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#### **UPCOMING CONFERENCES**

- 1) Medcall 2010  
Date: 19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> Feb 2010  
Venue: Nizam College ground, Hyderabad
- 2) 18<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Alternative Medicine  
Date: 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 2010  
Place: Kolkata  
Contact: Dr. Suresh Agarwal  
[www.altmedworld.net](http://www.altmedworld.net)
- 3) Workshop on Clinical Trial Designs  
Date: 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2010  
Venue: Indian Institute of Public Health, Delhi  
Plot 34, Sector 44, Institutional Area, Gurgaon 122002  
Contact: Dr. Niveditha Devasenapathy,  
Mobile: 09810397722  
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- 4) 3<sup>rd</sup> National Conference on AIDS Society of India  
Date: 19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> March 2010  
Venue: Hotel Marriott Hyderabad  
[www.aidsocietyofindia.com](http://www.aidsocietyofindia.com)



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# **SYNAPSE**..... Monthly health e-newsletter

## **HOSPITAL AND HEALTH INSIGHT OF THE MONTH**

### **FORTIS TO FOCUS ON ACADEMICS AND RESEARCH PROGRAMME**

Fortis healthcare has announced its plan to focus on academics and research program. The company has plans to include clinical research in the domains of oncology, neurology, nephrology and orthopedics. The company will enroll a pool of over 150 - 200 people which include about 45 doctors and 100 -150 research associates. The idea is to introduce new information, observational research concept and technical skills by bringing the latest diagnostic and treatment advances to physicians both within Fortis group and the larger healthcare community.

### **ONE THOUSAND CRORE ALLOCATED FOR IMPROVING MENTAL HEALTHCARE IN THE COUNTRY**

The National Mental Health Program is being re-strategized and a sum of Rs 1000 crore has been allotted for mental health services at the primary care level and integrating it into the general health care. Union Health minister Mr. Ghulam Nabi Azad has released the National Guidelines on Psycho-Social support and Mental Health services and disaster, brought out by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) where he acknowledged the acute shortage of qualified mental health care professionals.

### **HIV POSITIVE PEOPLE TO GET BELOW POVERTY LINE CARDS IN DELHI**

The Delhi Govt. decided to provide HIV positive people with BPL cards to give them access to subsidized ration, free bus rides, allow them and their attendants free travel in DTC buses to hospitals for check up and treatment. NUCLEIC ACID TEST (NAT) labs will soon be opened in four Delhi Govt. hospitals-GTB Hospital, Lok Nayak Hospital, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital and Lal Bahadur Shastri Hospital to conduct blood test for HIV infection examination.

### **ASHA WORKERS IN DELHI TO BE TRAINED FOR TUBERCULOSIS ERADICATION**

Under the DOTS-Plus (Direct Observation Treatment-Plus) scheme, ASHA workers will be trained and employed for multi drug resistant -TB eradication programme. North east districts of Delhi will get initial focus. ASHA workers will also track the side effects of medication of MDR-TB. Earlier ASHA were involved in reproductive, child health and other various healthcare delivery activities under NRHM.

## EVENTS AT IIHMR, NEW DELHI

- Following Online Courses in Healthcare IT launched by IIHMR, New Delhi in collaboration with OTECH –

1. Health Imaging and IT Standards.
2. Introduction to Medical Digital Imaging.
3. PACS workflow.
4. Introduction to PACS.

For details visit-

<http://www.iihmrdelhi.org/HealthcareIT/index.htm>

- CIPM

IIHMR, New Delhi launches Online Web based Course of Certificate in Project Management (CIPM) – specialization in Healthcare.

For details visit-

<http://www.cepm-iihmr.org>

- HICP

IIHMR, New Delhi launches Two months Health Informatics Certificate Program (HICP) (Weekend based) Feb- March, 2010

## MDP @ IIHMR, NEW DELHI

- Introduction to IT & Health Informatics System (Date: 13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> Feb)
- Database & Knowledge Management in Healthcare organization (Date: 26<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> Feb)
- Integrated Hospital Information System (Date: 13<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> March)
- Basics of Computer Application –level 1 for nurses & paramedics (Date: 16<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> March)
- Bronze Belt Certification in Lean Healthcare (Date: 25<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> March)

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## NEW INNOVATIVE AND AFFORDABLE TECHNOLOGY TO REVOLUTIONALIZE HEALTHCARE

Doctors can now diagnose heart disorders with a simple one-touch operation on a small, handheld device called the MAC i. Within minutes, the machine conducts and prints results of an ECG used to measure the heart's electrical activity and evaluate heart problems such as heart attacks, irregular heart rhythms and heart failure. Developed at General Electric (GE) Healthcare's R&D centre in Bangalore as part of the company's "reverse innovation" strategy to rapidly accelerate growth in low-end emerging markets, the MAC i costs just Rs 25,000. The device brings down the cost of an ECG test to Rs 9, as compared to Rs 300 it costs in most private hospitals in India.

