XV INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP AND CONGRESS ON KANGAROO MOTHER CARE

II CONGRESSO BRASILEIRO SOBRE O CUIDADO CANGURU

WORKSHOP

CONTEMPORARY ADVANCES AND CHALLENGES IN KANGAROO MOTHER CARE

18 - 19 NOV

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OBJECTIVE: To promote discussion and the collective development of strategies to strengthen and implement contemporary Kangaroo Mother Care practices, taking into account scientific evidence, operational challenges, sustainability, equity, innovation, and communication and dissemination strategies across different healthcare settings and communities, through the participation of diverse stakeholders, the exchange of experiences, and the identification of priorities and action proposals.

NOVEMBER 18th, 2026 | WEDNESDAY

08:00-08:30	**WELCOME AND REGISTRATION**
08:30-09:15	Opening Session: LOCAL, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITIES AND REPRESENTATIVES
09:15-09:30	Organization and Allocation of Participants to the Working Groups
09:30-10:00	**BREAK and Transition to Working Group Rooms**
10:00-12:00	Working Group Sessions
12:00-14:00	**LUNCH**
14:00-15:45	Working Group Sessions
15:45-16:00	**BREAK**
16:00-18:00	Preparation of Group Reports for Plenary Presentation
18:00-19:00	Group Integration Activity

NOVEMBER 19th, 2026 | THURSDAY

08:00-10:00	Plenary Presentation of Reports from Groups 1, 2 and 3
10:00-10:30	**BREAK**
10:30-12:00	Plenary Presentation of Reports from Groups 4 and 5
12:00-14:00	**LUNCH**
14:00-16:00	Development of the Final Document – BRASÍLIA CHARTER Recommendations on KMC for the Next Two Years
16:00-18:00	INK Meeting
14:00-18:00	Visits to Neonatal Units (for international delegates who are not involved in other activities)
18:00	Closing Ceremony

ORGANIZATION AND DYNAMICS OF THE WORKING GROUPS

- **The Workshop will be organized into 5 thematic groups, meeting simultaneously in 5 separate rooms.**
- **Each group will include approximately 30 participants and will have chairs and moderators from different countries and professional backgrounds, responsible for facilitating the discussions.**
- **Discussions will be guided by the following predefined thematic areas:**
  - **Group 1: Clinical Practice**
  - **Group 2: Health Systems and Networks**
  - **Group 3: Research and Innovation**
  - **Group 4: Education and Dissemination**
  - **Group 5: Equity and Inclusion**

THEMATIC AREAS AND DISCUSSION TOPICS

GROUP 1 | CLINICAL PRACTICE

Immediate KMC and Zero Separation: Evidence, Challenges, Barriers and Implementation Strategies

Chairs: NICOLE GIANINI (Brazil), ÁNGELA LOMBO (Colombia)
Moderators: PATRÍCIA CAMPANHA (Brazil), ADRIANA MONTEALEGRE (Colombia), MANTOA MOKHACHANE (South Africa), CHI LUONG KIM (Vietnam)

Discussion Topics:

1. Scientific evidence and rationale for Immediate KMC and Zero Separation
2. Clinical safety, monitoring, and stabilization criteria
3. Practical strategies for implementation in different contexts
4. Persistent institutional, clinical, and cultural barriers
5. Organizational and structural requirements for implementation within health systems and healthcare facilities: infrastructure, human resources, and clinical protocols
6. Transport and continuity of care

GROUP 2 | HEALTH SYSTEMS AND NETWORKS

KMC within National Health Systems: Network Organization, Sustainability and Continuity of Care

Chairs: SÔNIA VENÂNCIO (Brazil), SHASHI NARENDA VANI (INDIA)
Moderators: RICHARD LUHANGA (Malawi), MARIA GOMES (Brazil), CINTHYA MAGLUTA (Brazil), LISETH RODRÍGUEZ (Colombia)

Discussion Topics:

1. Integration of KMC into public policies and national health systems
2. Governance, financing, and sustainability mechanisms
3. Organization of care networks and coordination between hospital and primary healthcare
4. Structured specialized outpatient follow-up programs
5. Strategies for national scale-up across different contexts and levels of care
6. Monitoring and evaluation systems

GROUP 3 | RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Research, Innovation, Knowledge Generation and Dissemination in KMC

Chairs: SERGIO MARBA (Brazil), NATHALIE CHARPAK (Colombia)
Moderator: DEEPA BANKER (India), SANDRA VOGLER (USA)

Discussion Topics:

1. Knowledge gaps and research priorities
2. Indicators, outcomes, and tools for monitoring short- and long-term impact
3. Implementation research, innovation, and new models and technologies in KMC
4. Strategies for scientific dissemination among healthcare professionals, managers, policymakers, and scientific societies
5. Knowledge translation and communication strategies with families and communities aimed at mobilization, social participation, and recognition of KMC as a right
6. Challenges in the generation and application of scientific knowledge

GROUP 4 | EDUCATION AND DISSEMINATION

Education, Training and Professional Development in KMC

Chairs: SOCORRO MENDOZA DE LEÓN (Philippines), ROBERTA COSTA (Brazil)
Moderators: CATALINA LINCE-RIVERA (Colombia), EKAWATI LUTFIA HAKSARI (Indonesia), MARIA CÂNDIDA BOUZADA (Brazil)

Discussion Topics:

1. Integration of KMC into health and related professional education, including undergraduate programs, residencies, specialization programs, and graduate education
2. Standardization and strengthening of KMC within curricula
3. Academic and institutional barriers to education and professional development in KMC
4. Continuing education — courses, training programs, technical updates, and formal capacity-building initiatives — to develop essential competencies for interdisciplinary KMC practice
5. Continuing professional development aimed at strengthening professional practice in everyday care settings
6. Strategies to expand and democratize access to education, training, and knowledge on KMC through distance learning, courses, collaborative networks, educational materials, communities of practice, and national and international dissemination initiatives

GROUP 5 | EQUITY AND INCLUSION

Comprehensive, Equitable, Diverse and Inclusive KMC

Chairs: CARMEN PALLÁS (Spain), ALINE HEINNEMANN (Brazil)
Moderators: MARIA TERESA MORAL (Spain), NINA BRAGA (Brazil), DENISE SUGUITANI (Brazil), ZAIRA CUSTÓDIO (Brazil), DENISE MORSCH (Brazil)

Discussion Topics:

1. Equity in access to KMC in contexts of geographical, socioeconomic, and institutional inequalities
2. Recognition and appreciation of cultural, ethnic-racial, and territorial dimensions in the implementation of KMC
3. Gender, diverse parenthood, and different family configurations
4. Accessibility, inclusion, and care for people with disabilities
5. Bereavement, end-of-life care, and neonatal palliative care
6. Comprehensive, inclusive, equitable, and family-centered care

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The discussions in the five groups are expected to result in a shared set of recommendations and priority actions for advancing KMC, addressing clinical practice, health systems and networks, research and innovation, education and dissemination, and equity and inclusion.
These contributions will be consolidated into the Brasília Charter, which will set out recommendations and priorities for KMC for the next two years. The document will be presented and read following the opening session of the XV International KMC Congress, subsequently shared with all participants, and widely disseminated among the scientific community, healthcare professionals, health managers, policymakers, and other stakeholders involved in KMC.