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Dr. Kritika Doshi

Hello Dear Friends.

I extend a warm welcome to all of you from AMC Team 2023-24 and invite you to be a part of all our activities for this year.

The life of us medicos is extremely stressful and we are forced to face newer challenges daily. It is not surprising to us to read and hear of young doctors losing their lives due to the stress we face. We all know of the IMA data study that shows Indian doctors are dying earlier and at a younger age compared to the regular population.

This is indeed a time to introspect and realign our priorities to a realistic view of medical profession. It is no longer viewed as a noble profession rather it is a commercial activity where the patient is a consumer. Should we be available at odd hours for routine OPDs? These demands of work, managing home and social relationships, financial pressures of setting up practice in addition to the changing rules and regulations causes great stress. Constant exposure to stress affects the homeostasis of the hypothalamo-pitutary axis; there is growing evidence which links excessive adrenocortical activity and elevated basal cortisol levels to the progression of psychiatric and other medical illness. Chronic stress also causes a pro-inflammatory state which can affect immunity, gut health, pain perception and many more. This means, we are living a potentially toxic life with increasing risks of morbidity and mortality. Authentic Yoga offers immense benefits to overcome and withstand chronic stress. Multiple studies have shown that yoga and meditation alter psychological functioning, neurotrophic pathways, HPA axis activity and inflammatory pathway signalling suggesting enhanced stress resilience and well-being. On 4th June, Dr. Swami Yogapratapji spoke on "Physician heal thyself" at our physical CME held at Panvel. Let us incorporate small yogic principles and practices in our daily life.

This is your publication- we have always tried to add articles of interest for doctors. The medicolegal write ups are an essential part of GRASP. We welcome your articles and thoughts to be published here. Do share your articles and email to 'editorgrasp@amcmumbai.org'.

With this issue, we are starting "From the Social Media"- news clippings, links and social media photos of medical news.

Looking forward to your feedback and I hope you enjoy this issue of The GRASP.

Warm Wishes Dr Kritika Doshi



Dr. Ashok Shukla

President Precept

Greetings of the day

It's an incredible feeling to address as president to all the member of the Association of Medical Consultants largest body representing consultants of all specialities in India.

We as doctors through out of life work for the patient to relieve pain, disease but what about of our own health our own family. We hear so many young doctors dying of cardiac arrest, increase divorce, suicides. We are not able to balance between practice family and ourselves. If we are healthy we can work for our patients as well as take care of our families for longer time.

WHO constitution states: Health is a state of complete physical, mental & social wellbeing and not merely. The absence of disease or infirmity. Also mental health is more than just the absence of metal disorders or disability.

This year my vision is DDD – Developing dimensioning in Doctor - we are going to have programmes in all zones on various topics on this along with our other social activities etc.

Nurses training programme, Blood Donation drive, health check-up camps have already been started and will continue throughout the year in various zones.

We would be doing maximum programs through our cells & zones to involve as many members as well as cover maximum areas.

Other important on-going issues like MPCB issue, fire issue, Maharashtra Nursing homes rules 2021, violence against medical establishment have been tackled in best possible way by us through our various PI Cell NoAH Cell.

Details of various programs & Doctor Day celebration is there in the PCC report.

Dear Colleagues, there is much more store for you throughout the year. president@ammumbai.org



Dr. Vikrant Desai

Secretary Report

From the Desk of Hon. Secretary

Dear Members, I hope this message finds you well. As the secretary of Association of Medical Consultants, Mumbai, I would like to take this opportunity to share some words on behalf of our organization. It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I express my gratitude and appreciation for the collective efforts and dedication demonstrated by our members, Managing Committee, staff and supporters. I specially thank the President Dr. Ashok Shukla, Senior members and colleagues to have put faith in me and supporting me till date.

Our organization has been committed to protecting the interest of the members in terms of health, medico-legal cases, hospital issues and social security there by providing services by various cells like Medico- Legal cell, Consultant Benevolent cell, Health and accident cell, NoAH cell, Affiliate cell, MMC cell and Media and communication cell. . We also have Social Service cell to serve the society and community. Since its inception, and through the combined passion, skills, and determination of our team, we have achieved significant milestones and made a positive impact in the lives of our members

Since I took the charge as the Secretary of our beloved association, we have conducted many programs such as Nursing training, outreach programs involving health and medicalegal topics to Panvel and Nalasopara and Doctor's Day celebration. Many other Flagship programs like Medicolegal conference, AMCON, IT CON are in planning. AMC has been proactive in sending letters to Chief Minister-Kerala for the brutal and fatal attack on a young lady doctor at THQH Kottarakkara, Principal Health Secretary Govt. of Maharashtra to discuss the appointment of a custodian for registering Living Wills and DHS for TOI article 'To empower patients, State to relook in Clinical Establishment Act'.

As we reflect on our accomplishments, it is important to acknowledge that our journey is ongoing. We face new challenges and opportunities that require our collective strength, innovative thinking, and adaptability. Together, we will continue to strive for excellence, explore new horizons, and advance our organization's impact.

I encourage all members of our organization to stay engaged, connected, and actively participate in all the forthcoming programs. Let us continue to foster an environment of collaboration, respect, and support where ideas flourish, partnerships thrive, and member interest remain protected always.

Thank you for your unwavering support and for being an integral part of AMC.

Sincerely, Dr. Vikrant Desai Hon. Secretary , AMC, Mumbai





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Dr. Supriya Arwari

Program Committee Chairperson

1. Nurses Training Program: held at Ridhi Vinayak Hospital, Nalasopara West on Sunday 21-5-2023

Nurses training program was conducted on Sunday 21st May'23 at Ridhi Vinayak Hospital, Nalasopara West. Convenor was Dr. S. N.Agrawal, Dr. Madhavi Goyal and Dr. Navneet Desai. Program started at 8.30 am and was completed at 2.30 pm.Topics covered were Communication skills, Breast examination, Hospital acquired infection, Fire safety, Self-defence, Basic Life Support etc. Day to day practices like Telephone etiquettes, handwashing, Catheterization, etc were explained.Doctor faculty consisted of AMC members Dr. Ashok Shukla, Dr R.M. Saraogi, Dr S. N. Agarwal, Dr. Venkat Goyal. Several nursing faculties also contributed. Total attendance 450 Including Delegates, nursing faculty, Doctors speakers etc. Several AMC office bearers and managing committee members were present. The Program was a grand success.





Next Dr. Rajendra Tiwari, AMC area representative and medico legal expert spoke on 'Medical jousting' and its implications.

The session was rounded off by open forum "Mann ki baat" with President AMC Dr. Ashok Shukla and President-elect Dr. Vivek Dwivedi where the audience participated actively.

Around 80 delegates attended the program. All sessions were received with great enthusiasm and the program was a grand success.





2. Physical CME held at Sansmaran Banquet Hall, New Panvel on Sunday 4-6-2023

AMC in collaboration with Panvel Doctors Association conducted CME Program on Sunday, 4th June, 2023 from 9 am to 3.30 pm at Sansmaran Banquet Hall, New Panvel. Awarded 2 MMC Points Registration was FREE.

Team AMC was led by Dr. Ashok Shukla, President, AMC, Dr. Vikrant Desai, Secretary, AMC and Dr. Supriya Arwari, Program Committee Chair, AMC. The Panvel Doctors Association team was led by Dr. Anand Pawal, President PDA and AMC area representative and Dr. Gopal Lamture, Secretary PDA. Dr. Prakash Patil was Convener. Senior dignitaries of AMC Dr. Lalit Kapoor, President FAMCI, Dr. Ajit Desai, Managing Trustee and Dr. Vivek Dwivedi, President Elect AMC were also present.The program began with the PCC Dr. Supriya Arwari welcoming the gathering. Dr Anand Pawal, President PDA gave the welcome address and overview of the CME. This was followed by the deliberations as follows

Dr. Vikrant Desai gave "Health Gyan" in which he spoke about the importance of healthy lifestyle and exercise. This was followed by an amazing discourse by Swami Dr. Yogapratap ji on "Physician Heal Thyself" wherein he elaborated on the benefits of yoga, meditation and pranayam. He gave tips on how yoga can be done by doctors in their daily routine. He gave demonstration of yogic breathing and simple exercises which the mesmerized audience happily emulated.

