

# Outcome of Kangaroo Mother Care in Teaching Hospital in Rural India



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# CREATION OF KMC

1978 - **Dr Edgar Ray Sanabria**  
& **Dr Hector Martinez**  
pediatricians from MCH,  
Colombia created **Kangaroo**  
**Mother Care** as a way to  
humanize high technology &  
also provide comprehensive  
low cost care for the LBW  
infants



# KMC – MULTIMODAL STIMULATION



*Satisfies all five senses of the baby*

**Touch:** Baby feels warmth of the mother through skin to skin contact

**Olfaction:** smells mother's odour

**Taste:** sucks on breast

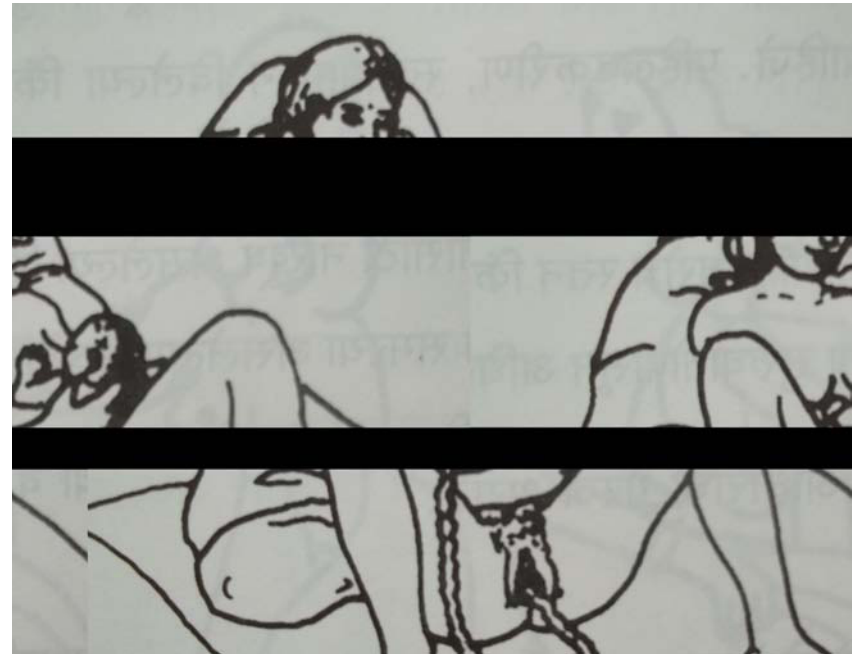
**Vision:** has eye contact with mother

**Hearing:** listens to mother's voice



**JOEY SUCKLING IN MOTHER'S  
POUCH**

**EARLY KMC: BREAST CRAWL i.e.  
NEONATE SUCKLING WITHIN  
MINUTES OF BIRTH**

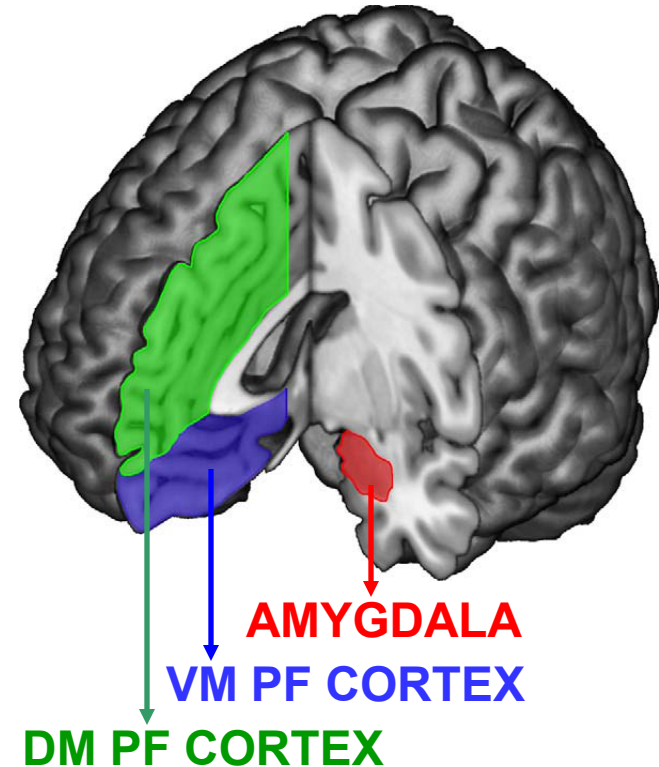


# INTRODUCTION



## SCIENTIFIC BASIS OF KMC

- ***Skin to skin contact*** and carry pattern of care, reflected in KMC
- Development of **Amygdala – prefrontal - orbital tract**
- Healthy right brain development
- Subsequent mental health
- Better perceptual – cognitive
- Better motor development in later infancy



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# INTRODUCTION



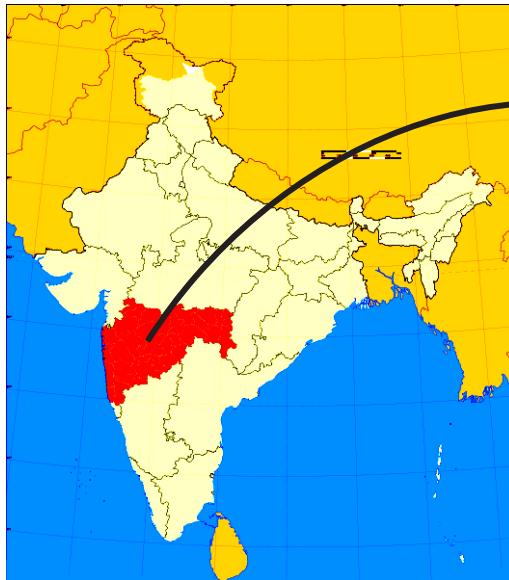
## CONVENTIONAL CARE

- ***INCUBATOR***
- ***PARENTERAL THERAPY***
- ***VENTILATOR THERAPY***
- ***CONTACT, REMOTE  
DELAYED, INTERMITTENT,  
UNATTENDED DISTRESSED***

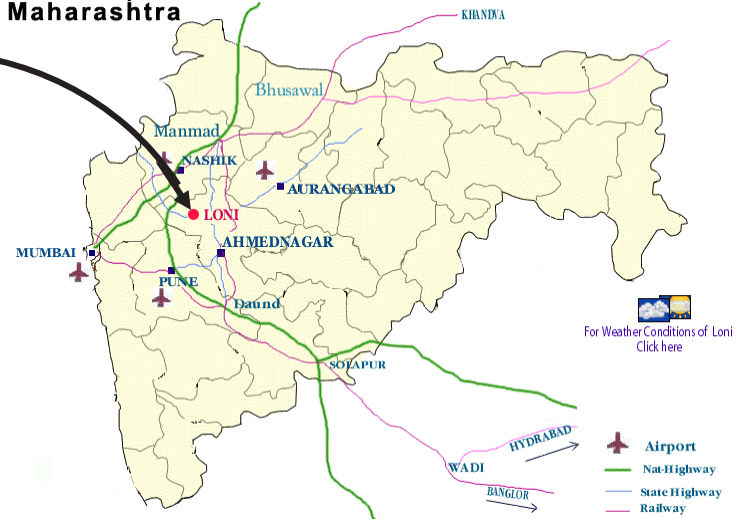
## KANGAROO MOTHER CARE

- **SKIN TO SKIN CONTACT –  
EARLY & PROLONGED**
- **EARLY EXCLUSIVE  
BREAST MILK**
- **APNEA PREVENTION**
- **MULTIMODAL  
STIMULATION**

