task Force of the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR) since 2005, she is now an emeritus member. Her research focuses on neonatal pain, delivery room resuscitation, and neonatal mortality.

Surname, first name(s) and initial: Solano Suárez, José María

Institutional affiliation: Neonatal Unit, Hospital Militar Central, Bogotá, Colombia

Academic degrees: MD, Paediatrics Residency, Neonatology Fellowship

City and country of primary residence: Bogotá, Colombia

Biography

Dr. José María Solano Suárez is a pediatrician and neonatologist trained at Pontificia Universidad Javeriana and the Central Military Hospital of Colombia. With over four decades of clinical and academic experience, he has led neonatal intensive care units in major institutions such as Clínica de Marly, Colsubsidio, and the Central Military Hospital, where he currently serves as Coordinator of the Neonatal Unit.

He has held multiple leadership positions within the Colombian Association of Neonatology (ASCON), including National President, and is an active member of the Colombian Society of Pediatrics and bioethics committees. His teaching and academic contributions include lectures at national and international congresses and training programs such as the AAP Helping Babies Survive initiative.

His clinical and research interests focus on neonatal resuscitation, patient safety, immediate bonding and skin-to-skin contact, and promoting equity in neonatal health in low- and middle-income countries.