Next was an eye-opening talk on CPA - what we should know by none other than President Dr. Ashok Shukla. He briefed the audience about the consumer protection act and doctors' liability as well as importance of upgrading Professional indemnity on regular basis.

It was then the turn of the Maestro himself, Dr. Lalit Kapoor, President FAMCI. He enlightened the gathering about "Living will", it's meaning, applications and advantages.

Then the POCSO Act took centre stage with PCC Dr. Supriya Arwari enumerating the offences covered under the "Prevention of Child Sexual Offences" act and the importance of mandatory reporting on the part of the medical practitioners as well as punishment on failure to do so.

Dr. Shailesh Mohite, Dean Cooper hospital and an authority on Forensic medicine delivered a talk on "Expert committee/ expert opinion". He spoke about how various expert committees are formed, their jurisdiction and powers and when and how they give their expert opinion. He said that he was instrumental in making the authorities aware that the concerned doctor whose case is under consideration should be given a chance to give an explanation.

Since biological, psychological and social factors all contribute to the overall pain experience, the one-size-fits-all version will not work. An individualized multidisciplinary protocol to pain relief should be adopted. Treatments can include multimodal methods like intravenous, intrathecal, epidural infusions, nerve blocks/ablation, neuromodulation etc. apart from oral medications. One can also try to integrate treatments like traditional Chinese medicines, Ayurveda, Taichi, yoga, a balance of nutrition, sleep and exercise; along with physiotherapy.

Being a trained Anaesthetist in my early days, my expertise was limited to treating intraoperative and postoperative pain. But that made me think, what about treating persistent post-SurgicalPain or Chronic Cancer Pain? Or other Complex Pain Syndromes like Neuropathic pain Musculoskeletal Pain, Headaches and Orofacial pain? etc. This introduced me to pain management and eventually I qualified as an Interventional Pain Specialist.

It is time we understand that Chronic Pain is a disease in itself. And developing a strategic and systematic approach to help patients is the need of the hour. Better management of pain can extensively improve the quality of life and can flip patients' lives 180 degrees.



3. Zonal CME program - Riddhi Vinayak Hospital, Nala Sopara. Sunday 11-6-2023

Physical CME was conducted under Zonal CME program on Sunday 11 th June 23 at Riddhi Vinayak hospital Nala Sopara from 9 am to 3.30 pm.

Dr. Rajendra Chauhan, Zonal Director and Conveners Dr. B. D. Parsewar and Dr. Sanjay Manjalkar conducted the event.

AMC President Dr. Ashok Shukla spoke about CPA - what we should know, followed by talk on Examination of sexual assault survivor by Dr. Shailesh Mohite, Dean Cooper Hospital and forensic expert. This was followed by informative session on Living will by FAMCI President Dr. Lalit Kapoor following which, Dr. Niranjan Agarwal shared his thoughts on deteriorating Doctor patient relationship. Up next was talk by Dr. Venkat Goyal on ECMO- what's new. Later it was turn of Dr. Rajendra Tiwari to speak about Dealing and reporting print and social media. Dr. Ritesh Agarwal spoke about "My journey through stocks". Later there was panel discussion on Maharashtra Nursing Home Act/ Clinical Establishment Act moderated by Dr. Ashok Shukla and Dr. Sanjay Manjalkar. Panelists: Dr Lalit Kapoor, Dr Niranjan Agarwal, Dr Sudhir Naik.

Dr Sujata Rao , Dr B. D. Parsewar , Dr Rohit Dandavate , Dr Venkat Goyal , Dr Shailesh Barot.It was very informative and interactive session. Approx 100 people attended and 2 MMC Points were awarded.

Thanks to Dr. Venkat Goyal for hosting the event.





4. AMC Doctors Day celebration

Doctors' Day celebration was done with great enthusiasm by the Association of Medical Consultants of Mumbai. Blood donation drives were conducted at various centers and a musical fun event was organized on Sunday 2nd July 2023.

1) Blood donation drive at Thane: "Give blood, give plasma, share life, share often." BLOOD DONATION CAMP was conducted on the occasion of DOCTORS DAY by Association of Medical Consultants of Mumbai (AMC) in association with IMA THANE AND ROTARY CLUB OF THANE in collaboration with WAMANRAO OAK Blood Bank on Sunday 2ND JULY 23 from 9 AM To 1 PM at IMA Hall, Sahayog Mandir, Thane. People assembled there in large numbers and made the drive a successful event. रक्तदान हेच सर्वश्रेष्ठ दान !!

Voluntary donors, several of whom were doctors turned up in good numbers for a noble cause and total 52 bags of blood were collected.

2) Blood donation drive at Mira Bhayandar -

AMC in Association with local Associations of Mira-Bhayandar organised 2 blood donation drives to commemorate Doctors day.

1. At Possa hospital Uttan on 19 th June 2023

2. At Mira-Bhayandar blood bank on 2 nd July on occasion of doctors day On both occasions combined, a total of 1050 bags of blood were collected. We are grateful to all the donors who came out in such large numbers for the noble cause. Also it was 25 th anniversary of continuous blood donation drive at Possa Hospital Uttan.

 A blood donation camp conducted at Dahanu by IMA Dahanu u and AMC Mumbai and rotary club Dahanu.
5 blood bottles collected.



















AMC Doctors Day Celebration was held on 2nd July 2023, Sunday evening at Bharat Ratna Gaansamragyi Lata Mangeshkar Natya Gruha Auditorium, Near Dahisar Thakur Mall, Mira Road East.

The turbulence in the Maharashtra government translated in an unprecedented delay in the Chief minister's visit to the preceding program at Lata Mangeshkar auditorium on the 2nd of July. This led to a delay of almost 3 & 1/2 hours and our spirits were dampened. Needless to say, it was a tight rope walk for the President Dr. Ashok Shukla, Secretary Dr. Vikrant Desai and team AMC to take decisions regarding the program in light of the delay in schedule. The team took a bold decision to postpone the felicitation ceremony of our Chief guests and Sanjeevani Distinguished Services Awardee at a more appropriate date in near future, in order to maintain the sanctity of their stature.

We are indebted to Dr Umesh Oza for his graceful acceptance of this change.

Due to unavoidable circumstances, the program was delayed and began at 8 pm. Secretary Dr. Vikrant Desai welcomed the gathering and President Dr. Ashok Shukla gave Presidential address. PCC Dr. Supriya Arwari gave an overview of the Doctors day celebration as an event of the doctors, for the doctors, by the doctors.

The program had an auspicious beginning with the Ganesh Vandana. This was followed by Dance performance by doctors groups with the Theme of Pride of Maharashtra -Maharashtra chi Lokdhara. This was a unique collage of various folk and traditional dances of Maharashtra like Ghanashyam sundara, gondhal, Koli nrutya, lavani, festival dance by male members, lezim etc. It was a flurry of colours talent and emotion which culminated in the traditional Dindi procession which began from within the audience and climaxed to the patriotic number, Jai Jai Maharashtra maza . The audience was in raptures and gave a standing ovation. This was followed by a melodious Musical Event by orchestra SARGAM. Dr. Bipin Pandit and group kept the audience captivated by foot tapping numbers and many in the audience joined in shaking a leg. Dr. Veena Pandit anchored the show beautifully.The program was a great success and appreciated by one and all.

We also appreciate the participation of family, friends and colleagues, without whose support, the program would not have been possible.



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Dealing with accidental complications

Do's and Dont's

An obstetrician was conducting a full-term normal delivery in a patient who was a 'primi'. The labour was progressing as per normal staging.

However, the sequence of events which unfolded later was unimaginable. I would even call it bizarre. It is worth recounting the episode as it has some lessons for us and raises a number of vital issues.

During the course of the labour, the Obstetrician instructed a nurse to disconnect an IV drip which was going on. As per common practice, the nurse detached the IV tubing from the IV cannula and anchored it to a needle, stuck in the plastic IV bottle, which had been inserted to function as an air vent. I believe this practice is quite prevalent. As the uterine contractions intensified, the patient started making vigorous limb movements. As a result, the adjoining IV stand became unstable and, in the process, the needle stuck in the IV bottle got detached. As fate would have it, the needle came cruising down and, with the precision of a marksman, penetrated the eye of the patient and that too, in the exact centre of the eye. It pierced the cornea over the pupillary area and entered the lens. Soon after, the patient reported total loss of vision in that eye. Since labour was in progress, as an immediate measure, some eye drops were instilled in the eye. After a little while, a healthy baby boy was delivered.

