

# Introduction

Jaundice is the most common condition that requires medical attention in newborns (**Thor WR Hansen.,2007**).

Neonatal hyperbilirubinemia is defined as a total serum bilirubin level above 5 mg per dL (86  $\mu$ mol per L) and it is a frequently encountered problem. Although up to 60% of term newborns have clinical jaundice in the first week of life (**Pediatrics 1994**) & (**Behrman RE et al.,2000**).

Few term newborns with hyperbilirubinemia have serious underlying pathology. More recent recommendations support the use of less intensive therapy in healthy term newborns with jaundice. (**Am Fam Physician., 2002**).

Observations showed that cytokine production might be up regulated or reduced after exposure to UV radiation in vitro or in vivo (**Kock A et al., 1990**),(**Kirnbauer R et al.,1991**) & (**Pelton BK et al.,1992**) .

These observations may reflect that T cells are highly sensitive to UV radiation compared to keratinocytes and both cell types secrete cytokines (**Teunissen MB et al., 1993**).