



EMRO/SEARO MEETING ON THE PREVENTION OF  
NEONATAL TETANUS

Lahore, 22 - 25 February 1982

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Monday, 22 February

- 8.30 - Registration
- 9.00 - 9.45 - Inaugural Address by Dr Nasiruddin Jomezai,  
Minister of Health and Social Welfare  
- Message from Dr A.H. Taba, WHO Director, EMR  
- Message from Dr U Ko Ko, WHO Director, SEAR
- 9.45 - 10.15 - Coffee break
- 10.15 - 10.30 - Election of Officers  
- Adoption of Agenda
- 10.30 - 12.30 and  
14.00 - 17.30 - Review of the magnitude of the problem of  
neonatal tetanus through presentation  
of the results of surveys\* and other  
studies undertaken in countries of the  
two regions. Agenda Item 4. Doc./4

Tuesday, 23 February

- 9.00 - \*\* 11.30 - Resumé of the previous day's proceedings  
- Methodology of field surveys. Agenda Item 5.  
- Discussion
- 11.30 - 12.30 and  
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available from regions of the world  
concerning the prevention of neonatal  
tetanus:
- 1. By means other than immunization  
(presented by a member of MCH Unit Geneva).  
Agenda Item 6. Doc./5
- Discussion
- 2. By means of immunization of the mother  
(presented by Professor M. Rey). Agenda  
Item 7. Doc./6
- Discussion

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discussion of the data from each country in succession,  
beginning with SEAR countries.

\*\* Coffee break 15 m.

Tuesday, 23 February (Cont'd)

16.00 - 17.30

- Tetanus toxoids for prevention of neonatal tetanus. Vaccines available. Doses indicated. Expected duration of immunity. Side effects from repeated doses. Any other relevant aspects. (Presented by Dr. A. Galazka, EPI, WHO, Geneva). Agenda Item 8. Doc./7
- Discussion

Wednesday, 24 February

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and  
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- 1. What low level of incidence of neonatal tetanus would constitute control of this disease to a level where it was no longer a problem.
- 2. By what alternative(or synergistic) strategies could this level be attained in the member states of the two regions? Can it be done with existing resources and within the context of existing programmes? What resources would be required? What constraints and obstacles need to be overcome? Within what period could this be achieved? (These answers would probably need to be country-specific in many cases).
- 3. To what extent is identification of immunized women necessary, and how could this be done effectively? Agenda Item 9

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Summary report and recommendations  
Agenda Item 10

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