However, the happiness of the patient and relatives was short-lived, since the patient continued to say she could not see from the injured eye. An ophthalmologist who saw the patient diagnosed traumatic cataract and indicated she would need surgery. Incidentally, all this was witnessed by the sister-in-law of the patient who had been allowed by the Obstetrician to be present at the delivery. The doctor told me later that this was her normal practice and she always allowed a relative to be present, if they desired.

Allegations flew fast and thick. The relative who was present in the labour room insisted that the needle flew out because a nurse knocked the IV stand and the nurses claimed that the patient's hand movement knocked down the IV set. Nevertheless, the fact was that the patient became blind in one eye following this strange and unfortunate accident.

The relatives were understandably agitated and threatened legal action –including a criminal case .It also appeared that they might resort to physical violence against the hospital.

What were the various options available to this doctor and what would you have done had you landed in a similar situation?

The possible options available were:

- Insist that it was no fault of yours and that it was solely due to the vigorous movements of the patient that the needle was knocked down as a result of which the accident happened. The hospital could not be held liable.
- Explain that the whole thing was unfortunate and should be considered as an act of God.
- Apologise (or don't apologise) but assure that the management of the injury (including the costs) would be undertaken by the hospital.
- Refuse to pay any compensation other than cost of treatment or agree to pay additional compensation and negotiate the amount.
- Ask them to file a case and get compensation through the court.
- In case of physical threats, inform the Police.

In practice, it is not easy to take the right decision. It has to be a tailor-made decision, depending on the several variables in the patient profile including socio-economic and education levels of the patient as also on the quality of the doctor-patient relationship. A combination of the above-mentioned options may have to be employed. Which option did the above Obstetrician use?

Several stormy meetings took place between the relatives and the doctor. Various demands for compensation were made and finally it was agreed that the doctor would arrange the patient's surgery at her own cost until final recovery of the patient.

Accordingly, a senior Ophthalmologist operated the patient after which the patient recovered fully. The Ophthalmologist was kind enough to reduce his charges. The patient and her relatives had no further grievances or demands and there was a closure to the entire unfortunate accident. Incidentally, the socio-economic status of the patient was low middle class.

Before discussing the broader issues, two points that can be quickly mentioned are:

(1) whether piercing a needle from the unsterile surface of the IV bottle to be used as an air vent is necessary and the correct procedure and will it stand theoretical scrutiny.

(2)Permitting relatives to be present whilst a procedure or surgery is in progress may denote transparency but is it always advisable. There could be divergent views on this.

There are several other examples of 'accidents ' occurring while treating patients e.g. a patient sustaining cautery burns' during surgery ; hot water thermal injury (say, if patient develops hypothermia under anaesthesia and needs application of heat); accidental fall while shifting the patient, and so on.

What is the best thing to do in such a situation? Should you own up the liability and accept responsibility? Should you deny culpability and insist that an accidental injury such as this is a risk which the patient accepted by signing the consent form?

There is no easy solution to this dilemma. As I said earlier, your response will have to be tailormade. The best thing, of course, is to put yourself, for a moment, in the shoes of the affected patient. What would you have expected from the doctor? Perhaps, this would give you an answer.

In the above case of the obstetrician, the issue was resolved with the doctor undertaking to correct the damage. But there could have been several permutations and combinations to the possible outcome of the situation. For example, the patient could have been unreasonable and demanded some huge compensation. There will be some patients who would go beyond the genuine outrage at having suffered injury, and use it as an opportunity for extortion.

Such patients must be dealt with firmness if they are not amenable to a fair solution. They can be told that they are free to obtain redressal as per the law of the land. Your insurance Company would be duty-bound to deal with it.

The latest concept in such matters is what is called the Alternate Dispute Redressal Mechanism wherein litigation is sought to be avoided and matters are resolved with mutual consent. It has a lot to be commended and many cases can be concluded if there is reasonableness on both sides. AMC has made some initial efforts in this direction within the ambit of our Group Professional Indemnity Policy. It is still too early to predict the long-term efficacy of this initiative. Of course, like any system there are merits and de-merits to it.

Undoubtedly, ways of preventing 'accidents' and putting in place the so-called patient safety measures need to receive top priority and be widely circulated amongst doctors. It is also a fact that despite all the conceivable 'safety' measures in the world some 'accidents' are still going to take place. Some of these could come under the category of 'acts of God'--but try telling that to a patient who is the victim of an injury, no one is going to listen to you, more so in this era of consumerism.

Hence, you can only try to be as vigilant as possible and hope minimum such 'acts of God' come your way!!

1. MENS REA MEANS:

- a) Many defendants in one case
- b) Reference to a case law
- c) Guilty mind or done intentionally
- d) Offence committed without motive.

2. ADR in legal parlance is an acronym for

- a) Approved Defendant Response
- b) Alternate Dispute Redressal
- c) Anti-Defendant Reply
- d) Assistant District Registrar

3. As per CPA the maximum period during which a patient can file a complaint after the occurrence of the incident is:

- a) 3 years
- b) 2 years
- c) 1 year
- d) 5 years

4. LAW OF TORTS DEALS WITH:

a) Criminal offences under IPC b) Economic Offences c) Civil wrongs under the Civil Law d) Offences of moral turpitude

5. FIDUCIARY RELATIONSHIP in legal parlance means:

- a) Involving Trust
- b) Pertaining to contractual liability
- c) Financial obligations
- d) Not legally enforceable

6. DEPOSITION MEANS :

- a) Verdict of imprisonment
- b) The giving of a sworn evidence
- c) Punishment for not appearing in court
- d) Application for adjournment

7. STATUTE MEANS:

- a) Landmark judgment of Supreme Court
- b) A written law passed by a legislative Body
- c) A precedent in Law
- d) Obsolete law

8. PERJURY MEANS:

- a) Special jury appointed by a court b) Decision of a jury
- c) Willful utterance of falsehood on oath in court d) Appeal to jury

9.CURRENT FINANCIAL JURISDICTION OF DISTRICT CONSUMER FORUM IS:

- a) 1 Crore b) 25 Lakhs
- c) 50 lakhs
- d) 2 crores

10. CONSENSUAL MEANS:

- a) In accordance with your conscience
- b) By mutual agreement
- c) Enforced by legal decree
- d) Based on sensual desires.





CHECK YOUR SCORE WITH Dr. KAPOOR'S MEDICO-LEGAL MCQs

Tick one correct answer to the following MCQs.Assessment: 5 or below correct answers: Poor 6 correct answers: Fair 7-8 correct answers: Good 9-10 correct answers: Excellent

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Primary Hyperparathyroidism-A Fascinating Disease.

Dear Friends,

There are times when a patient presents with vague symptoms and a diagnosis is missed. The patient usually presents to the casualty/opd with painful bones, psychic moans, abdominal groans, kidney stones and fatigue overtones. Imagine a situation when some patient has high serum calcium values and presents with generalized weakness and/or multiple bone pains, or has a tendency to fracture even with little trauma (as the bones are osteoporotic) but gets treated inadvertently by calcium tablets; which in turn cause more harm to the patient. Unfortunately, this is quite common scenario in our country, Mumbai is not an exception.

To help avoid such scenarios, I am presenting a small write up on 'Primary Hyperparathyroidism- A Fascinating Disease.'Hyperparathyroidism (HPT) is a disease where one or more Parathyroid glands in our neck secrete excess Parathyroid Hormone (PTH). PTH causes bone resorption releasing Calcium from bones and maintaining calcium homeostasis. PTH secretion is affected by serum calcium levels, decreased serum calcium leads to increased PTH secretion and vice versa. Parathyroid glands are amongst the smallest endocrine glands in our body, just the size of a pulse grain or even lesser.

