

Annex I

Lancet COVID-19 Commission India Task Force Virtual Roundtables with Paediatric COVID-19 experts from India, the UK, and the USA

Participants List

INDIA TEAM

1. Dr. Harish Chellani

Present Designation – Consultant Professor & Former HOD, Department of Paediatrics, Vardhman Mahavir Medical College and Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi

Dr Harish Chellani is a distinguished Professor, In-charge Newborn services at Department of Paediatrics, Safdarjung Hospital, Vardhman Mahavir Medical College, New Delhi. He holds an MD in Paediatrics from Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi and Clinical Fellowship in neonatal Transport Medicine from Pennsylvania Hospital, University of Philadelphia, USA. He has held key positions in various committees and task forces of Government of India in over 35 years of his service. He also has also authored more than 100 research articles, chapters, cases and reports.

2. Dr. Siddhartha Gogia

Present Designation - Consultant, Department of Neonatology & Paediatrics - Max Hospital, Gurgaon

Dr. Gogia has worked as Consultant, Dept. of Neonatology & Paediatrics - Sitaram Bhartia Institute of Science & Research, Delhi (Apr 2006 - Jan 2010) and as Senior Resident - Lok Nayak Hospital and Maulana Azad Medical College, Delhi (2002 - 2006). Dr. Gogia completed his MBBS from JNMC, MD - Paediatrics from Maulana Azad Medical College, and PGDAA -P.G in Asthma & Allergy. He is member of Indian Academy of Paediatrics (IAP) and Member of Royal Society for Public Health (MRSPH), London. His areas of expertise are Adolescent Medicine, Vaccination, Childhood Nutrition, Newborn Care, Viral Fever Treatment, Immunizations, and Skin Diseases Treatment. He was awarded Gold medal for Best Research Paper, NEOCON, Chandigarh for the paper titled 'Essential Newborn Care Practices in Home Deliveries' (2004). He is the author of research papers in prestigious journals like BMJ, Bulletin of WHO, International Journal of Epidemiology, Indian Paediatrics, etc. He is also working as a review author in 'Cochrane Neonatal Review Group' and 'Cochrane Developmental, Psychosocial and Learning Problems Group' and as a reviewer in journals like Lancet, BMJ, Bulletin WHO, International Journal of Epidemiology, BMC Paediatrics, etc.

3. Dr. Sheffali Gulati

Present Designation—Professor, Department of Paediatrics, AIIMS New Delhi

Dr. Sheffali Gulati is the Chief, Child Neurology Division, Coordinator - DM Paediatric Neurology Programme and Faculty in-Charge, Centre of Excellence & Advanced Research on Childhood Neurodevelopmental Disorders at Department of Paediatrics, AIIMS New Delhi. She comes with a rich experience of over 20 years in teaching and research. She has to her credit over 350 publications in renowned national and international journals. She has been the first Indian recipient of Sheila Wallace Award by International Child Neurology Association (ICNA) in 2014. She has also been conferred the Amrut Mody Unichem Prize-2015 by ICMR and 6th DR I C Verma Excellence in Research Award in 2018. She has also been conferred the prestigious Dr. S. Janaki Memorial Oration by National Academy of Medical Sciences in 2016. She is the Chairperson of Academy of Paediatric Neurology, IAP for the year 2021 and an executive board member of Indian Epilepsy Society.

4. Dr. S.K. Kabra

Present Designation -Head of the division of Paediatric Pulmonology at AIIMS

Prof Kabra has been at the forefront of research and patient care in Paediatric pulmonology in India and is a world-renowned leader in this field. He has pioneering work in cystic fibrosis and tuberculosis to his credit. Currently he is the head of Paediatric Pulmonology and TB unit at the department of Paediatrics AIIMS. Prof Kabra also is a Heinz fellow British Paediatrics Association, England, 1992 and Member New York Academy of Sciences, Indian Academy Paediatricians and Inam Academy Paediatricians (respiratory chapter). He is also involved in teaching and training of BSc (Nursing), MSc (Paediatric nursing) MBBS, MD (Paediatrics), DM (Paediatric Pulmonology and Intensive Care) students.

5. **Dr. A. Santhosh Kumar**

Present Designation – Professor & HOD (Retired) at Government Medical College, Trivandrum

Dr Asokan Santhosh Kumar is a Professor and HOD (Retired) at Government Medical College, Trivandrum, Kerala. He holds an MD in Paediatrics from Govt. Medical College, Trivandrum and a Diplomate of National Board of Examinations. His interest areas are Paediatrics medicine, Medical education, hospital administration, among others. He has over 30 years of experience as an academician and researcher. He has been the Chairman of the State Medical Board constituted for coronavirus and AEFI in Kerala. He sits on the editorial and advisory boards of well-known academic journals and has authored numerous research papers.