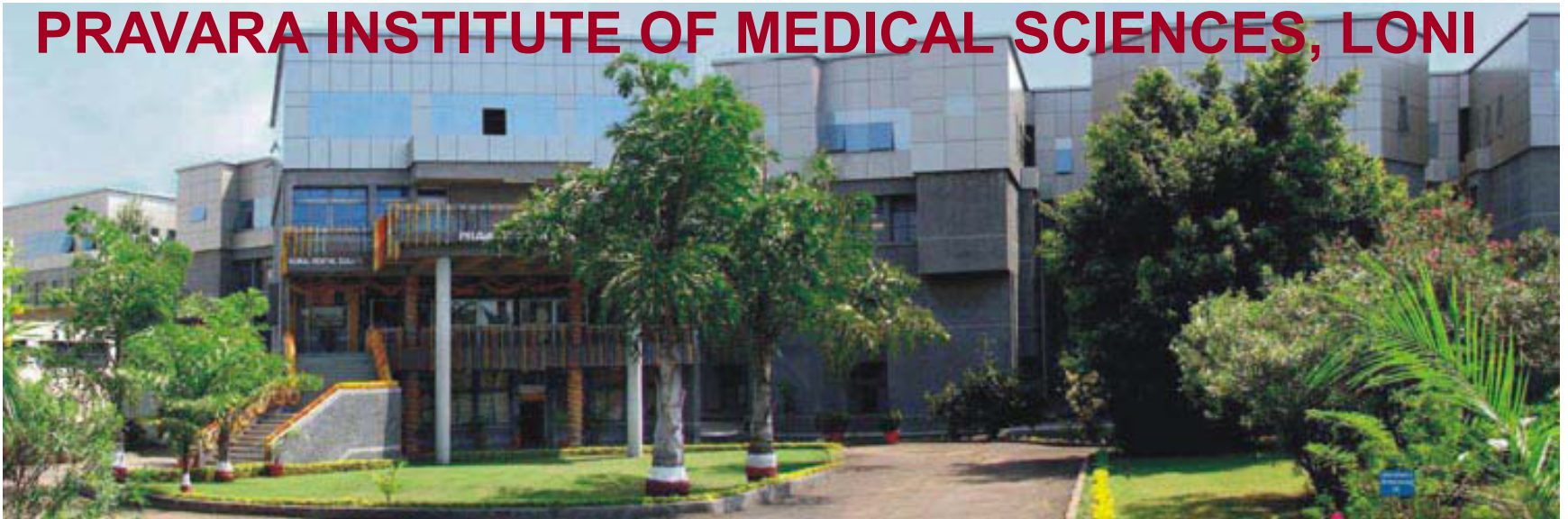
# GREETINGS



## Maharashtra

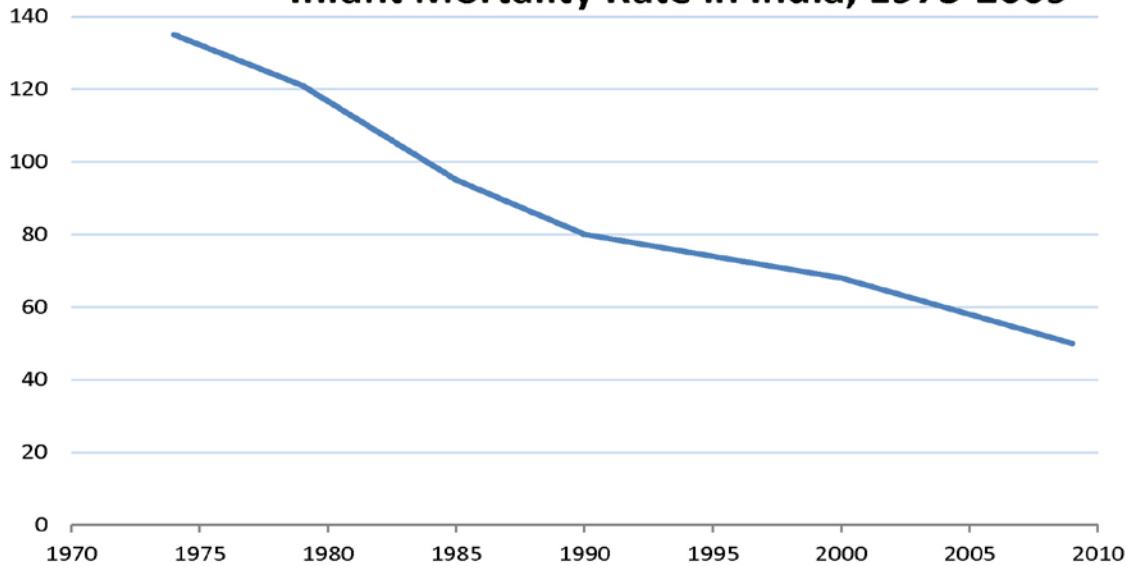


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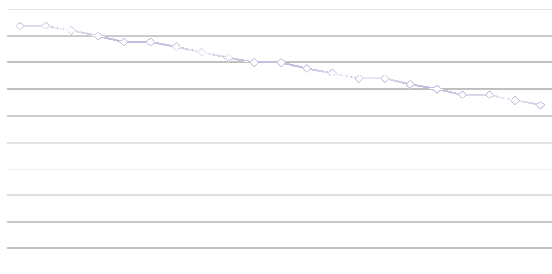




### Infant Mortality Rate in India, 1973-2009



### Neonatal Mortality Rate in India, 1990-2010



**Source:** Level & Trends in Child Mortality. Report 2011. Estimates Developed by the UN Inter-agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation (UNICEF, WHO, World Bank, UN DESA, UNPD).



# MATERIALS



**PERIOD: June 2007 to May 2009**

## INCLUSION CRITERIA

Intramural singleton neonates (<2000gms) were **enrolled** in **KMC** after

- stabilization i.e. Apgar score of 7 at 5 minutes
- with stable cardiopulmonary status and on EBM(NGT) or Breast feed at Birth / 24-72 hrs of age / after 72 hrs of age and studied till discharge with advice to continue at home till follow up at CDOB.

