

Dept. of Endocrinology hosts 4th ENCORE India - Australia meet

The Department of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism hosted the 4th ENCORE (Excellence in NonCommunicable disease REsearch) meeting, between Australia and India, from the 23rd to the 25th of November, 2017. The conference was inaugurated by Dr. Dorairaj Prabhakaran, Vice President (Research & Policy) of the Public Health Foundation of India and Executive Director of the Centre for Chronic Disease Control, New Delhi.



This programme was initiated in 2016 by Professor Brian Oldenburg, Chair of Non-communicable Disease Control and Director of the Centre for Health Equity, at the Melbourne School of Population & Global Health, University of Melbourne, Australia. It is funded by the University of Melbourne's International Research and Research Training Fund (IRRTF).

The main focus of this workshop is to train researchers from Australia and India to undertake advanced research aimed at reducing the burden of Non-Communicable Diseases in low and middle-income countries, thus promoting Indo-Australian collaboration and improved progress in the outcome of chronic diseases in our country.

There were 150 participants. The panel of speakers, which included Professor Soumya Swaminathan, Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research and Deputy Director General of Programmes, WHO, spoke about various topics such as the intersection of communicable and non-communicable disorders, non-communicable disorders like osteoporosis, mental illness and drug dependence, road map for the future of the diabetes epidemic and cardiovascular disorders, and improving the nexus between research, policy and practice.

The important outcome of this meet was not only the exchange of knowledge but also a unique, collaborative initiative between the University of Melbourne and four apex research institutions of India, namely the Public Health Foundation of India,

New Delhi; All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi; Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram and Christian Medical College Vellore.