6. **Dr. Rakesh Lodha**

Present Designation - Professor of Paediatrics, AIIMS, New Delhi.

In the Division of Paediatric Pulmonology and Intensive Care, he is the in-charge of the Paediatric Intensive Care services. His research interests include: Paediatric intensive care; AI in intensive care; Paediatric respiratory diseases; Paediatric infectious diseases. He has been awarded multiple research grants in these areas and has published more than 450 articles in peer-reviewed journals. In addition, Dr Lodha has authored multiple book chapters and published a few books. He serves as the Editor, Indian Journal of Paediatrics and Associate Editor of several journals including Indian Paediatrics, National Medical Journal of India etc.

7. **Dr. Janaki Menon**

Present Designation- Additional Professor, Government Medical College, Thrissur, Kerala

Dr Menon is the Additional Professor at Department of Paediatrics, Government Medical College, Thrissur, Kerala. She has over 25 years of experience in general paediatrics, Paediatric oncology, nephrology, intensive care and Level 3 newborn care. She has been the in-charge of Paediatric Nephrology Clinic and services since 2002. She also collaborates with various activities of the NHM in child health at district and state level, has been a state level instructor for ETAT program and Chairperson of the district COVID Vaccine AEFI Review Board. She is also the founder member and Secretary of We Care Charitable Trust that works for the support of children with chronic diseases.

8. **Dr. Sushma Nangia**

Present Designation - Director Professor & Head, Neonatology at Lady Hardinge Medical College and Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital, New Delhi

Dr Sushma Nangia, is the Director, Professor and Head, Department of Neonatology, Lady Hardinge Medical College and Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital, New Delhi, India. Dr Nangia is a neonatal clinician, academician and a researcher. Her main interests are Neonatal resuscitation, Neonatal sepsis, Neonatal respiratory care, Breastfeeding & enteral feeding, Science of human milk along with human milk banking, Kangaroo mother care, neonatal education and epidemiology. Dr Nangia is in-charge of a University public health

Institution's tertiary neonatal set up with ~ 14000 annual births and ~3000+ annual neonatal admissions.

9. Dr. Siddarth Ramji

Present Designation - Director-Professor (Paediatrics) Department of Neonatology, Maulana Azad Medical College

Prof. Siddarth Ramji is the Director-Professor of Paediatrics and Neonatology and former Dean at Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi. He has over three decades of experience as a medical teacher. He served as a Senior Advisor to the Board of Governors for Medical Council of Indian and National Medical Commission. He has chaired, & been associated as a member, several technical and advisory committees of the Ministry of Health (Government of India), Indian Council of Medical Research and Department of Health Research, Department of Biotechnology and the University Grants Commission. He has also been temporary Advisor to the WHO on several occasions for newborn health and DSMB member of WHO multi-centric trials and has been credited with more than 100 research papers and several book chapters.

10. Dr. Winsley Rose

Present Designation – Professor, Department of Paediatrics, CMC Vellore

Dr Winsley Rose is a Professor of Paediatrics at Christian Medical College and Hospital, Vellore. He holds an MD in Paediatrics from CMC Vellore, Fellowship in Paediatric Infectious Diseases from University of Toronto, Canada and M.Sc. in epidemiology from London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, London. He has been associated with several renowned national and international journals and has authored many research papers. His research interests include infectious diseases, deficiency disorders in Paediatric population, immunology etc. among others.

11. Dr. Anupam Sachdeva

Present Designation - Director of Paediatric Hematology and Oncology at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi

Dr Anupam Sachdeva is the Director of Paediatric Hematology and Oncology at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi. He heads an internationally acclaimed bone marrow transplant unit which has made significant strides in the treatment and research of childhood blood cancers. Having studied oncology at the Royal Marsden Hospital, London, Dr Sachdeva took up research fellowship at the University College London in 'WHO Collaborative Laboratories for Haemoglobinopathies'. He has over 30 years of experience and a pioneer in the field of stem cell research in India with exceptional expertise in marrow transplant. He has edited and authored several scientific works and is currently the Chair, Academics at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi. A recipient of the 'James Flett Award' for best research in social Paediatrics in India in 1990, Dr Sachdeva received Dr B C Roy National Award in 2004, and the National Board of Examinations Award of Excellence in 2014.

