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The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. Psalm 23:1

Report on the 5th Certificate Course in Infection Prevention and Control and Antimicrobial Stewardship



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The 5th certificate course on IPC & Antimicrobial Stewardship was successfully conducted from 15th to 19th July 2024, by the Hospital Infection Control Committee. 28 delegates took part in the course comprising a mélange of clinicians, microbiologists, pathologists, and nurses from, medical colleges, mission hospitals and private hospitals from Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Meghalaya, and Puducherry.

The course commenced with an inaugural function with an invocation by infection control nurses followed by prayer by Ms. Saramma Kuruvilla, Chaplain. Dr. Rajiv Karthik, the deputy chairman of HIC welcomed the gathering, while Dr. John Antony Jude Prakash, secretary of HIC, laid out the overview of the course. Dr. Ebby Simon, Associate Director, Medical and Dr. I Rajesh, the medical superintendent and chairperson of HICC, emphasized the need for strict adherence to infection prevention and control practices and the role of antibiotic stewardship in preventing healthcare-associated infections. Dr. Hema Paul, Physician and organising secretary HIC officer proposed the vote of thanks.

The objective of this course was to equip doctors in areas of infection control and antimicrobial stewardship with the tools and resources required for combating healthcare-associated infections and to enable those actively involved in infection control to freely exchange ideas and knowledge.

Participants gained valuable insights into the essential tools and resources necessary to combat Health Care Associated Infections (HCAIs). The five-day course featured diverse sessions covering specific aspects of hospital infection control, including patient safety, healthcare-associated infections, antimicrobial resistance and stewardship, infection control in specialized environments, and healthcare safety. This year we had three external faculties to enrich our learning.

Dr. Daniel Vander Ende, Medical Officer in the International Infection Control Branch at the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, discussed the importance of root cause analysis and hands-on sessions on planning a quality improvement activity in IPC.

Dr. Adimai Siromany Valan, a Public Health Specialist specializing in Infectious Diseases at the CDC, National office in New Delhi explained the steps involved in conducting an outbreak investigation through case studies and group discussions.

Dr. Malini R Capoor, Professor of Microbiology VMMC & SJH, New Delhi, took an online session highlighting the management of Biomedical Waste (BMW), including radioactive and e-waste.

During the course, the participants had the opportunity to visit the ICUs, CSSD in Town and Ranipet Campus, laundry, Common Bio-Medical Waste Treatment Facility (CBMWTF) kandipedu and a few wards for hygiene rounds. The participants went through skill stations, to demonstrate competencies in hand hygiene, BMW segregation and donning & doffing of PPE. Skills such as handling and dressing central and peripheral lines, aseptic techniques while drawing a blood culture, and urinary catheterization were demonstrated. Participants learnt the technique of drawing blood samples using a Leur adapter & needle Central and peripheral line dressing was ably demonstrated by the line nurses' team. Laboratory method of doing AST and environment surveillance was demonstrated in the microbiology lab.

The workshop concluded on the 19th of July, 2024 with a valedictory ceremony. The report of the certificate course was presented by Dr. Hema Paul. Dr. Binila Chacko, Deputy Director and Dr. Abi Manesh, Deputy Medical Superintendent offered their felicitations and distributed certificates to the participants for completing the course. A vote of thanks was given by Mr. Senthamil Selvan. Ms. Jisha Susan Sabu, Chaplain, concluded the programme with a closing prayer.





International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

College of Nursing, CMC Vellore Chittoor Campus:

The International Day against Drug Abuse and illicit trafficking is marked on 26th June every year to raise awareness about substance use and to strengthen initiatives to make the world drug-free. The theme for this year is “The evidence is clear; invest in prevention”. In commemoration of this day, the College of Nursing, CMC Vellore Chittoor, Campus organised an awareness programme for college and school students of Chittoor. Dr. Pastin Pushpa Rani P, Professor of Nursing and Ms. Lin Maria Philip George, Nursing Tutor coordinated the event.