Primary Hyperparathyroidism (PHPT) means the gland itself is producing more PTH without any stimulus and here serum PTH and serum calcium both are high. When calcium levels are low, they give feedback stimulus to secrete more PTH. This is termed Secondary Hyperparathyroidism (SHPT) which is commonly seen in Vitamin D deficiency or chronic kidney disease (CKD). When PTH secretion becomes autonomous and excessive in SHPT leading to high serum calcium, it becomes tertiary hyperparathyroidism (THPT), a condition usually seen after renal transplant. It is important to differentiate between the types of HPT because management is different. PHPT and THPT are managed by surgery while SHPT is managed mostly medically and sometimes surgery only when indicated. PHPT is one of those diseases which are exciting to diagnose, and rewarding in terms of symptoms alleviation very soon after a successful surgery. It sincerely needs high expertise for its management. However, when some vigilant physician gets serum calcium done and finds it in high range, then search for PHPT starts. The patients may also present in emergency with severe abdominal pain (due to pancreatitis, ureteric colic or hyperacidity), severe psychosis or other neuropsychiatric symptoms. High serum calcium levels can also cause severe constipation and intractable vomiting. PHPT can run in families sometimes like in Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia (MEN)

Type 1 syndrome where it may be associated with Gastro-entero-pancreatic

Neuroendocrine tumors or Pituitary tumors. Hence, it is preferable that serum calcium levels should be estimated in any patient whose bone pains are not responding to analgesics or other measures, or patients who suffered from renal stones, pancreatitis, intractable acidity, constipation or vomiting.Diagnostic workup is to ascertain the diagnosis and then finding the offending gland/s. It includes serum calcium and serum PTH and other supporting tests like serum phosphorus, serum albumin, serum 25-hydroxy vitamin D, serum creatinine, and sometimes 24-hour urine for calcium and creatinine with spot urine calcium and creatinine ratio. The next step is to localize the disease

Two sets of imaging studies are required; one functional (Sestamibi/ Choline nuclear scan) and one anatomical (USG, CT or MRI) to localize the hyperactive parathyroid gland/s. Various surgical techniques can be used including minimally invasive parathyroidectomy or bilateral neck exploration for parathyroid glands and then proceed. The surgical approach can be chosen according to the preoperative and intraoperative findings. Patients may require single gland parathyroidetomy, subtotal parathyroidectomy (3½ gland removal) or total parathyroidectomy with or without autotransplantation in the forearm.One famous quote of

Doppmann (1968) is still relevant:

"The best thing to localize in PHPT is an experienced parathyroid surgeon".

A successful parathyroid surgery falls among the most rewarding surgeries in all surgical disciplines. The results are amazing as the patients are relieved of bone pains immediately after the surgery or the next day. Imagine the condition of patients who had been taking analgesics for many years still wincing with pain, but gets pain reliefmmediately after surgery. This brings immense satisfaction to the treating team as well as the patient and their families.

Hence, PHPT is a fascinating disease where the tumors are usually small, affects multiple organ systems, need sophisticated investigations and necessitating team approach for successful treatment and excellent outcome for the patient.



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Death of patient need not be Medical Negligence

It takes many years and hard work to become a medical professional. Subsequently during practise, at times, patient may not go home but succumb to the illness or complications. Though the incident of death is most unfortunate, however, it is often that the medical practitioner has followed the established medical protocols and administered standard of care. Evidence is needed to establish negligence as is illustrated in the Supreme Court Judgment cited hereinunder.

II (2022) CPJ 51 (SC) Supreme Court of India- Chandra Rani Akhouri Vs Methusethupathi Complaint: Kant was under regular dialysis at a hospital in Delhi. The relatives gathered information about Dr. M performing Kidney Transplant at Madras and shifted the patient there for surgery of kidney transplantation. The concerned transplant team had conducted more than 1000 renal transplants with good results. Kidney transplant surgery was successfully performed on 12th November and patient discharged on 24th November. Subsequently patient was asked to follow up for dressing of the wound on OPD basis. Patient had complaint about pain in his left forearm where IV drugs were being injected. He was constantly reassured that the pain would subside.

Later on, he developed cellulitis in left forearm and finally an abscess formation was there. Kant was again admitted on 21st December for headache, fever and pus formation in left forearm and incision was made to drain the pus. More complications crept in and abscess developed in pancreas, liver and lung and later on converted into septicaemia. His condition deteriorated and finally he expired on 03rd February. As per the Complainant there was post-operative negligence including follow-up care on part of doctors and nurses of the hospital who did not provide proper care to Kant. As per the Complainant the hospital failed to control and treat the infection that manifested in the form of persistent pain in the left forearm where a needle had been inserted for injection of drugs. Timely and adequate medical intervention were absent in post-operative medical treatment. Though the operation was successful, the lackadaisical attitude and postoperative care not been properly given to the patient. Septicaemia developed resulting in multi organ failure and death.

Held by Supreme Court:

Medical science is not an exact science like mathematics and experience of doctor is important. Most transplant patient having infection are treated with the broad spectrum of antibiotics. In the field of kidney transplantation, it is very difficult to diagnose and manage any infection as the reasons are many.

Kant was under the care of expert team of doctors and best possible medical care was being given to him, even after discharge from the hospital during follow-up. Just because he expired it could not be considered to be a case of post-operative medical negligence. The doctors can provide their best medical assistance available at their command but merely because they could not save the patient, that could not be considered to be a case of medical negligence. Two senior transplant surgeons had submitted affidavits of expert opinion in favour of the Transplant Team that there was adherence to existent medical practices and protocols during the management of Kant.

Any individual approaching skilled doctors would have reasonable expectation regarding duty of care and caution but there can be no assurance of the result. No doctor would assure of full recovery in every case. At the relevant time, only assurance given by implication is that the doctor possesses requisite skills in the branch of the profession, and that he would exercise his skills to the best of his ability and with reasonable competence. A simple lack of care, error of judgement or accident is not proof of negligence. As long as a doctor follows a practice acceptable to the medical profession, he cannot be held liable for negligence.

A medical practitioner would be liable only if his conduct falls below the standards of reasonable competent practitioner. In an unfortunate case of death sufficient material on medical evidence should be available to arrive at the conclusion.

In the practice of medicine, there could be varying approaches of treatment and genuine difference of opinion. While adopting a course of treatment, the duty caste upon the medical practitioner is that he must ensure that the medical protocols are being followed by him to the best of his skill and with competence at his command. At the given time medical practitioner would be liable only when his conduct fell below that of standard reasonably competent practitioner in his field.

In the said case,

All the doctors were academically sound possessing requisite registered qualifications and experts in the field of kidney transplantation.

Although the complaint of persistent pain was present, approved medical treatment and medication were being administered to him.

Just because the patient could not be finally saved itself could not be considered as a case of post-operative medical negligence.

The doctors are expected to take reasonable care, but no profession can assure that the patient will come back home after overcoming the crisis.

No evidence has come on record to demonstrate that it was a case of post-operative medical negligence or follow-up care on part of the treating doctors and the hospital. The two doctors who have filed affidavits as expert and also have deposed on behalf of the doctors were top expert of the fields.

The treating doctors were best medical professionals and qualified but could not save the patient. However, this itself cannot be considered as a case of post-operative medical negligence as all medical protocols were followed.

The matter was dismissed with no costs.

Take Home Messages:

Requisite registered qualifications in practising field of medicine needed Assurance of full recovery should not be given

Practise to be acceptable to medical profession with adherence to medical protocols needed

Evidence is needed to prove medical negligence.

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Pain is the most common symptom for which a person seeks medical help. However, due to certain cultural beliefs, talking openly about pain remains taboo in our society. This September let's try to spread awareness to highlight the significance of accurate pain assessment and its timely management.

Acute pain is short-lived and caused by an injury or a disease in the recent past. However, due to an underlying condition like arthritis or an undefined cause, if the pain persists longer than 3 to 6 months it is termed as chronic pain. Pain is a subjective experience personal to the sufferer. Since the reason for chronic pain may be invisible, people at times aren't believed or taken seriously.

They are often perceived as physically or mentally weak and might be reluctant to seek medical care.Every 1 in 5 individuals suffers from chronic pain globally. It becomes hard to ignore pain when it is such a widespread issue. Sadly, there are several factors at play which prevent timely assessment and effective treatment of pain. Most important reason being, 80% of medical schools across the world do not include pain pathophysiology, assessment and treatment in the curriculum.