12. Dr. Ira Shah

Present Designation – In-charge, Paediatric HIV, TB and Liver Clinic and Associate Professor of Paediatrics, Bai Jerbai Wadia Hospital for Children, Mumbai
Consultant in Paediatric Infectious Diseases and Paediatric Hepatology, Nanavati Hospital, Mumbai

Dr. Ira Shah has completed MBBS from Grant Medical College, Mumbai University and MD (Paediatrics) from Seth GS Medical College, Mumbai University. She further pursued DCH and FCPS (Paediatrics) from College of Physicians & Surgeons of Mumbai with a Gold Medal in DCH. She has also done DNB (Paediatrics), Visiting Fellowship (Paediatrics) from RCPCH, UK and Diploma in Paediatric Infectious Diseases from University of Oxford, UK. She has an under-graduate and post-graduate teaching experience of over 20 years. She is on the Editorial Board of various scientific journals.

13. Dr. Nitin Shah

Present Designation – Section Head, Paediatrics and Consultant Pediatrician at PD Hinduja Hospital, Mumbai

Dr. Nitin K. Shah is at present the Section Head, Paediatrics at PD Hinduja Hospital, Mumbai, India. He is also working as Honorary Paediatric Hematologist Oncologist at BJ Wadia Hospital for Children, Mumbai, India and is a visiting Paediatric Hematologist Oncologist at Apollo Hospitals, Navi Mumbai, India. He was the President of the Indian Academy of Paediatrics (IAP) in 2006. He has held several positions in the IAP committees on Immunization, HIV-AIDS, Child Survival and other public health related projects. He has edited several books like IAP Textbook on Immunization, IAP Specialty series books, Paediatric Hematology Oncology, Fetal and Neonatal hematology and immunology amongst many. Dr. Shah has contributed to more than 300 research articles, reports and chapters in several books. He has delivered more than 2000 guest lectures and orations nationally and internationally. He has a passion for immunization, immunology and vaccinology.

14. Dr. Balasubramaniam Sundaram

Present Designation- Head of Department and Senior Consultant at the Kanchi Kamakoti Children's Hospital, Chennai

Dr Sundaram Balasubramanian has been a Paediatrician for 37 years in the city of Chennai. He started his academic career as a teacher in Paediatrics from 1986 at Sri Ramachandra Medical College & Research Institute, Chennai as a Tutor in Paediatrics and went on to become a Professor of Paediatrics there. He established the Department of Paediatrics as an excellent facility for UG & PG training and published several scientific papers on several areas particularly related to Enteric Fever, TB and Diarrhoea. He joined Kanchi Kamkoti CHILDS Trust Hospital (KKCTH) as a Senior Consultant and Resident Medical Officer in 2000 and has been a Senior Teaching Faculty of KKCTH till date. He is also a Trustee of CHILDS Trust Medical Research Foundation from 2017 onwards.

UK Team (National Health Service)

1. Dr. Ramanan Athimalaipet

Professor A. V. Ramanan is a Consultant Paediatric Rheumatologist Bristol Royal Hospital for Children & Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases, Professor of Paediatric Rheumatology, University of Bristol, Co-Chair, NIHR CRN: Children /Arthritis Research UK Paediatric Rheumatology CSG Joint Lead for Research, Division of Women's and Children's, University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust Associate Director, UK Experimental Arthritis Treatment Centre for Children (JIA -Uveitis and Industry work streams).

2. Dr. Sharmila Gopiseti

Dr. Sharmila Gopiseti, Consultant in Paediatric Intensive Care, Royal Manchester Children's Hospital is also Associate Director for Medical Education, Manchester Foundation Trust. She qualified from Gandhi Medical College in India, did her Master's from Osmania Medical College, Hyderabad, India. Her Paediatric Intensive Care Training was from Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital. Her special interest is Clinical Education. She has a PG certificate in Clinical Education from Newcastle University and is currently finishing Master's in Clinical Education.

3. Dr. Hermione Lyall

Dr Hermione Lyall is a consultant paediatrician with special expertise in paediatric infectious diseases at the Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust. She is also the Joint Clinical Director for the North Thames Paediatric network, St Mary Hospital, London. Her expertise includes Infectious diseases, HIV, congenital infection. She has several publications in the area of

Prevention of transmission of HIV from mother to child, management of HIV in children, management of other congenital infections, including CMV and toxoplasma.

