

Health Care, Nutrition & Pediatrics Meet 2019: Neonatal nursing- S K Mohanasundari- All India Institute of Medical Sciences

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Neonatal nursing is a subspecialty of nursing. Neonatal nursing generally encompasses care for those infants who experience problems shortly after their birth, but it also encompasses care for infants who experience long-term problems related to their prematurity or illness after their birth. And, prematurity is a serious public health apprehension. Several new-borns are hospitalized for long time with complex medical circumstances. And, a few neonatal nurses may care for infants up to about two (2) years of age. Whereas most neonatal nurses care for infants from the time of birth (from birth-discharge) until they are discharged from the hospital. Healthcare institutions have varying entry-level requirements for neonatal nurses. Neonatal nurses are Registered Nurses (RNs). Some countries or institutions may also require a midwifery qualification. Whereas some institutions may accept newly graduated RNs (Registered Nurses) who have passed the NCLEX (National Council Licensure Examination) exam; and others may require additional experience working in adult-health or medical/surgical nursing.

Also, some countries offer postgraduate degrees in neonatal nursing and various doctorates. And, Neonatal nursing needs a high degree