## EXCLUSION CRITERIA

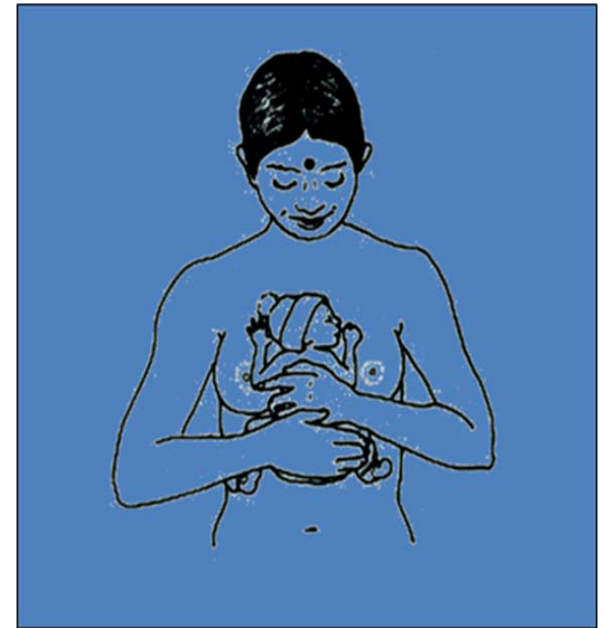
- Neonates > 2000 gms
- Neonates with life threatening congenital anomalies
- Neonates with Apgar < 7 at 5 minutes
- Neonates of multiple gestation

***A TOTAL OF 287 NEONATES SELECTED FOR STUDY WERE ENROLLED FOR KMC, OF WHICH THOSE WHO SHOWED DISCOMFORT WERE GIVEN CMC FORMED THE CONTROL GROUP.***

# METHODS

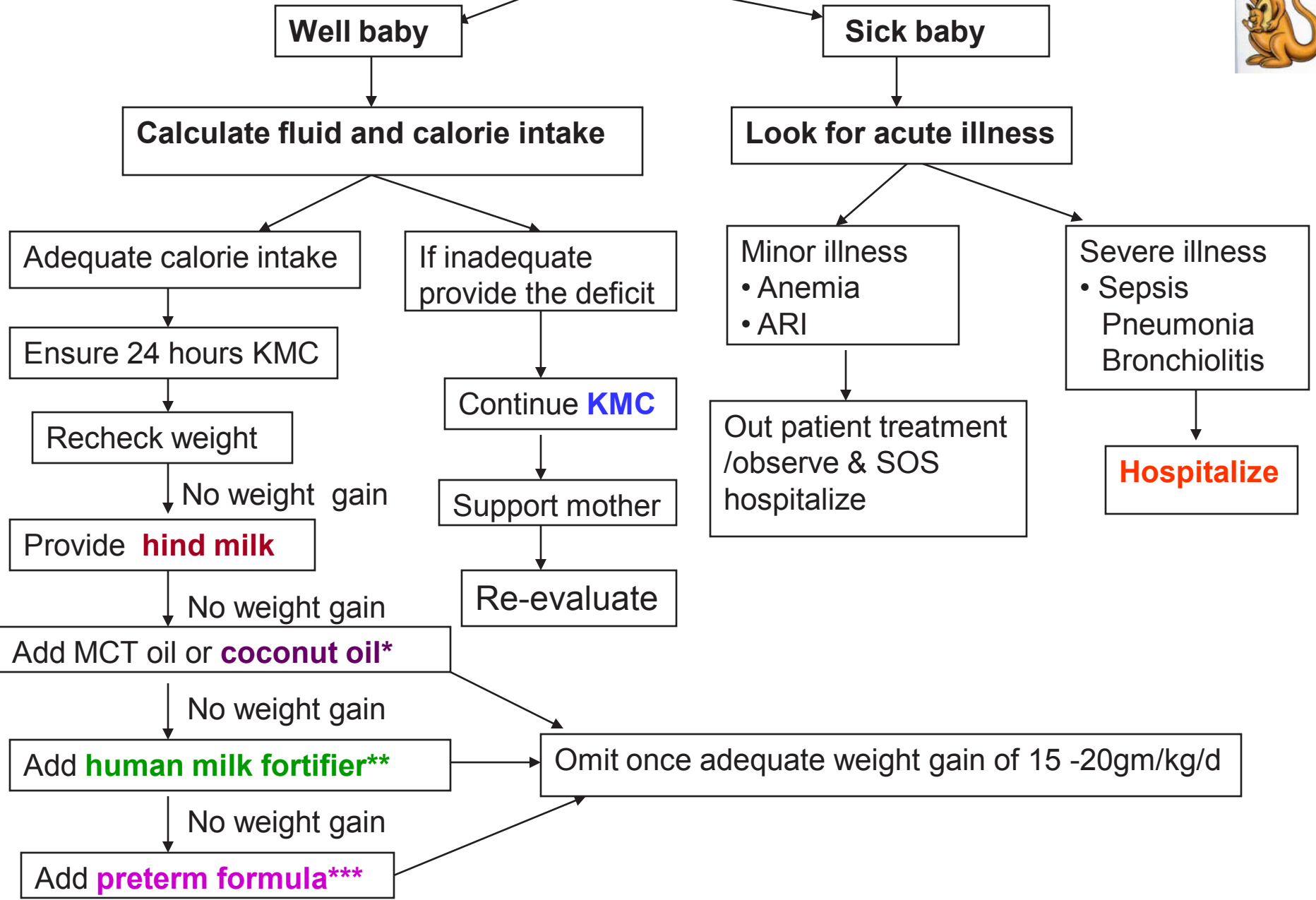


- A printed questionnaire to elicit maternal history in detail while sensitizing the mother for **KMC**
- Printed pro forma for recording thorough clinical examination of the newborn.
- Components of **KMC**
- Kangaroo feeding policy
- Daily weight monitoring
- Kangaroo discharge and follow up policies
- **KMC** Ward
- Follow up as surrogate for morbidity / mortality



**KANGAROO POSITION**

# INADEQUATE WEIGHT GAIN (<15-20 gm/kg/d)



# RESULTS



## Live born babies birth weight $\leq 2500$ gms

<b>Total no. of live births N = 5036</b>		<b>Total No. of LBW N =1780 (35.34%)</b>	
<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
<b>2678 (53.18%)</b>	<b>2358 (46.82%)</b>	<b>922 (51.80%)</b>	<b>858 (48.20%)</b>

## Sex distribution of babies having birth weight $\leq 2000$ gms:

<b>Total no. of live births N = 5036</b>	
<b>No. of babies having birth weight <math>\leq 2000</math>gms, n = 1182 (23.47%)</b>	
<b>No. of babies studied n = 287 (24.28%)</b>	
<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
<b>146 (50.87%)</b>	<b>141 (49.13%)</b>

## Weight distribution of **KMC** / **CMC** babies under study:

Weight in gms	No. of babies		
	<b>KMC</b>	<b>CMC</b>	<b>Total</b>
$\leq 1000$	<b>3 (1.63%)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3 (1.04%)</b>
<b>1001-1500</b>	<b>68 (37.15%)</b>	<b>8 (7.69%)</b>	<b>76 (26.48%)</b>
<b>1501-2000</b>	<b>112 (61.2%)</b>	<b>96 (92.3%)</b>	<b>208 (72.48%)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>183 (63.76%)</b>	<b>104 (36.24%)</b>	<b>287 (100%)</b>

