

# **NEOCON 2025**

44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of The National Neonatology Forum
Theme: Neonatal Care - Evidence to Excellence
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Pre conference Workshops W11: Research Methodology and Biostatistics: The Basics

W11

☐ Date: 11<sup>TH</sup> December 2025 ☐ Time: 08:30 AM - 05:00 PM

Venue: MEU Hall, GITAM Institute Of Medical Sciences and Research

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## Agenda

#### **Learning objective:**

To learn to formulate a research question, understand principles of study design, sampling, develop a research protocol, and data collection, and gain familiarity with statistical analysis and interpretation of research data.

### **Expected outcome:**

To be able to conduct a well-designed study, generate a validate hypothesis, map knowledge gaps and explore further avenues of potential future research through interpretation of the conclusions from your primary research.

| Time                 | Торіс                                                                        |  |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| 8:30 am – 9:00 am    | Registration & Networking Breakfast                                          |  |
|                      | Meet fellow researchers, connect with mentors, and set for a day of learning |  |
|                      | and collaboration.                                                           |  |
| 9:00 am – 9:10 am    | Welcome & Introduction                                                       |  |
|                      | Overview of the workshop goals — building a foundation for designing and     |  |
|                      | analyzing primary research.                                                  |  |
| 9:10 am – 9:30 am    | Understanding Your Data: Foundations of Data Types & Distributions           |  |
|                      | Learn how the understanding of data types and measures (mean, median, SD)    |  |
|                      | guides robust research design, analyses and reporting.                       |  |
| 9:30 am – 10:00 am   | Choosing the Right Study Design for Your Research Question                   |  |
|                      | Explore how to match your question to the right study design — from          |  |
|                      | observational studies to RCTs.                                               |  |
| 10:00 am – 10:10 am  | Interactive Q&A                                                              |  |
|                      | Clarify, challenge, and discuss!                                             |  |
| 10:10 am – 11:00 am  | Sample Size & Power Calculation Simplified                                   |  |
|                      | Discover how sample size affects validity, confidence.                       |  |
| 11:00 am – 11:15 am  | Q&A and Discussion                                                           |  |
| 11:15 am – 11:30 am  | Morning Break                                                                |  |
| 11:30 am – 12: 00 pm | Cohort & Case-Control Studies: Seeing Cause and Effect Clearly               |  |
|                      | Compare prospective and retrospective designs through practical examples.    |  |
| 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm  | Hands-on Group Activity                                                      |  |
|                      | Critically reading and appraising published cohort and case-control studies. |  |

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| 12:30 pm – 1:15 pm | Randomized Controlled Trials (RCTs): The Gold Standard of Primary                 |
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|                    | Research                                                                          |
|                    | Understand RCT anatomy, bias control, and guidelines in a researcher-friendly     |
|                    | way.                                                                              |
| 1:15 pm – 1:45 pm  | Networking Lunch                                                                  |
| 1:45 pm – 2:15 pm  | Interactive Group Reading                                                         |
|                    | Analysing RCT papers.                                                             |
| 2:15 pm – 3:00 pm  | Diagnostic Test Accuracy Studies: Evaluating Tests that Guide Clinical            |
|                    | Decisions                                                                         |
|                    | Interpret sensitivity, specificity, and predictive values with ease.              |
| 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm  | Group Activity: Reading and interpreting diagnostic accuracy studies.             |
|                    | Q & A, Combined group activity: Reading diagnostic accuracy papers                |
| 3:30 pm – 4:00 pm  | Statistics Made Simple: p-values, Confidence Intervals, and Choosing the          |
|                    | Right Test                                                                        |
|                    | Bridge the gap between numbers and interpretation                                 |
| 4:00 – 4:15 pm     | Afternoon Tea Break                                                               |
| 4:15 – 4:45 pm     | Literature Search Essentials for Thesis and Publication                           |
|                    | Practical strategies for searching, screening, and citing literature effectively. |
| 4:45 pm – 5:00 pm  | Q&A — Ask the Experts                                                             |
| 5:00 pm – 5:30 pm  | Open House & Networking Tea                                                       |
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