The first session was held at RK Vidyalaya Junior College. Dr. Dheeraj Kattula, Psychiatrist from the Department of Psychiatry, Christian Medical College Vellore addressed the students. He emphasised stress management, suicide prevention, coping strategies and prevention of substance use. This was followed by an interactive session during which students had an opportunity to discuss various matters related to mental health and stress management. Dr. Pastin Pushpa Rani P, nursing faculty of the College of Nursing interacted with the students and reinforced the importance of avoiding drug use. Mr. Ramesh Babu, Principal, of RK Vidyalaya Junior College honoured the speaker and encouraged students to seek help when needed.

The second session was planned in PCR Government School Chittoor, Mrs. Uma, Principal Assistant welcomed the speaker. Dr. Dheeraj spoke on the importance of establishing study habits, stress management and healthy ways of coping. Teachers and students from the school benefitted from the session. They raised questions which Dr. Dheeraj clarified. Ms. Lin Maria, Nursing Tutor of College of Nursing interacted with the students personally and clarified their queries.





Allergy Week Celebrations

The Department of Pulmonary Medicine organised events related to the "World Allergy Week 2024" at the CMC Vellore, Ranipet campus. CMC staff and students, as well as school students and teachers, participated in the various awareness events and competitions organised by the department. Around 600 students belonging to classes six and above from 22 schools in the Vellore district participated in the Art competition. Close to 2100 students viewed the online awareness lecture on food allergy in schools. In addition to the student art competition, 40 teachers from these schools attended a half-day workshop on managing allergies and asthma in schools. The hands-on training was provided on how to administer first aid in case of an allergy/asthma emergency. They were also taught how to collect relevant medical information from parents of children with allergies to help their wards attend a safe schooling environment. Medical students and staff of CMC also participated in the quiz and poster-making competitions.

The occasion helped the department to highlight the importance of the prevention and care of Allergic disorders. The prevalence of allergies and asthma has been increasing in India. Although the precise reason is unknown, many factors, including urbanization, changes in the environment and changes in dietary habits, are believed to play a part. The increase in food allergy is believed to be due to changes in dietary practices, such as the Western diet replacing the traditional Indian diet. The increase in respiratory allergy may be due to the increase in air pollution levels, particularly in urban areas. This event was an important opportunity to raise awareness and understanding of allergies, emphasising their impact on health and quality of life. This year's theme was "Overcoming Food Allergy Obstacles."

The valedictory function was held on 26th June 2024. Dr. T. Balamugesh introduced the significance of the celebration and appreciated Dr. Jefferson Daniel for planning all the activities. Dr. Reuban Thomas Kurien on behalf of MS Office and Ms. Jeyalinda on behalf of Nursing Service offered felicitations. This was followed by prize distributions. In the Asthma/Allergy quiz, Dr. John Roy Palathinkal won the first prize among doctors; Ms. Jeevitha and Ms. Vijayashanthi shared the first prize among staff.

A workshop on “Biblical Interpretations in Bioethics



Christian Medical College, Vellore

Department of Bioethics

Workshop on Biblical Interpretations in Bioethics

Date : 11th July 2024



A workshop on “Biblical Interpretations in Bioethics” was organised by the Department of Bioethics on 11th July 2024 in the New Examination Hall on the College Campus. The Principal Dr. Solomon Sathishkumar inaugurated the workshop with his felicitations. The speakers Rev. Dr. Hminga Pachuau (CMC), Dr. Manoj Kurian (WCC, Geneva), Dr. Anuradha Rose (CMC), Dr. Alan Pallana (UTC, Bangalore), Rev. Fr. Amala Vinodh (Don Bosco, Jawadhi), Dr. Sushil John (CMC), and Rev. Dr. Arul Dhas (CMC) gave various presentations and led discussions about the topic. Fifty-four participants from the healthcare background, social workers and chaplains from CMC Vellore and other churches participated in person apart from the online participants. The workshop highlighted the importance, challenges and helpful tools connected to Biblical interpretations in the healthcare context. It was beneficial for the participants since they came from different disciplines but with the same objective of healthcare in a faith-based context.

Special Prayers This Week

July 28 - August 03, 2024

Neurological Sciences :

Dr. Sanjith Aaron and Staff

Dr. Krishna Prabhu R. and Staff

Dr. Ranjith K. Moorthy and Staff

Dr. Baylis Vivek Joseph and Staff

Mrs. Emily Daniel and Staff

Neurochemistry :

Dr. Christhunesa Soundararajan C. and Staff

Neurophysiology :

Dr. R.V. Rajesh

Neuroanaesthesia :

Dr. Ramamani M.