Subsequently, lack of awareness in healthcare professionals can delay diagnosis and their probable fear of addiction and overdose of medication might lead to inadequate management of complex pain.

Untrained nurses may feel overburdened by frequent monitoring of the patient on narcotics, which results inaccurate pain assessment.

The burden of chronic pain is more than that of diabetes, heart disease and cancer combined. Recognizing the difference between assessment of acute and chronic pain. Acute pain can be assessed by a numerical scale of 1 to 10. But that's not the same for chronic pain which needs a multidimensional pain scale such as McGill's pain questionnaire which use of biopsychosocial approach for assessment of pain and it's disability.

How you can stay financially fit at each stage of your life

Financial fitness is a long-term journey that involves six pillars: goal planning, budgeting and taxation, loan management, risk (insurance planning), investments, and estate planning.

by Nehal Mota, Co-Founder of Finnovate



"No one's ever achieved financial fitness with a January resolution that's abandoned by February." — Suze Orman, well-known American financial advisor.

Financial fitness is a lifelong journey that requires discipline, patience, and good financial habits. Financial fitness is your ability to manage your finances in a manner that allows you to achieve your life goals while also being prepared for any unforeseen financial challenges.

Just like good physical fitness not only protects us from ailments but allows us to stretch and achieve beyond what we thought possible, financial fitness enables us to cope with shifting life events without money worries while also empowering us to chase our dreams. Want to buy that dream house? Or retire early and rich? Financial fitness holds the key.

Financial fitness is a long-term journey that involves six pillars: goal planning, budgeting and taxation, loan management, risk (insurance planning), investments, and estate planning.

Aligned with the pillars are the four life stages: foundation, accumulation, preservation, and distribution. Each of these stages have different priorities and challenges that require a different approach to maintain your financial fitness.

In the foundation stage, which includes young adults in their 20s and 30s and newly married couples, the focus should be on goal planning and budgeting. One key goal is building an emergency fund, ideally amounting to 6-12 times your monthly outlay for unexpected expenses

or loss of income. An adequate amount of health and term insurance cover can be bought as it would be cost-effective at this age. Also, building a savings habit is crucial at this stage. One could consider SIPs in equity mutual funds to build a strong foundation for the future.

In the accumulation stage, which includes young parents with kids and people in the age group of 30 to 50 with growing families, people tend to invest in buying a home and a bigger car. The thumb rule here is to keep your EMIs within 30-40 percent of your annual income. This is also the time where you should try and save at least 20 percent of your income.

Since this stage often coincides with your children's education, it is wise to secure a term life cover that's 20-25 times your annual income. While many would have health insurance provided by their employers, it's important to also have personal health insurance. Consider adjusting your equity-debt ratio to 70-30 by investing in equity-linked mutual funds and debt instruments to achieve a medium risk and high returns portfolio.

The preservation stage includes people in their 50s to 60s, which typically means people nearing retirement. By this time most of their children would have completed their higher education. This is the time when you can boost your savings further and try to save 30-plus percent of your annual income. Try to be debt free by this stage.

As you build your retirement corpus, investment options during this stage could include a balanced mix of equity and debt products, as well as fixed income options. A 50-50 equity-debt allocation can help maintain a balanced approach to growing and preserving your assets.

Estate planning is another crucial aspect of this stage. Creating a will and nominating beneficiaries ensures that your assets are distributed according to your wishes. Additionally, consider upgrading your health insurance cover.

The distribution stage — typically above 60 —includes retired individuals, whose focus should be on generating regular income. Investment options during this stage could include Senior Citizens Saving Scheme (SCSS) and Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVVY), the Post Office Monthly Income Scheme, and monthly fixed income plans.

These options can provide a steady income stream to support your retirement lifestyle. Health insurance should be increased ensuring that your retirement savings are not depleted by unexpected health issues. In terms of asset allocation, consider adjusting your equity-debt ratio to 30-70, depending on your risk appetite.

In conclusion, financial fitness requires a holistic approach. By following the six pillars of financial fitness and making the most of investment and insurance options, individuals can achieve their life goals and build prosperity, while also being prepared for any financial challenges that may arise.

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State medical edu dept accepts resignations of Dr Lahane, Dr Parekh

By Somita Pal, Yogesh Naik



The resignations of seven other honorary/contract consultants in JJ Hospital's ophthalmology department were also accepted. The department has moved Dr Ravi Chavan, professor of ophthalmology at IGGMC, Nagpur, to JJ Hospital, to take charge of the department with immediate effect



Mumbai, India - June 02, 2023: Dr. T.P. Lahane and honorary doctors of the ophthalmology department hold a press conference to address the residents doctors going on an indefinite strike because of Dr. Parekh and himself, at Mumbai Marathi Patrakar Sangh, Azad Maidan, in Mumbai, India, on Friday, June 02, 2023. (Photo by Bhushan Koyande/HT Photo) (HT PHOTO)



Mumbai: The state medical education department on Saturday accepted the resignation of Dr T P Lahane, ex JJ Hospital dean and ex-director of medical education and research, from the post of coordinator of the state government's Preventable Blindness-Free Maharashtra programme. It also accepted the voluntary retirement request of Dr Ragini Parekh, head of JJ Hospital's ophthalmology department.

The resignations of seven other honorary/contract consultants in JJ Hospital's ophthalmology department were also accepted. The department has moved Dr Ravi Chavan, professor of ophthalmology at IGGMC, Nagpur, to JJ Hospital, to take charge of the department with immediate effect. "Dr Chavan will join us from Monday and will reconstitute the unit system in the ophthalmology department," said Dr Pallavi Saple, dean, JJ Hospital.

The entire episode began with 28 ophthalmology residents accusing Dr Lahane and Dr Parekh of implementing a dictatorial management style, not giving them access to practical surgical experience, and curtailing their academic activity and research opportunities. The Maharashtra Association of Resident Doctors (MARD) at JJ Hospital demanded an inquiry into the allegations and launched an indefinite strike in support of the residents. In April 2016 too, nearly 450 resident doctors of JJ Hospital had gone on an indefinite strike against Dr Lahane and Dr Parekh on the same grounds.

The three-member committee, formed last week to investigate the allegations, found that the doctors were not trained in basic cataract surgery. It also found that the department had only one unit, which is against the National Medical Commission guidelines. Dr Lahane and his team, on their part, held press conferences denying the allegations and calling it a conspiracy against them.

Earlier, Dr Lahane and Dr Parekh had called on deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis and CM Eknath Shinde for solidarity and support—however, the ministers were unwilling to stand by them, as the protests from doctors were very severe. Hence, the medical education department called its officers on Saturday—a public holiday—and issued orders.

Dr Shubham Soni, president, MARD, said the residents of JJ Hospital led by MARD had finally put an end to the over-two-decade "atrocious tenure" of Dr T P Lahane and Dr Ragini Parekh. An ophthalmology resident said they were satisfied with the way JJ Hospital and the administration had handled the matter. "A prompt inquiry and urgent addressal of the issue paved the way for quick justice," he said. "JJ MARD has been fearless in this fight, and despite various pressure tactics, did not succumb." The strike is likely to be called off tomorrow.

While the resignation of Dr Parekh has been accepted, JJ Hospital's enquiry into how Dr Parekh allowed Dr Sumeet Lahane, son of Dr T P Lahane, to conduct surgeries and examine patients at JJ despite not having a post is still on. A committee under medical superintendent Dr Sanjay Surase, after examining CCTV footage and medical records, had found that the allegations against Dr Sumeet, who was a lecturer in the hospital till March 2022, were true.

On June 1, JJ Hospital sent a notice to Dr Parekh and asked her to produce the government order that allowed Dr Sumeet to work in JJ Hospital. It said that in the absence of any such paper, she, as HOD, the act of allowing an outsider to come into the hospital and operate was a serious offense and a criminal matter. Dr Parekh has been asked why an FIR should not be registered against her and Dr Sumeet Lahane for working without a permit.

Speaking to Hindustan Times, Dr Lahane said, "Injustice has been done to us. We requested the government to relieve us immediately. We feel sad and will miss serving the patients." Added Dr Parekh, "The government has helped me by waiving my notice period and approving my VRS. I will continue to work for poor and needy patients, which was always my life's mission."





