

# Monthly Newsletter

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## ICBDSR 2025 Annual Meeting – Membership poll!



We are pleased to announce that the ICBDSR 2025 Annual Meeting will be held at the **Mount Grace Resort in South Africa from November 2-5, 2025.**

We are reaching out to you to gauge potential attendance at the 2025 Meeting.

### Will you attend?

Please take a moment to submit your intention to attend the meeting so we can plan accordingly.

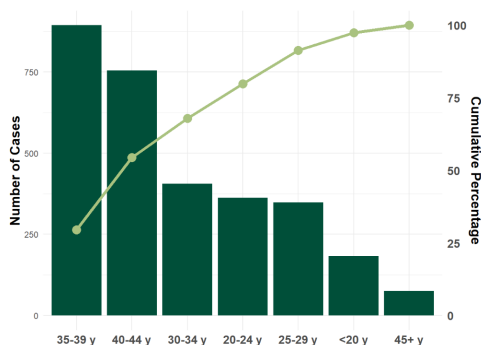
<https://survey.alchemer-ca.com/s3/50285773/ICBDSR-2024-Meeting-attendance>

Please note, the International Society for Prenatal Diagnosis (ISPD) Conference <https://www.ispdhome.org/> will be in South Africa from October 30- Nov 2, 2025.

Please visit the [Mount Grace Resort website](#) for details on the beautiful destination.

More details on the program, registration and abstract submissions will come in early 2025.

## ICBD corner



We at ICBD are finalizing the ICBDSR Birth Defect Report based on your latest feedback, comments and data checks. We highly appreciate your feedback and partnership in this major overhaul aimed at enhancing the relevance of surveillance information within and between countries.

After the final version of the report is issued, the next project is revising and clearly articulating the definitions of birth defects to be used in future reports. We thank those of you who kindly volunteered to help in developing this document.

Finally, as you will have seen, we will be running the pre-conference workshop at the 2025 Annual Meeting. Currently we are thinking of building on the experience of the 2024 workshop, with interactive case studies and hands-on exercises. From the initial feedback, focus areas will be improving the quality of diagnosis and reporting of birth defects, as well as data display and visualization. Stay tuned, more to follow.

## Recently published: a short list of recent papers selected by ICBD

To find the paper online, use the DOI for a browser search. If interested but unable to get the full text of the papers, please email us and we will see what we can do to help.

### [A systematic review to assess the utility of genomic autopsy using exome or genome sequencing in cases of congenital anomalies and perinatal death.](#)

Schubert C, Milverton J, Goodall S, Merlin T. *Genet Med*. 2024 Jul;26(7):101159. doi: 10.1016/j.gim.2024.101159. Epub 2024 May 3. PMID: 38704678

### [Congenital Anomalies of the Female Genital Tract: A Comprehensive Review.](#)

Dahiphale SM, Potdar J, Acharya N, Jyotsna G, Saloni, Desale R. *Cureus*. 2024 Mar 23;16(3):e56753. doi: 10.7759/cureus.56753. eCollection 2024 Mar. PMID: 38654788

### [Congenital Anomalies in Multiple Pregnancy: A Literature Review.](#)

Shin JE, Ko HS, Bae JY, Seong WJ, Ahn TG, Han YJ, Cho GJ, Park IY. *Obstet Gynecol Surv*. 2024 Mar;79(3):167-175. doi: 10.1097/OGX.0000000000001251. PMID: 38482746

### [Genetics of anomalies of the kidney and urinary tract with congenital heart disease: A review.](#)

Barakat AJ, Butler MG. *Clin Genet*. 2024 Dec;106(6):667-678. doi: 10.1111/cge.14615. Epub 2024 Sep 17. PMID: 39289831

### [Common Pediatric Hand Anomalies.](#)

McCarter JH, Zeledon RA, Cole SH, Layon SA, Nguyen JL. *Semin Plast Surg*. 2023 Nov 28;37(4):275-286. doi: 10.1055/s-0043-1777096. eCollection 2023 Nov. PMID: 38098681

**Meetings and Events:** A list of future Meetings & Events is available at <http://www.icbdsr.org/meetings/>.

## World Prematurity Day is November 17, 2024

On November 17, World Prematurity Day, March of Dimes raises awareness of the global crisis of prematurity. For more information, please visit <https://www.marchofdimes.org/mission/world-prematurity-day.aspx>

## Congenital Heart Defect (CHD) Awareness Week – February 7-14, 2025

February 7-14 is Congenital Heart Defect (CHD) Awareness Week. A congenital heart defect is a structural problem with the heart that is present at birth whether caused by genetic or environmental causes. They can affect the walls of the heart, the valves, or the blood vessels adjacent to the heart, and are the most common type of birth defect affecting about 1% of infants. These defects can range from mild, a small hole in the heart wall that closes on its own, to severe malformations that can be life-threatening. About 25% of infants born with CHD will have critical CHD which will require procedures or surgery in the first year of life.

## BDRP Annual Meeting – Call for abstracts due February 15, 2025.

The Society for Birth Defects Research and Prevention's 65th Annual Meeting will be in Denver, Colorado, on June 28-July 2, 2025. This year's meeting theme is "Reaching New Heights in Birth Defects Research: Fundamentals to Cutting-Edge Research." The Program Committee, chaired by Prägati Coder, has organized an outstanding program around this theme, and our Education Committee has developed three top-notch continuing education courses, under the leadership of chair Ronee Baracani. Scientific session and course topics. Visit the [BDRP 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting](#) website for full details.

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