Paediatric Neurology :

Dr. Maya Mary Mathew and Staff

Dr. Mary Anbarasi Johnson and Staff

Neuro ICU :

Dr. Shalini Nair and Staff

Mrs. Emily Daniel and Staff

Department of Infectious Diseases :

Dr. Priscilla Rupali and Staff

CSI South Kerala Diocese

Council Members : Dr. P. Stanly Jones,

Dr. J. Bennet Abraham

Hospital : Dr. Somervell Memorial CSI Medical College
and Hospital, Karakonam and others.



Welcome

Dr. Sharon Anbumalar Lionel, Associate Professor, Department of Haematology, on her return from study leave.

Memoranda

- **Dr. Mahesh Moorthy**, Professor, is appointed as Head, Department of Clinical Virology with effect from 5th August 2024 for a four-year term.
- **Dr. Swati Rathore**, Professor, is appointed as Head, Obstetrics & Gynaecology Unit-IV with effect from 6th August 2024 for a four-year term.
- **Dr. Jenifer Jeba S**, Professor, will continue as Head, Department of Palliative Medicine with effect from 14th August 2024 for a four-year term.

Laurels & Recognitions

Dr. Amit Mathew, Associate Professor of Anaesthesia, has been awarded for his excellence in Undergraduate Teaching at the Toronto General Hospital, University of Toronto for the year 2023.

Retirements

Mr. Madhavan P, Accounts Officer Gr.I, Dorothy Joske Hostel (Registrar's Office), retired on 17th May 2024, after 34 years of dedicated service to our institution.

His wife Mrs. Chitra is a homemaker. They are blessed with 2 sons; elder son Mr. Aadhars is studying in 6th std and younger son Mr. Aravind is in 4th std. The CMC family is thankful to Mr. Madhavan P. for his service in this Institution and wishes him a happy retired life.



Mr. Palani Velu A, Sr. Hospital Attendant, Operation Theatre (Main), retired on 1st June 2024, after 38 years of dedicated service to our Institution.

His wife Mrs. Anitha Y, is a homemaker. They have 1 son and 2 daughters. Their son Mr. Mysudhan is a Radiographer working in SMH, Ranipet; elder daughter Ms. Sharon Shanthini, is an Assistant Engineer in the Department of Biomedical Engineering, CMC Vellore, and younger daughter Ms. Priya, is a Jr. Dialysis Therapist in the Department of Nephrology, CMC Vellore. The CMC family is thankful to Mr. Palani Velu A. for his service in this institution and wishes him a happy retired life.

Mrs. Meenal Kodi G, Office Facilitator Gr.I, Rehabilitation Institute, Retired on 15th June 2024, after 18 years of dedicated service to our Institution.

Her husband Mr. Karnan is a retired staff of CMC. The CMC family is thankful to Mrs. Meenal Kodi G., for her service in this institution and wishes her a happy retired life.





Mr. Jeyakumar E, Hospital Attendant Gr. I, Medical & Surgical Nursing (Q1 West), retired on 25th June 2024, after 34 years of dedicated service to our institution.

His wife Mrs. Vijaya Jeyakumar is a homemaker, he has 2 sons and 1 daughter, Their elder son Mr. Sargunan is a HA in Laundry; younger son Mr. Anbarasan, is working as a HA in S-Ward and daughter Mrs. Selvarani is married and settled in Pune. Mr. Jeyakumar is also blessed with 4 grandsons and 2 granddaughters. The CMC family is thankful to Mr. Jeyakumar E. for his service in this institution and wishes him a happy retired life.

Obituary

- **Mr. Venkatesan**, father of Mrs. Sangeetha, Health Centre Auxiliary in RUHSA Department, CMC, passed away on 23rd July, 2024.
Let us uphold all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

Situations Vacant

Vacancies under the Principal's Office - for queries contact the mentioned office

1. Senior Resident GR.III with MS (General Surgery) for the Department of Surgery Unit – III (Upper GI Surgery)

Salary Scale : As per institutional rules.