## MANDATORY DIABETES CHECK UP FOR ALL ABOVE 30 YEARS IN RURAL AREAS

Health minister Ghulam Nabi Azad during his meeting with health secretaries has pointed out that all 30-40 year olds living in India's rural areas will soon undergo mandatory check for diabetes. He said while rural areas would require the option of glucometer in urban areas the State Governments could use laboratories to check diabetes.

## GOA LAUNCHES COUNTRY'S FIRST MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY UNIT

Directorate of health services, Goa along with Muskan (an NGO) launched country's first Mobile Mammography Unit (MMU). According to the surveys, Goa has the highest incidence of breast cancer owing to diverse reasons such as late marriages and delayed pregnancies, declined fertility, no or less breastfeeding habit, improper nutrition, rapid lifestyle changes leading to lack of exercise among women. The MMU meets the WHO's regulation for radiation safety and is equipped with most up to date facilities. This MMU facility is absolutely free of cost and women aged above 40 are encouraged to avail this facility.

## WHISTLEBLOWER POLICY IN PLACE,WAR ON FAKE DRUGS TAKES OFF

Union health minister had proposed the whistle blower policy to tackle the menace of fake life saving drugs. This has finally taken off mainly in the northern states and should soon become a national phenomenon. The policy is to reward all who helps seize spurious, adulterated and misbranded drugs, cosmetics and medical devices. According to the policy formulated, the reward of a maximum of 20% of the total cost of consignments seized is payable to the informer which will not in any way exceed Rs 25 lakh in each case. In respect to an officer in the government or the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO), the reward will not exceed Rs 5 lakh for one case and a maximum of Rs 30 lakh in his or her entire service. The reward will be given only when there is a confirmation of the seizure of spurious drugs, cosmetics and medical devices by the designated officers of CDSCO.

## INDIA EMERGES AMONG TOP FIVE GOVERNMENT FUNDERS OF NEGLECTED DISEASES

India is now in the top five Government funders of neglected disease R&D and is taking the lead on diseases like leprosy and dengue fever. A key finding of the G-FINDER survey (an annual survey of investment into neglected disease R&D) was that, for some diseases, traditional donor funding is being replaced by investment from pharmaceutical companies and Innovative Developing Countries (IDCs) .The survey report has put India as the fifth largest public funder of neglected diseases and ICMR provides 60 per cent of the Indian share of funds.

## DO YOU KNOW ?

1. Free call centre helpline to answer your medical queries.
2. South Asia's first medical technology park: To make quality healthcare affordable in India.
3. Dubai based DM Healthcare aims for high stakes in Indian healthcare.
4. The Association of Surgeons of India (ASI) starts cancer registration drive on 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan, 2010 .
5. President inaugurates anti-leprosy fortnight & leprosy seal campaign.
6. National Girl Child day is celebrated on 24<sup>th</sup> January.

Society for IIMR has a MoU with Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Their health advisory board consisting of 25 members are reaching on 18<sup>th</sup> of February to India and visiting IIMR, Delhi on 19<sup>th</sup> February and to IIMR, Jaipur on 20<sup>th</sup> February; they will be interacting with the faculty and are going to discuss various exchange programs. Our trustee Dr. Ashok Agarwal is also one of the board members in their health advisory board.

### **NOTE:**

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## RECENT RESEARCHES

### IN INDIA, MORE WOMEN OPTING FOR DELIVERY BY CAESAREAN SECTION

According to a WHO survey of 9 Asian countries during 2007-08 (published in the Lancet) more women are opting for C-section deliveries unnecessarily. More than 60% of the hospitals studied where these C-sections took place did it for financial gains and not because it was required. Experts say this boom in unnecessary C-section surgeries is jeopardizing women's health. "Fear of labour makes these women opt for a C-section. The morbidity and mortality rates are much higher in such cases," they say.

### WOMEN BETTER OFF AS GENDER BASED DISPARITIES ARE DECLINING

According to a study released by Women and Child development of State Minister Krishna Tirath, both Gender Development Index (GDI) and the Gender Empowerment Measurement (GEM)-two key parameters of women development have shown improvement over a decade from 1996-2006. The government decided to conduct its own study on gender HDI as it felt that Global Development Indices reported by UNDP did not correctly reflect India's ground situation.

### NO SURGERY: A 15-MINUTE CURE FOR DIABETES, OBESITY

A USA based company has developed Endobarrier - a plastic sleeve inserted into a patient's intestine by feeding it through the mouth using an endoscope. This prevents the food from being absorbed in to the body. In a 12-week trial in Netherlands patients fitted with the Endobarrier lost on average of 16 kg compared with a control group of patients who dieted and lost 5kg. During trials the sleeve was able to reverse Type 2 diabetes within weeks by reducing patient's blood sugar levels. The treatment costs 2000 pounds, which is half the cost of the cheapest obesity operation.

### Workshop on Environmental Sanitation and Health Management



*Jointly Organized By IIMR, New Delhi & Sulabh International Academy of Environment Sanitation and Public Health held on 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> January*

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