



## EDITOR'S NOTE – About This Supplement

Since infant mortality rate is an important health index in a society, Korean pediatrics doctors have made great efforts to increase survival of neonates. Especially premature delivery or low-birth-weight neonates were major targets for better medical care. Recently, the Korean society is facing extremely low birthrate which raises a serious concern on population. In this context, the better care of premature neonates with low- or very-low-birth-weight becomes a hot issue.

Thanks to the efforts of pediatricians and advanced medical technologies, the survival rate of low- or very-low-birth-weight neonates is improved continuously. In 2013, the Korean pediatricians organized “the Korean Neonatal Network” to care critical neonates better and more systematically throughout the nation. The doctors involved in the network have achieved much progress academically as well as practically.

The present supplementary issue of the *Journal of Korean Medical Science* is entitled “Neonatal Medicine in Korea: Very-Low-Birth-Weight Infants Update” which introduces present achievements and perspectives by neonatologists in Korea. I hope this supplementary issue will contribute scientifically to the global scholarly society of neonatology.

I appreciate Dr. Yun Sil Chang, MD for her professional effort as Guest Editor and all of authors of articles in this issue for their scholarly contribution as specialists.

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