Accommodation : Provided (Partly Furnished, Depending on availability).

2. Senior Resident with MD (Paediatrics) for the Department of Paediatrics Unit – III Child Protection Services (CPS)

Salary Scale : As per institutional rules.

Accommodation : Provided (Partly Furnished, Depending on availability).

3. Senior Resident / Assistant Professor with MD (Paediatrics) with minimum two years experience in Paediatric Critical Care Unit (PICU) for the Department of Paediatrics (Paediatric ICU)

Experience : Candidates applying for Assistant Professor should have at least one year teaching experience as (Asst. Professor) in any NMC recognized teaching institution.

Salary : As per institutional rules.

Accommodation : Provided (Subject to Availability).

4. Senior Resident Gr.III with MD / DNB Pulmonary Medicine / Respiratory Medicine for the Department of Pulmonary Medicine

Salary : As per institutional rules.

Accommodation : Provided (Partly Furnished, Depending on availability).

Applications are to be done only through the online application system.

Please log on to <https://www.cmch-vellore.edu/JobVacancy.aspx?jtype=ALL>

Link: "Vacancies". Hard Copies and emails will not be accepted.

Applications will close by **August 10, 2024** for **Items 1, 2, 3 and 4**.

5. Associate Professor with MD / DNB (General Medicine) for the Department of General Medicine CMC Vellore, Chittoor Campus

(Candidates with DNB qualification should fulfill the latest NMC criteria for teaching appointment).

Experience : Should have five years teaching experience as (Asst. Professor) in any NMC recognized teaching institution with 2 papers published after a PG degree.

Salary : As per institutional rules.

Accommodation : Provided (Partly Furnished, Depending on availability).

6. Jr. Clinical Psychologist (Term Post) for the CMC Vellore, Chittoor Campus

Qualification : MA / M.Sc. (Psychology).

Salary : As per institutional rules.

Accommodation : Not Provided.

7. Occupational Therapist (Term Post) with BOT for the Department of Neonatology

Salary : As per institutional rules.

Accommodation : Not Provided.

Applications are to be done only through the online application system.

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Applications will close by **August 10, 2024** for **Items 5, 6 and 7.**

8. Senior Resident / Assistant Professor with MD / DNB (Respiratory Medicine) / TB and Chest Diseases for the Department of Respiratory Medicine

(Candidates with DNB qualification should fulfill the latest NMC criteria for teaching appointment).

Experience : Should have at least one year teaching experience as (Asst. Professor) in any NMC recognised teaching institution for applying Assistant Professor post.

Salary : As per institutional rules.

Accommodation : Provided (Partly Furnished, Depending on availability).

Applications are to be done only through the online application system.

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Applications will close by **August 12, 2024** for **Item 8.**

9. Junior Training Officer for the Department of Low Cost Effective Care Unit (LCECU)

Qualification : Masters in Sociology / Social Work / M.Sc. Medical Sociology / Masters in Health Management / Masters in Public Health +2 years appropriate experience or M. Phil in Social Sciences.

Preference will be given those who have MPH Qualification and Experience in Data Management.

Consolidated Salary : As per the institutional rules.

Accommodation : Not Provided.

Applications are to be done only through the online application system.

Please log on to <https://www.cmch-vellore.edu/JobVacancy.aspx?jtype=ALL>

Link: "Vacancies". Hard Copies and emails will not be accepted.

Applications will close by **August 03, 2024** for **Item 9.**

10. Staff II Cardiac Technician for the CMC Vellore, Chittoor Campus

Qualifications : B.Sc., in Cardiac Technology or B.Sc., (Sciences Subject) with PG Diploma in Cardiac Technician and those who have completed 4 years' of experience as Jr. Cardiac Technician only need to apply.

Preference is given only to female candidate

Salary: Rs.15318 - 613 – 30643 + DA & HRA as per rules.

Age Limit : Below 35 Years.

Note: Only Regular mode will be accepted, Private or correspondence will be not accepted.

Applications to be done only through online application system. Please login to

<http://www.cmch-vellore.edu> Link: "Vacancies".

Note : Only online applications will be accepted; Hard copies will not be accepted.