4. Dr. Ramnarayan Padmanabhan

Dr Padmanabhan Ramnarayan (Ram) is a Consultant Intensivist working at the Children's Acute Transport Service (CATS) with sessional commitments on the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) at St Mary's Hospital, London. He has been a consultant at Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) for 11 years. He specializes in use of information and technology for innovation and quality improvement, research in transport medicine and 'Big data' analytics of physiological data in critical illness.

5. Dr. Vijith Puthi

Dr Vijith Reddy Puthi is Consultant Paediatrician at the Peterborough City Hospitals and affiliated with North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust, UK. He graduated from Osmania Medical College, Hyderabad, India. He gained his basic paediatric training in London and then went on to gain specialist training in Liverpool. Dr Puthi specializes in paediatric endocrinology and diabetes. His interests include cycling, golf, and he supports a local charity which helps build orphanages in India.

6. Dr. Elizabeth Whittaker

Dr. Liz Whittaker is Senior Clinical Lecturer in paediatric infectious diseases and immunology at the Faculty of Medicine, Department of Infectious Disease, Imperial College. She divides her time between Imperial College London and the Department of Paediatric Infectious Diseases and Immunology, St. Mary's Hospital, London where she is a Consultant. Liz is the convener of the British Paediatric Allergy, Infection and Immunity Group (BPAIIG) and on the steering committee of the British Association of Paediatric TB (BAPT). She is the co-lead for high consequence infectious diseases (HCID) in children at Imperial and is on the RCPCH expert advisory group for COVID 19. She is on the steering group of the BPSU PIMS study, the RECOVERY trial and BATS study.

USA Team (American Academy of Pediatrics)

1. Dr. Jane Aronson

Dr. Jane Aronson graduated from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in 1986 and did a Pediatric residency and chief residency in New Jersey, followed by a fellowship in Pediatric Infectious Diseases at Columbia Presbyterian /Babies Hospital in New York City. Between 1992 and 2000, she was the Chief of Pediatric Infectious Diseases and Director of the International Adoption Medical Consultation Services at Winthrop-University Hospital in Mineola, New York. Since July 2000, Dr. Aronson has been in private practice as Director of International Pediatric Health Services, in New York City. She is Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the Weill Medical College of Cornell University and has evaluated well over 4,000 children adopted from abroad as an adoption medicine specialist.

2. Dr. Devyani Chowdhury

Dr. Devyani Chowdhury, MD Paediatric Cardiology, is an independent physician who is not employed by Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health. She has her medical training from Maulana Azad Medical College University of Delhi and her Residency from North Shore University Hospital.

3. Dr. Ellie Hirshberg

Dr. Hirshberg received her medical degree from The University of Utah School of Medicine, completed her combined Internal Medicine and Pediatric residency at Strong Memorial Hospital, at the University of Rochester. Her combined adult and Pediatric critical care Fellowship was completed through the University of Utah. She joined the faculty at the University of Utah after completion of her fellowship. She received additional training in Echocardiography from NAPE. She is currently an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Utah and is in the Division of Pulmonary Medicine and Critical Care and the Division of Pediatric Critical Care. As a dedicated practitioner in both adult and Pediatric critical care her specific clinical interests involve investigating the disparities and links between adult and childhood physiology. Her academic interests include creating replicable clinical trials in the Pediatric ICU.

4. Dr. Sandy Hong

Dr. Sandy Hong is Clinical Professor of Pediatrics - Rheumatology, Allergy and Immunology. Her Education includes BA, Molecular and Cellular Biology, Pomona College, Claremont, California; University of Edinburgh, Scotland, MS, Public Health, University of California-Berkeley, San Francisco, California and MD, Medicine, University of California, San Francisco, California. She has her internship and residency from Paediatric Intern, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, California. Dr. Hong is a Fellow, Pediatric Rheumatology, Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California and has her licensure and certifications from/by Iowa Medical License.

5. Dr. David Kimberlin

Dr. Kimberlin holds the Sergio Stagno Endowed Chair in Pediatric Infectious Diseases at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where he is Co-Director of the Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases. Dr. Kimberlin is Principal Investigator (PI) of the Collaborative Antiviral Study Group (CASG). He has defined the worldwide management of infants with influenza disease during the 2009 H1N1 pandemic, and has investigated experimental therapies for neonatal entero-viral disease and laryngeal papillomatosis. Dr. Kimberlin is Editor of the 2015 AAP Report of the Committee on Infectious Diseases (Red Book), and was Associate Editor for the 2009 and 2012 editions. He has received numerous education awards, including the Ralph E. Tiller, M.D., Distinguished Faculty Award.