# RESULTS



## Gestational Age Distribution of neonates in **KMC** and **CMC**

GESTATIONAL AGE (wks)	KMC			CMC			TOTAL
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	
≥ 28 - 30	5	13	18	1	1	2	20
≥ 30 - 32	22	17	39	8	5	13	52
≥ 32 - 34	30	24	54	14	10	24	78
≥ 34 - 36	15	14	29	16	17	33	62
≥ 36 - 38	19	24	43	16	16	32	75
<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>183 (63.76%)</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>104 (36.24%)</b>	<b>287</b>

## Gestational Age Distribution of neonates in **KMC** and **CMC**

GESTATION	KMC	CMC
Preterm	140	72
Full term	43	32

# RESULTS



## Average weight gain (gms/kg/day)

CATEGORY	KMC	CMC
Minimum Avg. wt gain (gms/kg/day)	6	5
Maximum Avg. wt gain (gms/kg/day)	30	18
Mean $\pm$ SD	17.64 $\pm$ 2.31	10.81 $\pm$ 1.02
Median	18.0	11.5

CATEGORY	$\leq 1000$	1001 -1500	1501-2000
Minimum Avg. wt gain (gms/kg/day)	10	5	5
Maximum Avg. wt gain (gms/kg/day)	26	30	30
Mean $\pm$ SD	17.75 $\pm$ 2.27	16.53 $\pm$ 1.85	16.43 $\pm$ 1.73
Median	18.0	17.5	17.5

Mean Avg. weight gain in **KMC**: 17.64  $\pm$  2.31 gms/kg/day

Mean Avg. weight gain in **CMC**: 10.81  $\pm$  1.02 gms/kg/day

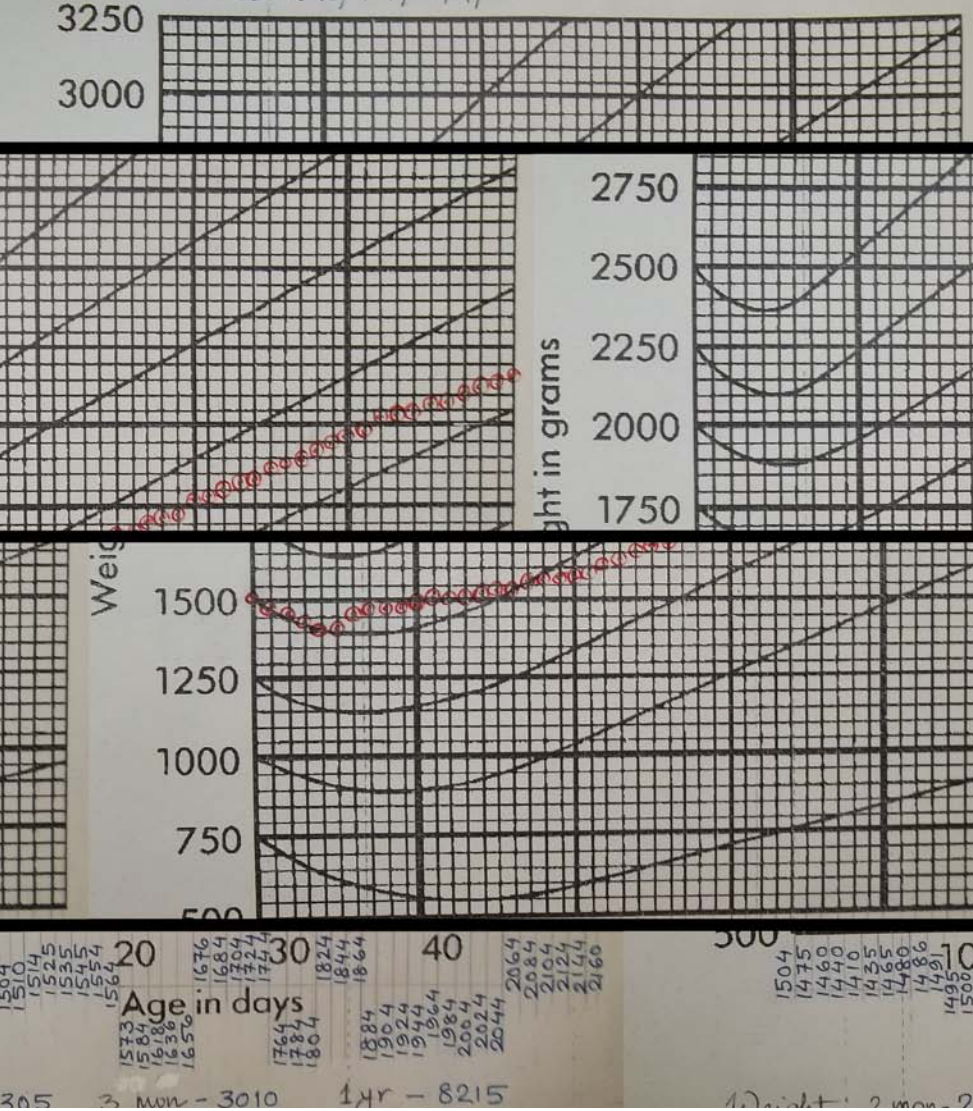
Applying Z test for difference between two sample means shows highly significant difference between mean values of Avg. weight gain in KMC and CMC ( $p < 0.01$ )

KMC

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UNIT : Neonatology WARD : KMC

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NAME : B/o Mrs. Anuna Dabhade DOB: 5/01/08 Wt: 1504 Sex: M  
D: 32 WRS/PT/AGA/L