Applications will close on **August 05, 2024 for Item 10.**

11. Jr. HLPT Technician (Term Appointment) for the Department of Orthopaedics (Amended Advertisement):

Qualifications: H.Sc., with CMAI Diploma in Hand and Leprosy Physiotherapy Technician Training (HLPT) Course.

Job Description:

1. Maintenance of Bone grafts and Bone Bank
2. Bone-bank-related record-keeping and reporting
3. Assisting in auditing and monthly statistics
4. Stock taking and maintenance of orthopaedic implants in orthopaedic OR
5. Stock taking and maintenance of consignment instruments in orthopedic OR.

Consolidated Pay: Rs.22,130/-.

Age Limit : Below 30 years.

Note: Only Regular mode will be accepted, Private or correspondence will be not accepted.

12. Asst. Chaplain (Term Appointment) for the Chaplaincy Department

Qualifications : Bachelor's Degree + B.D., (Bachelor of Divinity) (Serampore University) ordained with minimum 3 years of experience in Pastoral Ministry and fluency in English language is mandatory.

Languages : Tamil – Ordained – Male and Female

Telugu - Ordained – Male or Female

Oriya - Ordained – Male or Female

Consolidated Pay : As per institutional rules.

Age Limit : 35 years.

Note : Only Regular mode studies will be accepted, Private or correspondence studies will be not accepted.

Applications to be done only through online application system. Please login to

<http://www.cmch-vellore.edu> Link: "Vacancies".

Note : Only online applications will be accepted; Hard copies will not be accepted.

Applications will close on **August 12, 2024 for Items 11 and 12.**

13. Jr. Administrative Assistant (External Designation - Project) for the **Department of Surgery Unit-II**

Qualification: Graduate and 1 year PGDHA.

Age Limit: 35 years and below. **Duration :** 6 months.

Consolidated Salary : As per institutional norms.

Please log on to <https://www.cmch-vellore.edu/>

Link: "Vacancies". **Tab:** "Jr. Administrative Assistant (External Designation - Project)".

Note : Only regular mode will be accepted, private or correspondence will not be accepted. Final year students are not eligible. Applications should be made online. Applications through other Job Portals will not be considered. **Apply on or before August 01, 2024 for Item 13.**

Others

14. Applications are invited in **College Hill Kindergarten, Bagayam** for the post of **Principal:**

Qualification: M.Ed. with B.Ed. / Montessori / TTC.

Work Experience: Minimum 10-15 Years of teaching with administrative experience.

Preference will be given to the female candidates.

1. Fluent in English with good computer knowledge.
2. Hands on experience in handling kindergarten children.
3. Minimum 10 years of teaching experience.

Age: Above 40 years. **Salary:** Negotiable

Interested candidates may apply to College Hill Kindergarten, Bagayam, Vellore. **Phone: 98947 49013.**
Email: chkg.secretary@gmail.com on or before August 09, 2024 for Item 14.

15. Scudder Memorial Hospital, (CSI Diocese of Vellore) invites applications for the following posts:

(a) General physician. Qualification: MD / DNB.

Salary : Salary commensurate with experience & As per Medical Board.

(b) General Surgeon. Qualification: MS / DNB.

Salary : Salary commensurate with experience & As per Medical Board.

(c) Orthopaedic Surgeon. Qualification: MS / DNB (with minimum 5 Years of Experience).

Salary : Salary commensurate with experience & As per Medical Board.

(d) Emergency Physician Qualification: MD / DNB / MEM.

Salary : Salary commensurate with experience & As per Medical Board.

(e) Paediatrician. Qualification: DCH / DNB / MD.

Salary : Salary commensurate with experience & As per Medical Board.

(f) Junior Medical Officer. Qualification: MBBS.

Salary : Salary commensurate with experience & As per Medical Board.

Note: - Orthopaedic Department also runs DNB Programme for Orthopaedic Students.

- Foreign Medical Graduates who have completed the CRRI (Compulsory Rotating Residential Internship) can apply.

Application with Copies & Qualification to be sent to : **HR Department, SCUDDER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, No-3 Kelly's Road, Scudder Memorial Hospital, Ranipet - 632 401.**

Email ID: hrrsmh2021@gmail.com / anbusuresh1969@gmail.com

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