The resident doctors also held a meeting with state Medical Education Minister Girish Mahajan on Saturday to discuss their long pending demands of arrears and stipend. (File)

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Social activists had got a hint about Dr Chitra Chainani being involved in the babyselling racket and decided to expose her. Her clinic is located at Meena Apartment, Bhagat Singh Kawa Ram Chowk area of Camp Number 3 in Ulhasnagar. The business of selling children had started from this clinic some time ago. While locals knew of this business for many years, no one had the courage to come forward. .11



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To empower patients, state to relook Clinical Estab Act

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The Act was initially pas-sed in 2000 for Arunachal Prodesh, Sikkin, Minecam, Himachai Prodesh, and Union territories (excluding Defhi) to establish a framework for overseeing health facilities. Several states later

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National Exit Test 2023 for medical students to be likely conducted by AIIMS, health ministry nod awaited

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This is #GIMSGreaterNoida were Medical Students brutally assaulted thrashed, parked Vehicles,Water Coolers Vandalized by Security Guards of the College Who are appointed for the Safety Security of Students.Female Students were threatened to be Harrassed .Doctors are not even Safe

This is not an isolated incident , more such incidents have taken place in the past despite this no efforts were made to ensure student'ssafety

On 4th June 2023. A group of guards armed with rods and guns entered the hostel premises forcefully and broke the gates of the rooms in which Mbbs students were residing . The unaware students were dragged out of their rooms and mercilessly beaten by rods and sticks . More than 20+ students sustained serious injuries and many more sustained minor injuries . All the vehicles of the students including the car of the hostel warden was vandalised .

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Doctor dies earlier than a normal citizen: IMA study

While an average person lives up to 72 years, a doctor is expected to live up to 59 years; association to study lifestyles for a year and formulate combative measures

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study made by the Indian Medical Association (IMA) has concluded that doctors, who help patients stay fit, are dying younger as they themselves do not follow the in-structions. The study conducted in Maha-rashtra found that majority of them die due to cardiovascular diseases and early malig-

to cardiovascular diseases and early malig-nancy. The IMA state chapter is now going to conduct ayear-long survey of all the IMA doc-tors and the formulate suggestions to pro-mote a healthy lifestyle among them. The date came to fore during one of associ-ation's analytical surveys. The IMA has a so-cial security scheme akin to the life insurance that is run across the country. In India, there are as many as 13,000 members nationwide and 7,200 from the state enrolled in the and 7,200 from the state enrolled in the scheme. Their mortality pattern was ana-lysed for eight years by IMA state president Dr Dilip Sarda

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only up to 55-579 earswhich is Blocking. It was noticed that most early deathsoecur due to car-diac arrests and early malignancies," he said. He added that the two age groups of doc-tors between 45-55 years and 55-65 years are the most vulnerable. "Interestingly, in general people, the death rate increases with the increase in the number of any but in destror the stington

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Sarda further said that the doctors often ne-glect their own health due to their responsibili-ty and that clubbed with their sedentary life-



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the main culprits that contribute to the price nomenon. These are some of the findings pri-ma facia that are found responsible behind the mortality," said Dr Sarda. Dr Jayant Navrange, a member of the IMA, Pune chapter, said that doctors of younger age are more vulnerable. "We are go-ing to conduct a study to find out the reasone behind this and come now with suggest to more behind this and come up with suggestions for the doctors. We are going to prepare ques-tionnaires and interview all the doctors o IMA in the state. The profile, age group, risi factors, lifestyle, working hours, eating tim ingsetc. will be studied." he said. He believes that their yearlong study wi

help them come up with concrete reasons be hind the mortality. The suggestions will the be fruitful in combatting the intermitter stressfactors

Here's How To Make India's Health Sector Fighting Fit Only if health is on the concurrent list can states tackle information asymmetry between service-providers and patients, and regulate the healthcare sector

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India faces a monumental task to ensure equitable and quality healthcare for all. On almost all health indicators, we rank last among G20 countries. Why this is so can be partly attributed to colonial influence, in particular the Government of India Acts of 1919 and 1935 which health as a state subject. A re-assessment helps understand the challenges that arose with health as a state subject.

as a state subject. The India Act of 1919 granted provinces autonomy own health. The Act of 1835 demarcated subjects into federal, provincial, and concurrent lists, designating health as a provincial subject. The Indian Constitution retained health as a state subject. During the Constituent Assembly's debate on September 2, 1949, Hari Vishnu Kamath and Brajeshwar Prasad had opposed the inclusion of health on the state list. Kamath argued "national health" had declined under British rule and that government's goal should be to elevate it to A-i standards, physically fit in all respects. Prasad healtewed healt should be a Union

be to elevate it to A-l standards, physically fit in all respects. Prasad believed health should be a Union subject to protect the nation from diseases and epidemics. But the Assembly rejected the proposals. As a result, implications for the sector's financing, management and regulation have been significant. For one, the constitutional structure hampers cohesive, nationwide public health strategies. It restricts Centre's ability to enforce uniform standards and guidelines. Consequently, <u>numerous distortions</u> have arisen.

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Unequal sector development makes for a stark cont-rast between states. UP and Bihar have some of the world's worst health indicators, while people's health in states such as Tamil Nadu and Kerala is comparable



to that in upper-middle-income countries. The key difference is how much governments spend on health. The central health budget remained negligible since independence, stagmating at <u>around 2% over</u> several Five-Year Plans. As the Constitution did not mandate an equal role for the Centre, the health infrastructure gap between states widened. <u>Regulations were uneven</u>. Gol enacted the Clinical Establishments Act in 2010 as a registration and regula-tion framework to improve quality and protect

Establishments Act in 2010 as a registration and regula-tion framework to improve quality and protect patients' rights but it has largely been ineffective as states and UTs can choose to not adopt it. <u>Healthcare</u> industry's resistance has led to a handful of states imp-iementing it, resulting in a patchwork of regulations and inconsistent oversight of clinical establishments. Similarly, state-level drug and device regulations have obstructed uniform drug regulation. Despite it being a separate entry on the concurrent list, the Drugs and Cosmetics Act has a fragmented regulatory approach. The Centre makes rules for manufacture of drugs but states grant the licences, States have uneven regulatory oversight, variable drug quality inconsis-tent standards enforcement, and insufficient protec-tion from unsafe drugs.

Centralise regulation, decentralise services The, Supreme Court mendated government imple-ment the right to emergency and critical care regardless of people's ability to fays But implementation is difficult. Rajasthan has passed in Right to Health Act, that provides citizens free emergency care at public or private hospi-tals, access to medical records, and a grievance mecha-nism. Yet Rajasthan cannot achieve the objective of this legislation on its own. Rajasthanis liveacrosstheorium; Thestate doesn't control hospitalsouriside its boundaries legislation on its own. Rajasthanis liveacross the owners The state doesn't control hospital soutside its boundaries. Surely, such a basic right should be available to all But individual states making such laws may not be the most efficient. A piecemeal apprach by various states will lead to fragmentation and contusion. The right-to-health approach that holds private hospitals accoun-tion of private hospitals to states where their oblig-nitions with respect to emergency care are wader. A uniform definition of emergency care are uniform and the sector increased reliance on third-party healtheare provide the duative of the sector increased reliance are been and the sector increased reliance and the sector increased reliance on the sector increased reliance o

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With a mobile population seeking services beyond own state and growing information asymmetry between service providers and patients, it is unfaesible for states to manage and regulate health services. The 16th Finance Commission also recommendes health be transferred to the concurrent list allowing for uniform policy formulation and implementation. This change would empower the Centre to establish nation wide standards while preserving state autonomy it allor policies. Changing the constitutional framewor will not address the big challenge on its own, but will make it easier for governments to do so. The writer is chair. Partnership for Impoct, and we founding CEO of National Neubh Authority



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ईयर के छात्रों को आयुर्वेदिक विभाग

केजीएमय के चिकित्सा अधीक्षक में किसी भी विधा में एक सप्ताह एनएमसी ने अपनी 2021 की इंटर्नशिप करने का विकल्प है। किंग जार्ज चिकित्सा विश्वविद्यालय सहलियत मिलेगी। केजीएमय में ही