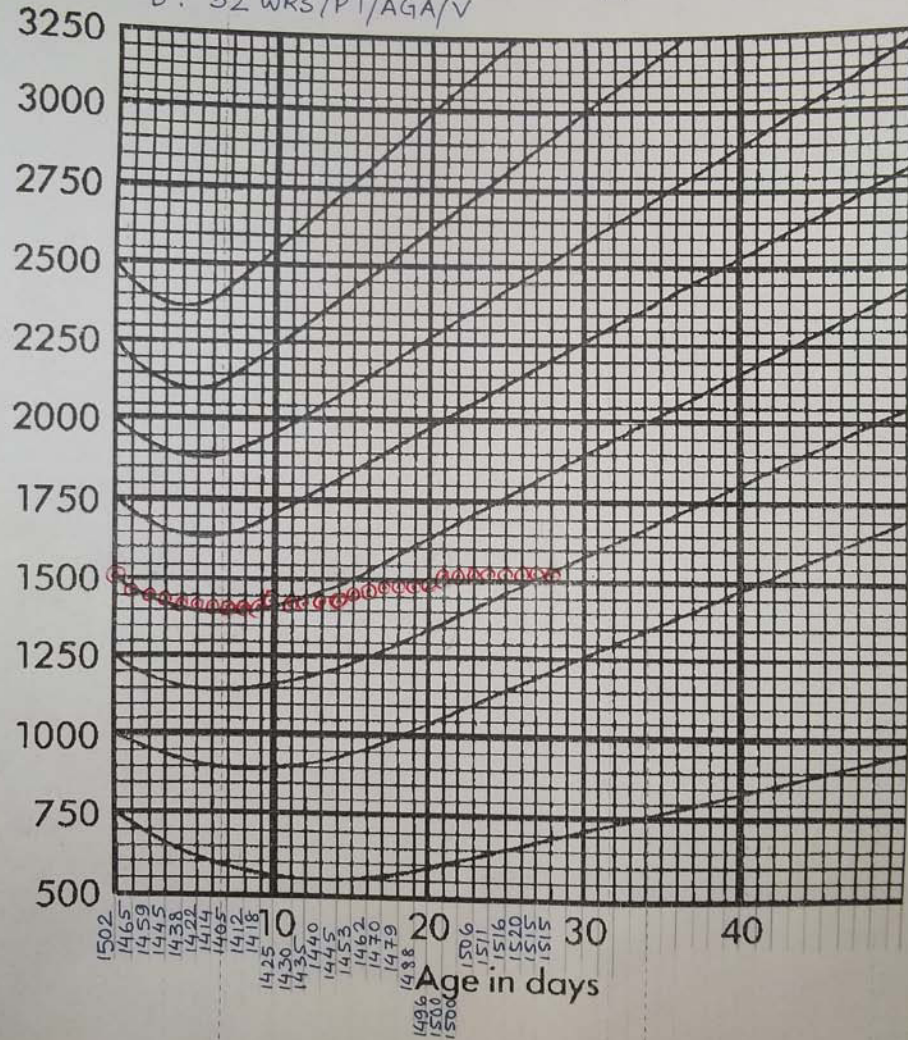


CMC

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UNIT : Neonatology WARD : CMC

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NAME : B/o Mrs. Manisha Shinde DOB: 30/1/08 Wt: 1502 Sex: M  
D: 32 WRS/PT/AGA/V



Weight : 2 mon - 3 mon - 2890 1 yr - 7605



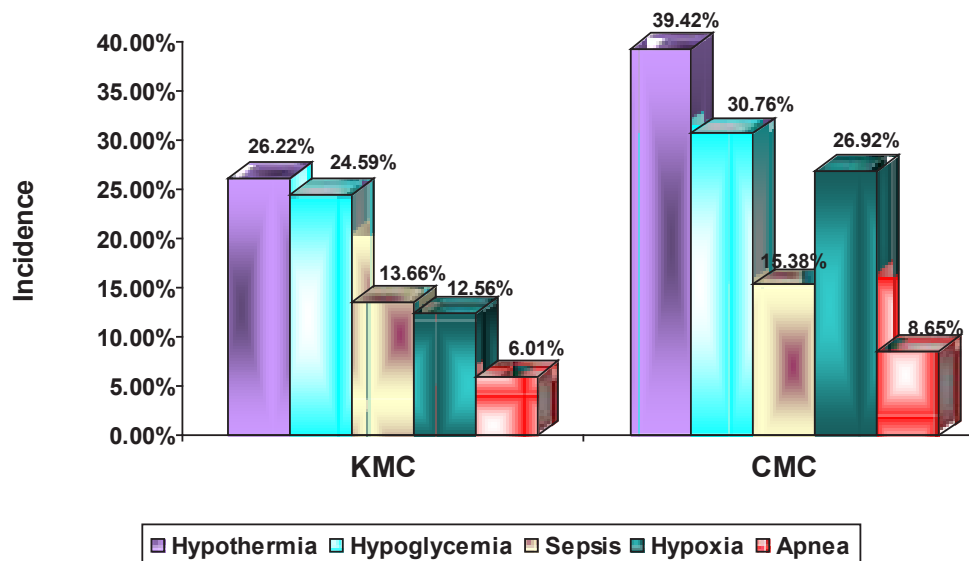




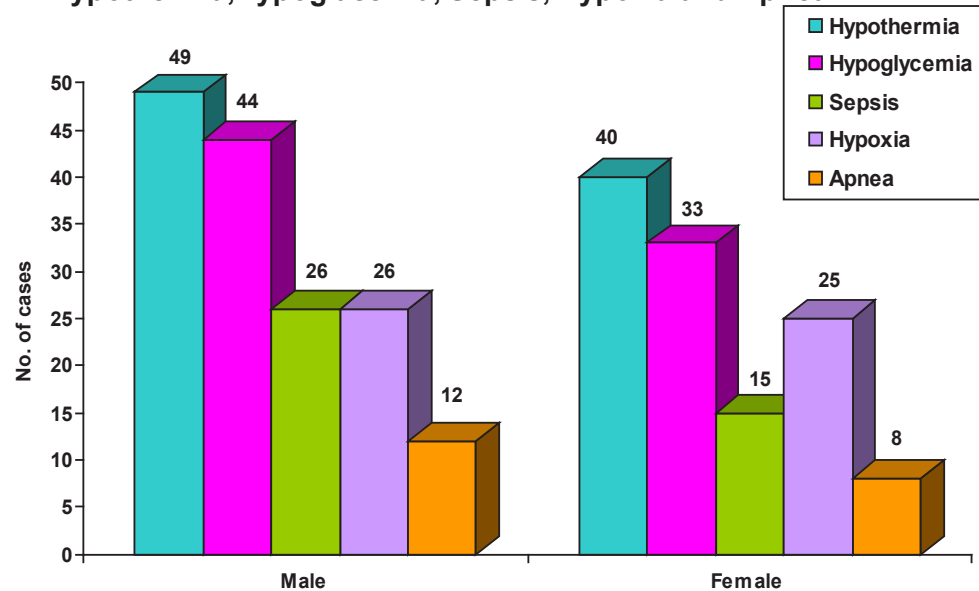
MOTHER GIVING KMC WHILE SLEEPING

CONSTANT TEMPERATURE IN KMC

**Table 3(a): Incidence of Hypothermia, Hypoglycemia, Sepsis, Hypoxia and Apnea in KMC and CMC cases**



**Table 3(b): Sex wise distribution in Hypothermia, Hypoglycemia, Sepsis, Hypoxia and Apnea**





# DISCUSSION

# WEIGHT GAIN



Average weight gain

Study group **KMC**:

$17.64 \pm 2.31$  g/kg/day

Control group **CMC**:

$10.81 \pm 1.02$  g/kg/day

highly significant ( $p < 0.01$ )



**Cattaneo et al 1998[12]:** study group: 21.3 g/day; control group: 17.7 g/day

**Lincetto et al 2000[13]:** 15.6 g/day

**Colonna et al 1990[14]:** 12.8 g/day

**Aloke, Vani et al[15]:** KMC 101.67 vs. CMC 36.6 g

**Ramnathan et al[3]:**  $15.9 \pm 4.5$  vs.  $10.6 \pm 4.5$  g/day

# INCIDENCE OF HYPOTHERMIA



Study group **KMC**:

