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ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE AND NEONATAL SEPSIS IN INDIA: A STORM IN THE CRADLE

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Neonatal sepsis is a major cause of neonatal death in India. Treatment of sepsis is often challenging due to limitation of antibiotic choices and emergence of drug-resistant infections, further narrowing treatment options in this vulnerable population. This review highlights the different factors contributing to sepsis and techniques for its diagnosis, importance of antibiotics, and mechanisms of antibiotic resistance. Along with it, government policies to curb neonatal mortality and updated treatment guidelines for saving newborn lives are also discussed here.