

## **Kangaroo Mother Care – An Appropriate Technology to Reduce Neonatal Mortality Rate in Developing Countries**

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### **Abstract:**

The current neonatal mortality rate of India is 44 per 1000 live births. Thirty percent of all neonates are Low Birth Weight (LBW). LBW is highest in India. If we look at the causes of mortality in neonates, seventy five percent are related directly or indirectly to LBW. It is important that LBW babies are provided with scientifically sound, best, low cost, humane and comprehensive method of care. KMC meets the needs of warmth, nutrition and protection from infection with multimodal stimulation and humanizing high technology to achieve improvement in survival, morbidity and appropriate growth and development of LBW infants who are thermodynamically stable and are weighing between 1800 gms to 2000 gms.

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