48 of 183

Control group **CMC**:

41 of 104

study group < control group  
( $p < 0.05$ )



**Cattaneo et al 1998[12]:** KMC 10.8 vs. CMC 14.65 episodes/100 infants/day

**Priya et al 2004[17]:** KMC 98.8°F was higher than CMC 98.3°F

**Kadam et al 2005[19]:** KMC 10 of 44 ; CMC 21 of 45 hypothermia incidence

**K. Christensson et al[18]:** skin temperature of full terms increases significantly in just 5 minutes KMC

# INCIDENCE OF HYPOGLYCEMIA



Study group **KMC:**  
45 of 183

Control group **CMC:**  
32 of 104

study group < control  
group ( $p < 0.05$ )



***Aloke, Vani et al[15]:*** showed no incidence of symptomatic hypoglycemia in both the KMC and CMC groups.

# INCIDENCE OF SEPSIS



Study group **KMC**:

25 of 183

Control group **CMC**:

16 of 104

study group < control  
group ( $p < 0.01$ )



**Charpak et al[7]:** rate of infection similar in both groups but severity of septicemia differed, favoring the KMC group

**Dr. Susan Ludington[16]:** immunity improved among LBW infants in KMC (especially preterms) thereby protecting them from infection

**Sloan et al[20]:** during 6 months follow up KMC group had significantly low rate of infection compared to CMC group

# INCIDENCE OF HYPOXIA



Study group **KMC**:

23 of 183

Control group **CMC**:

28 of 104

study group < control group  
( $p < 0.05$ )



*Priya JJ et al 2004[17]: KMC 5.4 vs. CMC 9.5 frequency of episodes ( $p < 0.05$ )*



# INCIDENCE OF APNEA



Study group **KMC**:

11 of 183

Control group **CMC**:

9 of 104

study group < control group  
( $p < 0.05$ )



**Priya JJ 2004[17]:** KMC 0.43 vs. CMC 0.73 mean apneic spells, clinically significant

**Sloan et al [20]:** similar results at Isidro Ayora Maternity Hospital in Quito, Ecuador

# BLOOD PRODUCT UTILIZATION



## Blood Product Utilization

study group **KMC**: 46 of 183

control group **CMC**: 28 of 104

Rate of wt. gain less in Preterms due to anemia requiring blood transfusion & later put on oral iron therapy at 8 wks age

Weight in gms	<b>KMC</b> ( n=183)		<b>CMC</b> (n=104)		<b>Total</b> (n=287)	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
≤ 1000	1	1	0	0	1	1
1001-1500	13	9	1	3	14	12
1501-2000	9	13	11	13	20	26
Total	23	23	12	16	35	39
Grand Total	46 (25.13%)		28 (26.92%)		74 (25.78%)	

***G.Kirsten Et H. Weyers2006[21]: KMC < CMC***

# MORBIDITY / MORTALITY PROFILE



Follow up at  $\geq 3$  months is a surrogate marker of overall mortality/morbidity which is an evidence of effectiveness & safety of KMC over CMC

**199 of total 287 babies (69.33%)**

**KMC:** 145 of 183 (79.23%)      **CMC:** 54 of 104 (51.9%)

Babies had adequate weight gain & neurodevelopment was normal.

Sex / Birth weight	$\leq 1000$		1001 - 1500		1501 - 2000		Total (n = 287)
	KMC (3)	CMC (0)	KMC (68)	CMC (8)	KMC (112)	CMC (96)	
Male	1	0	26	2	46	27	102
Female	1	0	25	4	46	21	97
Total	2	0	51	6	92	48	199
Grand Total	2		57		140		(69%)

**Conde-Agudelo A et al[22]:** involving 1362 infants, showed no difference in infant mortality, KMC associated with reduced risk of nosocomial infection at 41 weeks CGA, OR 0.49, CI 0.25 – 0.93; wt. gain: KMC > CMC

**Sloan et al[20]:** mortality same in KMC & CMC most deaths occurred during the stabilization period before randomization

**Priya JJ[7]:** involving 30 LBW babies showed a marked reduction of morbidity and mortality in KMC as compared to CMC

# BREAST MILK FEEDING RATES



All the babies (100%) were on breast feeding at discharge

Follow up at  $\geq 3$  months:  
199 of total 287 babies  
(69.33%)

**KMC:** 145 of 183 (79.23%)

**CMC:** 54 of 104 (51.9%)



*Sloan et al 1994[20]: similar observation*

*Charpak et al 1994[23], 1997[7] : KMC more than CMC*

1 month	93%	vs.	78%
3 months	82%	vs.	75%
6 months	70%	vs.	37%
1 year	41%	vs.	23%



# BREAST MILK FEEDING RATES



***Cattaneo et al 1998[12]: study group KMC 88%; control group CMC 70%,  
Hurst et al[24]: KMC increases milk production,  
Ramanathan et al 2001[3]: KMC doubles breast feeding rates.***

# HEAD GROWTH (OFC)



Follow up at  $\geq 3$  months:

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Head growth i.e. reflection of brain growth monitored by measuring OFC at birth (3 days age) and on follow up at 3 months, values within normal range



## OFC in different weight categories

<b>Wt. (Grams)</b>	<b>At Birth (3 days)</b>	<b>At 3 months</b>
$\leq 1000$	26.2 cm	33.7 cm
1001 - 1500	28.5 cm	34.4 cm
1501 - 2000	31.6 cm	37.3 cm

# NEURODEVELOPMENT



**INFANIB** Scale was used for neurodevelopment evaluation of babies on follow up at 3 months of age. Following signs were assessed and found overall normal

- 1) *Hands open / close*
- 2) *Scarf sign*
- 3) *Heel to ear*
- 4) *Popliteal angle*

Development assessment at **three** months of age in both study and control groups are comparable

***Charpak et al 2001[25]:*** psychomotor development was similar in their study and control groups

***Feldman et al 2002[26]:*** study group infants showed more alertness, mean Psychomotor Developmental Index was higher than among control group (85.47 vs. 80.53)

# 1. Hands Open / Close

- Note the position of infant's hands.
- At birth – hands closed some or all the time
- 2 months – closure of hands on stimulation.
- 3 months – hands normally open.
- 4 months – closed hands abnormal
- Fisting / clenching of hands - indicator of excessive extensor tone, abnormal at any time.



