

Genetic Causes of Congenital Malformation in India

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ABSTRACT Congenital malformations are a major cause of death of neonates in India where prenatal detection and treatment are not adequate in many hospitals and health centers. Incidence is specially high in stillbirths. It is not realized that genetic causes - chromosomal, single gene and polygenic - are the main causes of many congenital defects and early detection and prevention should be essential to make the small family norm a success.