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अमत विचार : आयर्वेद. होम्योपैथिक और युनानी विधा के डॉक्टरों को एलोपैथिक चिकित्सा में छह माह की इंटर्नशिप जरूरी है। (केजीएमयू) ने पहली बार फाइनल उसी तर्ज पर अब नेशनल मेडिकल कमीशन (एनएमसी) एमबीबीएस में इंटर्नशिप करानी शुरू कर दी है। छात्रों के लिए आयष में एक सप्ताह की इंटर्नशिप अनिवार्य कर दी गई डॉ. डी. हिमांशु ने बताया कि है। मेडिकल कॉलेजों ने इस साल से एमबीबीएस छात्रों के लिए आयुष ही आयुर्वेदाचार्य डॉ. एसके पाण्डेय इंटर्नशिप करानी शुरू कर दी है।

(डॉक्टर) छात्रों के लिए एक सप्ताह आयर्वेद विभाग में भेजा जाता है। इस के लिए किसी भी आयुष हास्पिटल में दौरान आयुर्वेद चिकित्सा में प्राथमिक इंटर्नशिप करने की अनिवार्यता कर इलाज की जानकारी प्राप्त करते हैं। दी है। गाइड लाइन के अनुक्रम में इससे भविष्य में मरीजों के इलाज में

आयुर्वेद विभाग के प्रभारी डॉ. सुनीत मिश्र ने बताया कि ओपीडी में मरीजों के इलाज में उन्हें शिक्षित किया जाता है, कई बीमारियां हैं, जिनमें आयुर्वेदिक दवाओं की अहम भूमिका होती है।

इसी प्रकार डॉ. राम मनोहर लोहिया आयुर्विज्ञान संस्थान के 2017 बैच के 125 छात्रों की इंटर्नशिप कराने वाले संस्थान के का कहना है कि एनएमसी की गाइडलाइन सराहनीय है, डॉक्टरों की गाइडलाइन में एमबीबीएस केजीएमय 10-10 छात्रों का बैच के साथ जनसामान्य के लिए भी फायदेमंद है। आयुर्वेदिक इलाज का पर्चा लेकर पहुंचे एलोपैथ डॉक्टर को बीमारी समझने में दिक्कत नहीं होगी। इस इंटर्नशिप से आयुष की उपयोगिता बढेगी।

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Chandigarh: At a time when the Government of India has made it mandatory to prescribe generic drugs only in the central government hospitals, a new study in PGI has found that some generic drugs are not too effective and there is less likelihood of patients responding to treatment. The study, published recently in an international journal, was carried out on patients with a chronic lung disease in PGI.

Conducted by Dr Ritesh Agarwal, I S Sehgal, S Dhoo-

coses journal, the study saw the effect of itraconazole capsules, which is the initial therapy for chronic pulmonary aspergillosis (CPA) - a progressive lung disease caused



by aspergillus species and most commonly affects those with post-tuberculosis lung disease. The researchers included 94 generic brands and innovator (patented 99 drugs) itraconazole drug on

ents, 48.7% were given generic drugs and 51.3% the innovator. However, after two weeks, improvement was seen in 73% who were on innovator drugs and only 29% of those on generic drugs responded to the treatment.

"We have seen in our patients that some drugs do not work well even after an increase in dosage. Over years, we have the experience of understanding which product works well in chronic cases. What matters therefore is not generic or branded, but quality monitoring of drugs," said an oncologist in PGI.





Centralize all medical admissions across India, moots NMC -

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NMC makes big changes in MBBS course

Mumbai: Adopting a family and becoming their first point of contact for all medical reasons will be a mandatory part of the MBBS curriculum from Day 1 of the course for students. From doing away with the 'stigmatised' concept of supplementary batches to making the Family Adoption Programme a part of every year of the 4.5-year course, the National Medical Commission has introduced major changes in the curriculum to be implemented from 2023-24. The new rules will replace the guidelines under the 25-year -old Regulation of Graduate Medical Education, 1997, reports Yogita Rao. ▶ 'Patient-centric', P 2



NMC to stop supplementary **batches for MBBS students**

Graduate Medical

parts of 12 mths and 18 mths)

> NMC will do away with

'supplementary' batches,

seen as a stigma by many

> Instead, students will be

allowed to give a re-exam

within 3-6 weeks of results

Programme mandatory in

se I, Phase II and Part 1 of Pha-

se III will be for 12 months and

the final part of Phase III for 18

for 13 months, Phase II (para-clinical) was for 12 months

and the third phase (clinical)

was split into 13+2+13 months,

said Pravin Shingare, former

director of Maharashtra's Di-

In the 2019 regulation, Phase I (pre-clinical phase) was

months," said the official.

Family Adoption

and assessment

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Mumbai: The National Medical Commission (NMC) has released revised guidelines for MBBS under the Graduate Medication Education Regulation (GMER) 2023. This is in consequence to the GMER gazette released on June 2.

"Since the commission was born in 2020, we have never had our own set of guidelines. The idea was to relook at various aspects and to streamline the competency-based medical education curriculum," said an NMC official. Changes have been introduced in the curriculum, also keeping in mind the introduction of the National Exit Test (NExT). The new regulations are more 'learner-centric, pa-tient-centric, gender-sensitive and outcome-oriented' as mentioned in the preamble of the CBME curriculum.

Earlier, there was discrimination between clinical, preclinical and paraclinical. Now everything will be considered clinical with the vertical and horizontal integration of subjects, said the official. There will be three phases in the 4.5-year curriculum where the training period of Pha-



> Only one paper of biochemistry, microbiology and forensic science in Phase I; will be given weightage later in National Exit Test More focus on research and setting up labs in colleges for molecular, stem cell, cytogenetics

and tissue typing research Grace marks done away with

rectorate of Medical Education and Research (DMER). In a major move, the NMC has decided to do away with the concept of 'supplementa-

ry' batches. Students who fail to clear university exams appear for supplementary exams in six months. Under the new guidelines, this exam will have to be conducted within 3 to 6 weeks of the declara-

tion of the results so that they can join the regular batch the same year. "There is a kind of stigma attached to the word 'supplementary' batch, therefore, we have removed the concept," added the official.

On the Family Adoption Programme (FAP), the officialsaid students were never exposed to the concept of being first-line doctors. "FAP, now an integral part of the curriculum, will give them this exposure. Since these students will remain with the families, first-hand data can be collected from rural areas and can be used for policy formulation, said the official. The FAP programme was inspired by an initiative of MGIMS, Sevagram, in Maharashtra

Shingare said NMC has placed emphasis on research. "The number of papers in bio-chemistry, microbiology and forensic science has also been reduced to 1 instead of 2. Prac tical marks were cut to 50 in pl-ace of 100," said Shingare. Madhuri Kanitkar, vice-chancellor of Maharashtra Unive rsity of Health Sciences, said the curriculum seems to be in line with National Education Policy, which envisages doctors' holistic development.

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SANJAY MANDAL

Calcutta: Bengal's health reg-ulatory commission, formed to redress people's grievances against private hospitals, has no right to fix hospital charg-es, Calcutta High Court has ruled after hearing a petition from a private hospital. The West Bengal Clinical Fetablishmant Beculatory

Establishment Regulatory Commission had issued several advisories and an order fixing charges at private hos pitals

nxing charges at private nos-pitals. "The advisories and the order are unconstitutional and are not binding on the pe-titioners," Justice Moushumi Bhattacharya said in an order on Wednesday. "The West Bengal Clinical Establishment Regulatory Commission shall there-fore recall and rescind the impugned advisories and is prohibited from giving any effect to the impugned advi-sories and order to the extent of fixation of rates and charg-es for clinical establishments s for clinical establishments including the petitioner

no.1...." Apollo Multispeciality Hospitals had moved the pe-tition, citing 26 advisories issued by the commission be-tween July 27, 2020, and Sep-

tember 7, 2021, and its order of June 2, 2021, on the rates that clinical establishments can charge patients. "The impugned advisories and order have clearly been issued in the absence of a stat-utory bulwark. The advisories are neither reasonable nor supported by the firdinge and supported by the findings and conclusion of a specialised body of experts with domain knowledge," the court order said.

