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Leading Pediatricians will convene at Pedicon 09 on Childhood Pneumonia in India

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Leading global and national child experts and researchers will convene at Pedicon2009 to take on the challenge of Child Pneumonia in India. Urging immediate action at this annual meeting of the Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP), the group will work on formulating strategies to improve child health in India. One of the most pressing issues that will be deliberated is the prevention of childhood pneumonia and meningitis.

As in many countries, Pneumonia is an under-recognized problem in India, despite the fact that pneumonia kills more than 400,000 children here each year. According to UNICEF and WHO, the country accounts for nearly 40% of global pneumonia child pneumonia cases. Child health experts point to effective childhood pneumonia prevention and treatment interventions that could save more than 1 million children each year.

Speaking on the occasion, former IAP president Dr. Alagiriswamy Parthasarathy said "the current death toll is unacceptable. There is a dire need to check the situation and act on priority. We have means to deal with the problem and we should act on improving the situation now. Implementing proven interventions now could save the lives of children in India".

A majority of pneumonia is preventable. Established prevention techniques, such as improving nutrition, exclusive breast feeding, reducing indoor air pollution, and vaccinating against measles and pertussis (whooping cough) have successfully lowered pneumonia risk among children. Two of the most effective interventions for reducing pneumonia are vaccines that protect against Hib and pneumococcus.

Most life-threatening pneumonia is caused by two bacteria: Hib (Haemophilus influenzae type b) and pneumococcal (Streptococcus pneumoniae). Together, Hib and pneumococcal account for almost half of the total child pneumonia deaths in India. Based on a thorough review of data by leading experts in India, Government of India has indicated that they plan to introduce Hib into the Universal Immunization Programme this year.

"Hib and pneumococcal vaccines have the ability to prevent tens of thousands of child pneumonia deaths in India," said Dr. Mathuram Santosham Professor Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, who will speak at Pedicon about child pneumonia.

"However there is no magic bullet—because pneumonia is caused by multiple organisms and since multiple factors increase risk of disease, an integrated approach which includes reducing risk factors, giving appropriate treatment, and vaccines should be implemented," said Dr. Santosham.

The WHO estimates that vaccines against Hib and pneumococcus can prevent a large portion of more than one million child deaths caused by these bacteria. Eliminating pneumonia is critical to achieving goals of India's 11th Five Year plan as well as the Millennium Development Goals' target of reducing child mortality by two thirds by 2015. Both Hib and pneumococcal conjugate vaccines are proven to be safe and effective at preventing pneumonia and meningitis in children, in low-income and industrializing countries. Countries that have introduced Hib and pneumococcal conjugate vaccines into the routine immunization program have experience great health impact. WHO recommends introducing routine Hib and pneumococcal vaccines in national immunization programs.

Childhood pneumonia is a global health problem with proven interventions for prevention and treatment. The landmark report, "Pneumonia: The Forgotten Killer of Children," from UNICEF and WHO, sheds light on ways to combat this neglected disease that silently kills over two million children under five years of age each year. Pneumonia kills more children than any other illness – more than AIDS, malaria and measles combined.

Although pneumonia affects all children in India, the risks and consequences are higher among disadvantaged Indian children. Darshan, a six-month old baby of an electrician living in a crowded 2-room flat on Mysore Road, was hospitalized for

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pneumonia several times after being misdiagnosed. Continuing to pay for expensive antibiotics, his family faces a mountain of debt that they will struggle to pay over several years. But child pneumonia strikes even families of means. Manisha, of Golf Course Road, had two surgeries to suck fluid from her lungs when she was not three years old. Even with the best care at Manipal Hospital, her parents nearly lost her.

"In our wards every day we see child wasting away from pneumonia," said Dr. Jagdish Chinnappa, a pediatrician at Manipal Hospital. "There is no time to wait--we must take all measures, including making preventative vaccines part of India's routine immunization programme, to protect children and families from this emotionally and financially devastating illness," said Chinnappa.


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