REPORT OF NATIONAL PATIENT SAFETY WEEK AND NATIONAL PHARMACOVIGILANCE WEEK 2023

National Patient Safety Week and National Pharmacovigilance Week was conducted in the premises of our institution, M. R. Ambedkar Dental College and Hospital, Bangalore from 19/9/2023 to 23/9/2023 for a span of 5 days by the Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology and Department of Public Health Dentistry with a slogan of "Keeping our promise to do the sick no harm" and "Boosting public confidence in Pharmacovigilance".

Day 1:

The theme of first day was Management of Medications in Dental Settings.

The invited Guest for the program was:

Dr. Charubala Pavan- Technical consultant for quality in Health care.

The program was conducted in auditorium from 1 pm onwards and began by welcoming and introducing the guest on the dais.

The total number of participants for the programme were around 50. Our honourable principal sir, Dr. Pradeep P.R delivered the welcome speech.

The session was online conducted using zoom platform which was displayed on the big screen on the dais. The speaker explained about importance of medications in patient treatment and importance to identify areas for intervention. Madam also explained about antibiotic policy in detail and antibiotic stewardship. Madam also added a note on elements of a good prescription, the ways of managing a faulty prescription and routine auditing of medications. She added a note on adverse drug reactions and its safety management in dental setting.

The programme was concluded on a good note and was followed by refreshments.





Day 2:

The theme of second day was Patient Safety Goals.

The invited Guest for the program was:

Dr. Pratap Balakrishna- Professor, Department of General Surgery, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Medical College and Hospital, Bangalore

The program was conducted in auditorium 1 pm onwards and began by welcoming and introducing the guest on the dais. Dr. G Roopashri, Professor and Head, Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology, introduced the chief guest and gave a warm welcome.

The total number of participants for the programme were around 50. The Objectives of the program was:

- To promote specific improvements in patient safety
- Represent proactive strategies to reduce the risk of medical error
- Provide clear priorities and solutions for improving patient safety

The speaker began the talk with the importance of patient safety goals in a health care setting and the 6 patient safety goals. He went onto explain 6 patient safety goals in detail and its significance in a dental health care setting. After the talk, the guest was presented with a moment as a token of appreciation by Dr. G Roopashri, Professor and Head, Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology.

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Day 3:

A poster competition was organised on day 3 for undergraduates, interns and post graduates on "Patient safety Practices"

Number of participants were 15. All the posters were displayed in Audio Visual room and students were asked to present them. At the end of the program, distribution of certificates to the winners of the competition was distributed by Dr. G Roopashri, Professor and Head, Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology.





Day 4:

A mock drill or training was organised for teaching, non teaching, UG and PG students of the institution on 22nd September 2023 in the quadrangle of our institution. Dr. Nagendra, Professor and Head of Emergency Medicine department was the resource person. Sir explained the importance of Code Blue in hospital setting and the requirement of preparedness of the staff and students in case such adverse events occur in OPD. A mock drill was conducted for CPR on the manequinn and participants were encouraged to demonstrate same. All the participants were urged to get trained in CPR and code Blue. The program ended on a good note with a take home message for everyone.









Day 5

The theme of day 5 was celebration of "National Pharmacovigilance Week".

The resource persons for the program were:

Dr. G Roopashri, Professor and Head, Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology

Dr. Umashankar G.K, professor/ Medical superintendent, Dept. of Public Health Dentistry

Dr. Tarulatha Shyagali, Professor, Dept. Of Orthodontics and Dentofacial orthopaedics.

The program was conducted in auditorium from 1 pm onwards and began by welcoming and introducing the resource persons on the dais. Dr. G Roopashri, Professor and Head, Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology, introduced the principles of drug administration. Dr. Umashankar G.K, professor/ Medical superintendent, Dept. of Public Health Dentistry, delivered the lecture on prescription writing order and patient compliance instructions. Dr. Tarulatha enlightened the audience regarding different dosage regimes and how to optimise the dosage regimes. Madam also spoke in detail about adverse drug effects in dental setting. The importance of safe drug regimen and avoidance of adverse drug reactions along with management of the same was emphasised.

The total number of participants for the programme were around 50. The programme was concluded on a good note and was followed by refreshments.