"The fixation of rates and charges are simply actions which muscle through the specific provisions provid-ed in the act for taking steps without economy by to coned in the act for taking steps without stopping by to con-sider whether the conditions precedent for the advisories have been satisfied. The facts urged leave little doubt that the fundamental right of the petitioner no. 1 to carry on business has been infracted without the authority of law." The high court order ap-plies only to patients who pay cash and not to those who get admitted under insurance

admitted under insurance schemes, a commission official clarified.

clarified. "We will appeal to the divi-sion bench," said retired judge Ashim Banerjee, chairman of

the commission. An official of Apollo Mul-

tispeciality Hospitals said the hospital chain would go to the Supreme Court, if neces-sary.

The commission had been The commission had been issuing advisories fixing the charges for medicines and diagnostic tests and the max-imum deposit. Most of the advisories were related to the Covid-19 pandemic.

advisories were related to the Covid-19 pandemic. The panel had issued a no-tice in 2017 saying there was no basis for levying differential charges for diagnostic and pa-thology tests, medicines and doctors' visits based on the rates for the beds or rooms. In the June 2, 2021, order, the commission had fixed the charge for a chest X-ray (PA view) at Rs 400 while saying that blood tests to measure sodium, potassium or chloride levels should not cost more than Rs 450. Many private hos-pitals had said the rates were unviable. "Bengal is the only state where such a regulatory commission for private health-care units exists. It helps address patients' grievanc-es but the commission must also ensure that unrealistic rates are not forced upon the

also ensure that unrealistic rates are not forced upon the hospitals," said Sudipta Mitra, chief executive of Peerless chief executive of H Hospital (See Metro)



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Insurance co can't decide med expense limit: Consumer court

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Vadodara: A consumer court in Vadodara recently ruled that an insurance firm can't decide which expense is not nec "ssary for medical treatment or how much maximum amount can be paid for it. The observation was made while ordering an insurance firm to pay the full medical bill of Rs 1.64 lakh to the complainant, Mayur Parmar, for cataract surgery.

The insurer, Oriental Insurance Company Ltd, was also ordered to pay Rs 5,000 each towards mental harassment and legal cost.

Parmar (61) had undergone the surgery in both eyes and spent a total amount of Rs1.64 lakh. He claimed reim-

HC rejects minor rape survivor's abortion plea

The Gujarat HC on Monday turned down a minor rape survivor's plea to abort since she was more than 29 weeks pregnant and the procedure may lead to medical complications. Justice Samir Dave directed the secretary of the women and child welfare department and the additional chief secretary of the social justice and empowerment department to extend all aid to the rape survivor, and make arrangements for her stay at a women's shelter whenever she wishes to shift there. The judge had earlier said teenage motherhood was normal in the past and recommended that the girl's lawyer read Manusmriti. A week later, when he tried to explore a compromise between the survivor and the accused, a government lawyer cautioned him about the likelihood of being misquoted. To this, Justice Dave quoted the Bhagavad Gita and said a judge should be 'sthitapragna' (firm in judgment and wisdom). TNN

bursement, but Oriental Insurance agreed to pay Rs 49,000. The complainant said the insurer refused to pay the full amount on the grounds that the expense wasn't customary and reasonable. After hearing both sides, the court stated, "Medical treatment fee varies in every hospital and as per the doctor. The insurance firm can't decide which expense wasn't necessary in the treatment."







पोलिस ठाण्यात फोटो घेणे गुन्हा नाही -उच्च न्यायालय

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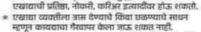
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त्याच्याविरुद्ध ऑफिशियल सिक्रेट्स

 पोलिस स्टेशनमध्ये लोकांना मुक्तपणे येता आले पाहिजे. मुंबई : पोलिस ठाण्यात दाखल लोक तेथे तकार व अन्याय निवारणासाठी येतात. झालेल्या लेखी तकारीचे मोबाइलमध्ये = ऑफिशियल सिक्रेट्स ॲक्टच्या गुन्ह्याचा परिणाम फोटो घेतल्याबहुल ठाणे पोलिसांनी



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ॲंक्ट कलम तीननुसार गुन्हा दाखल केला, तपासानंतर न्यायालयात दीषारोपपत्र दाखल केले. सिद्दीकीने हा प्रत न्यायालयात धाव घेतली.

पोलिस स्टेशन हे कायद्याप्रमाणे 'निषिद्ध ठिकाण' घोषित केलेले नाही. अकोला पोलिसांनी दाखल केलेले पोलिस ठाण्यात फोटो घेणे असेच एफआयआर रह्न केले होते. ऑफिशियल सिक्रेट्स ॲक्टचा गुन्हा होत नाही, असे मत व्यक्त करत हायकोटनि गुन्हा रद्द केला. तसेच सरकारने याचिकाकर्त्यांस २५ हजार

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नुकसानभरपाई देऊन व ती चुकीचा एफआयआर दाखल करणाऱ्या आणि चार्जशिटला परवानगी देणाऱ्या अधिकाऱ्यांकडून वसूल करण्याचा आदेश दिला.

यापूर्वी हायकोटनि सोलापूर आणि अनेक प्रकरणांमध्ये पोलिसांकडून या कायद्याच्या तरतुर्दीचा सतत गैरवापर होत असल्याचे हायकोटनि म्हटले आहे

हायकोर्टने रद्द केला. २० एप्रिल २०२२ रोजी झिशान सिद्दीकीला त्याच्याविरुद्धच्या अर्ज चौकशीसाठी ठाण्याच्या मीरा रोड पोलिस स्टेशनमध्ये बोलावण्यात दौषारोपपत्र दाखल केले. सिद्दीकीने हा आले. चौकशीदरम्यान सिद्दिकीने खटला रद्द करण्यासाठी उच्च त्याच्याविरुद्धच्या अर्जाची मागितली, त्याला बाचण्यासाठी अर्ज देण्यात आला. तथापि, जेव्हा त्याने अजांची प्रत मागितली, तेव्हा ती नाकारण्यात आली. त्याने मोबाइलमध्ये अर्जीचा फोटो आणि





"Assault on Dr. Dipak Maslekar"

Dr. Dipak Maslekar, a dedicated senior dermatologist, is viciously attacked while attending to his patients.

1- Unidentified drunk assailants barge into his clinic and mercilessly assault him and his assistant.

2-The attackers have no relation to the patients or Dr. Maslekar's family.

3-Dr. Maslekar sustains a forehead injury during the horrifying ordeal.

4- The attackers issue threats and flee the scene.

5- Dr. Maslekar displays immense courage and immediately goes to Kranti Chowk police station to report the incident.

6- Dr. Yashwant Gade and Dr. Anupam Takalkar, President and Secretary of IMA, within 10 minutes rushed to the police station to file a First Information Report (FIR) and ensure appropriate charges under the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

7- Late into the night, Dr. Maslekar is admitted to Ghati Hospital, with IMA officials Dr. Gade and Dr. Takalkar staying by his side.

8-Dr. Maslekar is currently stable and recovering at home.

9-IMA office bearers met Police Commissioner Mr. Manoj Lohiya today at 5 pm to demand swift and stringent action against the culprits.

10-Three out of the four attackers are arrested

11-This incidence highlights the importance of a parent organisation like IMA

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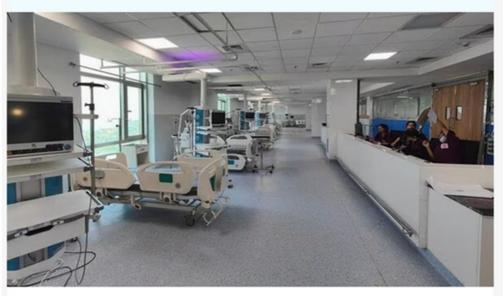
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Female Muslim MBBS students in Kerala's Thiruvananthapuram have requested permission to wear long-sleeve scrub jackets and surgical hoods in operation theatres due to their religious beliefs. The students argue that wearing a hijab is mandatory for Muslim women at all times



According to the reason cited, as part of their religious belief they have to cover their heads at all times and it is not possible to wear hijab inside the operation theatre (OT). So they looked at alternate options

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