6. Dr. Steven E. Krug

Dr. Krug is the Attending Physician, Emergency Medicine Professor of Pediatrics (Emergency Medicine) North-western University Feinberg School of Medicine.

7. Dr. Diana Lee

Dr. Lee is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, General Pediatrics, Mount Sinai Hospital. Dr. Diana S. Lee graduated with high honors from Princeton University; received her MD from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and completed her Pediatric residency at Yale-New Haven Hospital. She was a Pediatric hospitalist at the Children's Hospital at Montefiore from 2011-2018, where she served as Director of the Inpatient Pediatric Physician Assistant Program, Leader of the Quality Improvement Committee on Pediatric readmissions, and Faculty Co-Director of the Pediatric residency global health elective. Dr. Lee's research focuses on childhood obesity in the inpatient setting and its effect on the outcomes and management of other conditions. She is also studying quality improvement efforts to reduce Pediatric readmissions. She has Certification from the American Board of Pediatrics.

8. Dr. Yvonne A Maldonado

Dr. Maldonado is a Paediatrician who has been involved in HIV since the start of the epidemic and is also an expert on vaccines. Dr. Maldonado is the principle investigator on all of the projects on the Maldonado Epi Group, and is involved in several other global health efforts, including work with polio and measles vaccines. She holds several positions like Faculty Affiliate Stanford King Center on Global Development; Professor of Pediatrics at Stanford University School of Medicine; Senior Associate Dean for the School of Pediatrics at the Stanford University School of Medicine. She did her training from Stanford University School of Medicine in 1981.

9. Dr. H. Cody Meissner

Dr. Meissner is M.D. Chief, Pediatric Infectious Disease Service, Tufts Medical Center Boston. He has been trained at the Tufts University School of Medicine; National Institutes of Health; Boston Children's Hospital. His Clinical Focus areas include Immunizations, Kawasaki disease, immuno-deficiencies, respiratory viruses. More details available on <https://www.fda.gov/media/117728/download>

10. Dr. Sean O'Leary

Dr. O'Leary is the Professor, Pediatrics-Infectious Diseases. He has his medical training from University of Texas Medical School at Houston (1996), residency from University of Colorado (Children's Hospital Colorado) Program, Pediatrics (1999). He is Director, Colorado Pediatric Practice-Based Research Network (PBRN), also known as COCONet (Colorado Children's Outcomes Network). He has numerous awards including SOUPer Hero of the Year Award, Colorado Children's Immunization Coalition (2014), Special Achievement Award "For outstanding work on immunization policy in Colorado", American Academy of Pediatrics (2014)

11. Dr. Janna Patterson

Dr. Janna Patterson is currently SVP, Global Child Health & Life Support at American Academy of Pediatrics. As a senior executive at the American Academy of Pediatrics, Janna leads a team of public health professionals to vision and implement global health initiatives in over 25 countries. Committed to equitable, empowering partnerships and systems she transforms teams to achieve success. She is a board-certified Paediatrician and neonatologist who brings innovative learning methods, including virtual reality, to clinical skills training. She is fluent in Swahili, proficient in sailing and occasionally successful in salsa dancing.

12. Dr. Linda Beth Siegel

Dr. Linda Beth Siegel works at the Paediatric Critical Care Medicine and specialises in Pediatrics, Palliative Medicine. Her certifications include Pediatrics - American Board of Pediatrics, Pediatric Critical Care Med. - American Board of Pediatrics / Critical Care. Her Academic titles include Assistant Professor, Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell. She has her education from Thomas Jefferson University Medical College and Residencies from Georgetown University School of Medicine.

13. Dr. Christopher Snyder

Christopher Snyder, MD. Professor, CWRU School of Medicine, is a Pediatric cardiologist at UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital. He joined the UH Rainbow medical staff eight years ago and has served in a number of roles during that time, including Head of

Electrophysiology and Executive Committee Member for the hospital. With more than 90 peer-reviewed articles and more than 10 book chapters, Dr. Snyder has presented his research at all the major Pediatric cardiac meetings in the United States and throughout the world. He is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Heart Rhythm Society, the American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association. He currently serves as Chair of the Section of Cardiology and Cardiovascular Surgery for the American Academy of Pediatrics and as Chair of the Joint Counsel on Congenital Heart Disease.