**Hands open - Normal infant**



**Fisting 2 months - Neuromotor abnormality**



**Hands closed, neuromotor abnormality at 3.5 months**



## 2. Scarf sign

**Normal:** changes

**3 monthly**



**Normal Scarf Sign 0-3  
months 0°-15°**



**Normal scarf sign 4-6  
months 15°-45°**



**Normal Scarf Sign 7-9  
months 45° - 60°**



**Normal Scarf sign 10-12  
months 60° - 85°**

# Scarf sign

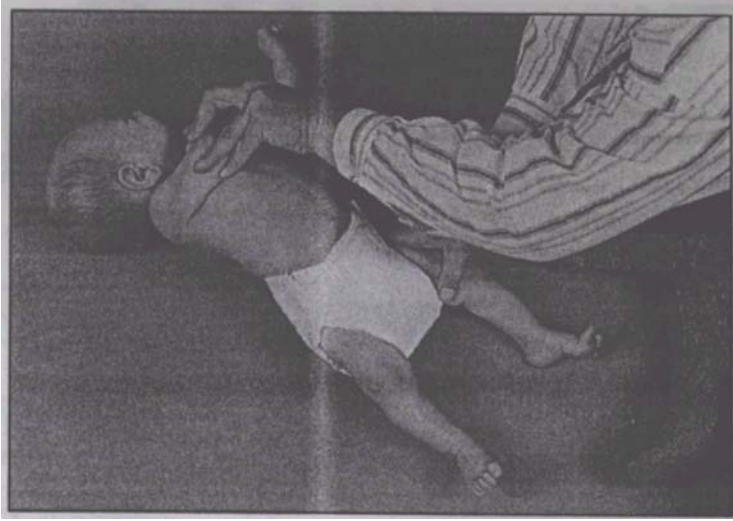
Abnormal

Progression  
from

Marked  
hypotonia

to

Spastic  
Tetraparesis



Abnormal Scarf sign, 0 - 3 months



Abnormal Scarf sign 4 - 6 months



Abnormal Scarf sign 7 - 9 months



Abnormal Scarf sign 10 - 12 months

### 3) Heel to ear

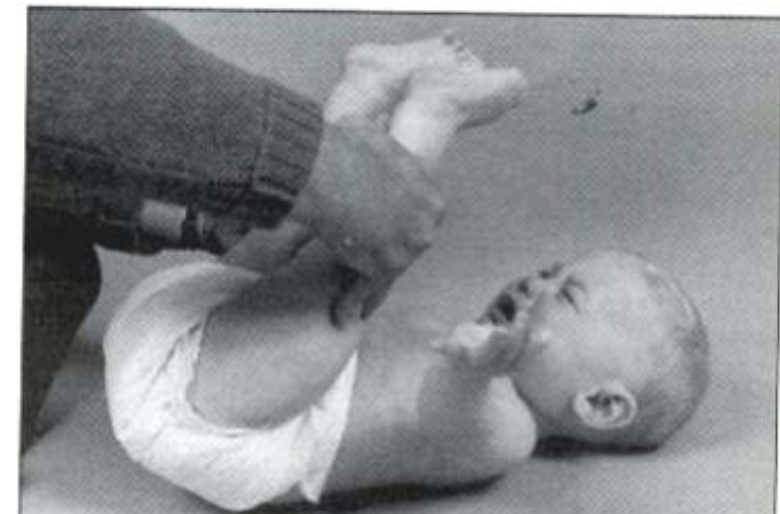
Normal

Excellent Indicator  
of Hypertonia



Normal heel to ear 0 - 3 months,  
100° - 90°

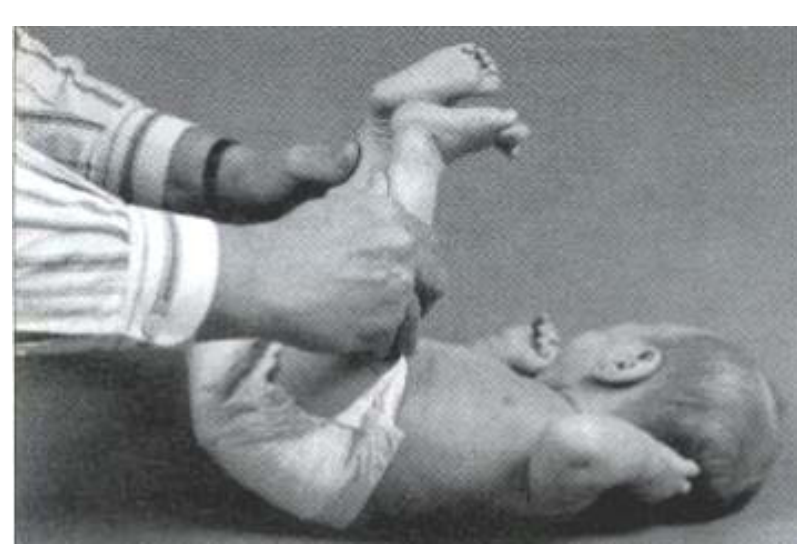
Normal heel to ear 4 -6  
months, 90° - 60°



Normal heel to ear 7 - 9 months,  
60° - 40 °



Normal heel to ear 9 - 18  
months 40° - 10°



**Abnormal heel to ear 0 - 3 months**

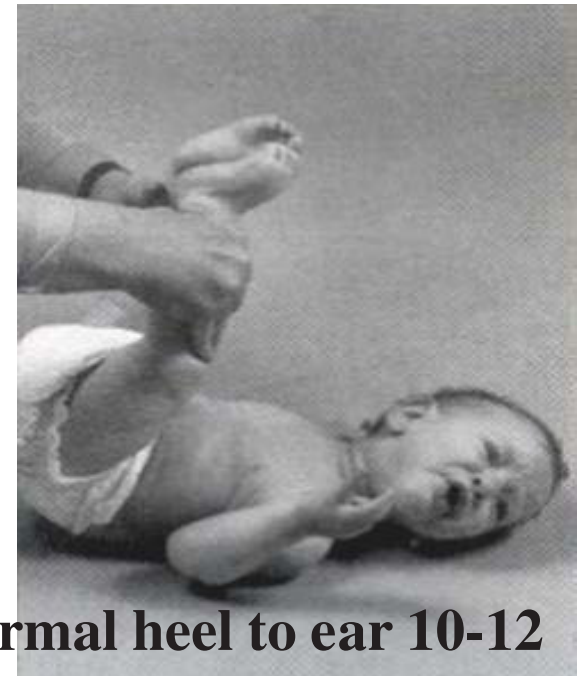


**Abnormal heel to ear 4 - 6 months**



**Abnormal heel to ear 10 -12 months**

**Heel to ear  
Abnormal**



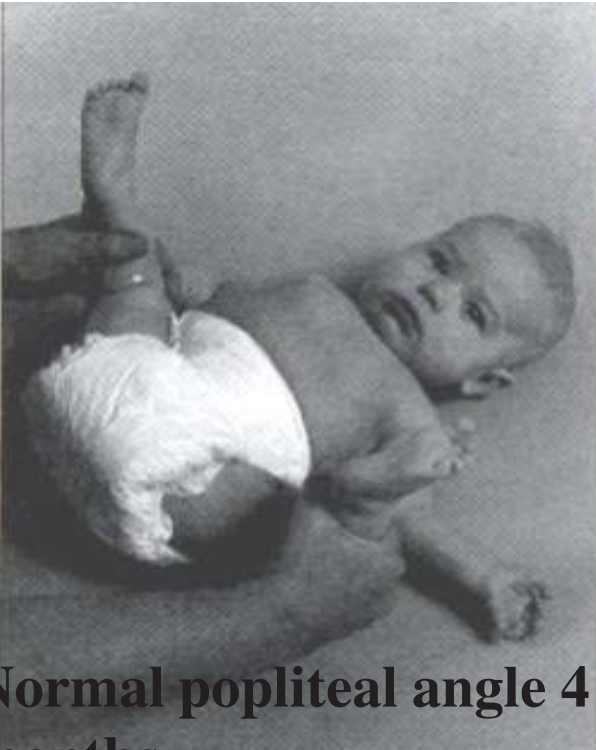
**Abnormal heel to ear 10-12 months**



**Normal Popliteal angle 0 - 3 months**



**Normal popliteal angle 7 - 9 months**

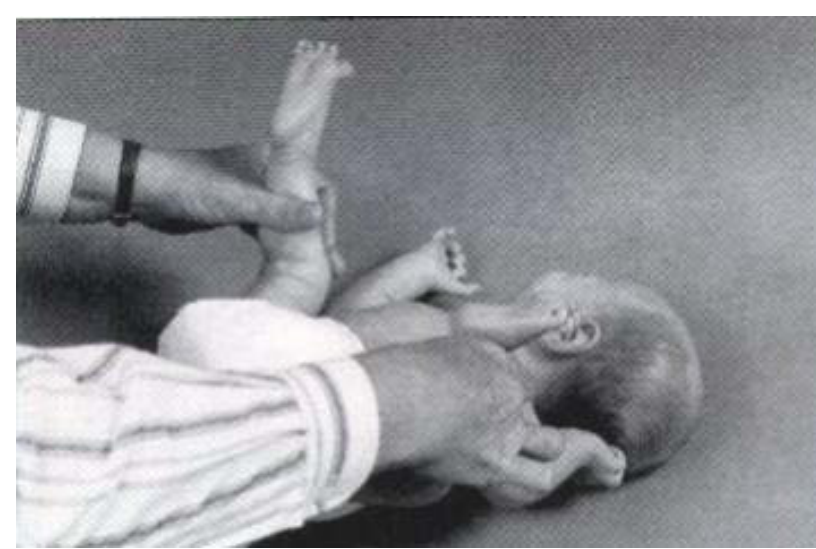


**Normal popliteal angle 4 - 6 months**

**4) Popliteal angle  
Normal**



**Normal popliteal angle 10 - 12 months**



**Abnormal popliteal angle 0 - 3 months**

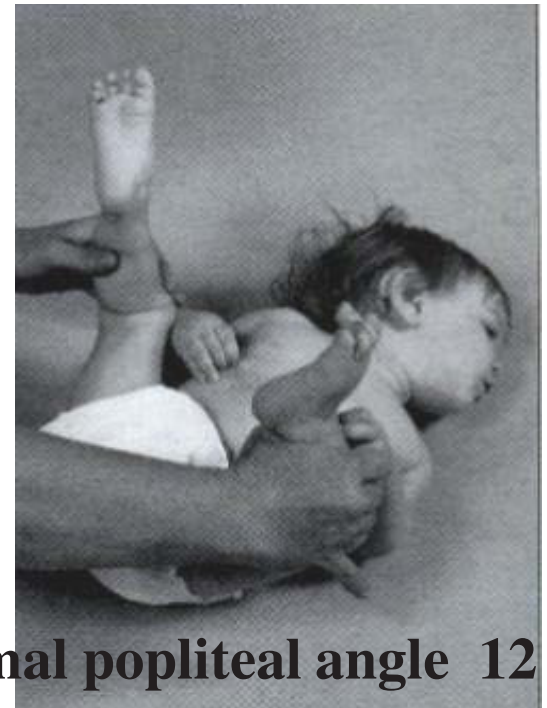


**Abnormal popliteal angle 4 - 6 months**



**Abnormal popliteal angle 7 - 9 months**

**Popliteal  
angle  
Abnormal**



**Abnormal popliteal angle 12 months**

# KEY MESSAGE



## WHAT IS ALREADY KNOWN ?

- **KMC** is the humane and physiological answer for comprehensive low cost care for LBW Infants.

# KEY MESSAGE



**"WHAT THIS STUDY ADDS?"**

**KMC Ward**

for patients of poor socio-economic status living in far flung remote areas with constraints on both means of travel and communication



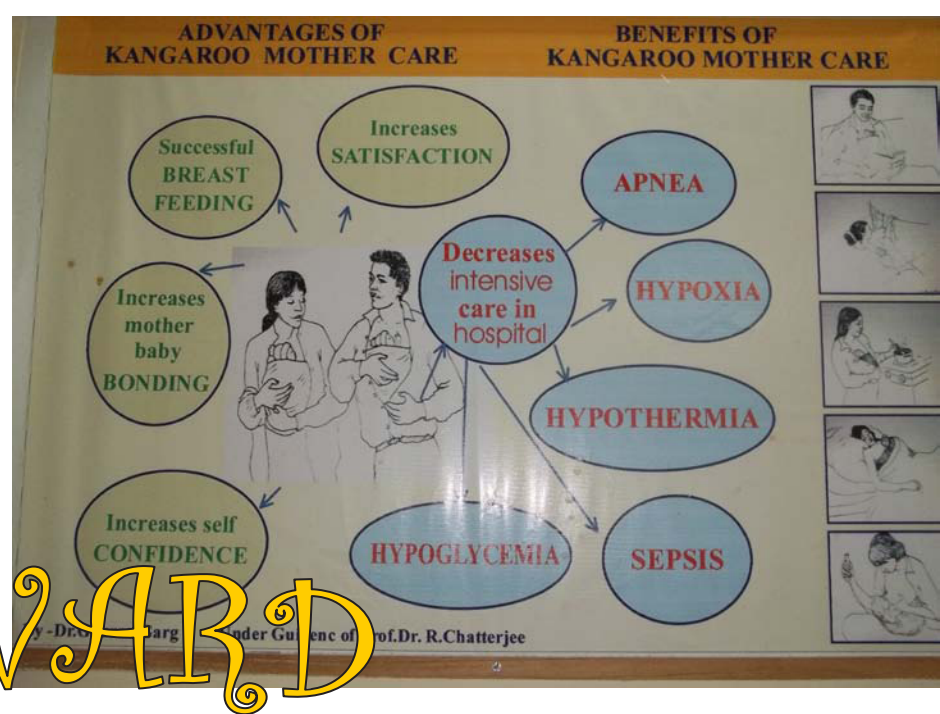


KMC



WARD





KMCC WARD



# HIGH RISK FOLLOW UP CLINIC



- Evaluation of ROP
- Evaluation of hearing assessment
- Screening for congenital hypothyroidism
- Monitoring growth & neurodevelopment

**THANK YOU, MOM**



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