



Christian Medical College Vellore



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*The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1*

3rd Paediatric Renal Transplant Conference and Workshop



The 3rd Paediatric Renal Transplant Conference and Therapeutics workshop held from 20th to 22nd March 2025 was supported by the International Society of Paediatric Nephrology (IPNA), International Society of Nephrology-The Transplantation Society (ISN-TTS), Sister Transplant Centre programme (STC) and endorsed by the Indian Society of Organ Transplant (ISOT). The delegates included paediatric and adult trainees in nephrology and paediatric surgery, as well as social workers, renal nurses, and general practitioners interested in increasing their knowledge and awareness of paediatric kidney transplants.

The meeting commenced with a workshop titled “Pharmacology of therapeutic interventions” held in the Ranipet Campus and organised by the Department of Clinical Pharmacology. The talks included a wide range of topics from the basics of therapeutic drug monitoring to pharmacogenomics and pharmacokinetics, errors in drug monitoring, case discussions on difficulties in interpretation and practical problems encountered in clinical practice. This was followed by a lab visit with demonstration of lab techniques and methods of evaluation. We are grateful to Dr Binu Susan Mathew, Head, Department of Clinical Pharmacology and her team, who played a major role in making this workshop a huge success. The meeting was highly informative, interactive and appreciated by the 80 delegates who attended the workshop.

The conference was a 2-day scientific feast which covered a wide range of topics. The theme this time was “Immunology, Infections and Therapeutics in Paediatric Renal Transplant”. The discussions were stimulating and educative, and gave a wide perspective to the audience on how to approach these complex issues. The faculty included transplant immunologists, microbiologists and virologists, infectious disease specialists and renal pathologists. There was a ‘poster walk’ which showcased reports and studies on various transplant related issues. The highlights included talks on the success of the group TRANSTAN in the deceased donor Transplant programme, the role of robotics in nephrology, the emerging role of Genetics and Artificial intelligence in Nephrology- all delivered by eminent speakers.

The inaugural function was held at the end of the first day's session. Dr. Deepthi RV, Organising Secretary, gave the welcome address. The Conference was inaugurated by Dr. Chellam Kirubakaran, Former head of the Department of Child Health. Dr Jolly, Deputy Director, Dr. Solomon Satheesh. Principal, Dr. Myla Yacob, Deputy Medical Superintendent and Dr. Sneha Varrki, Acting Head of Department of Paediatrics gave their felicitations. Dr. Indira Agarwal, Chair Scientific Committee and Head of Department of Paediatric Nephrology, spoke about the growth of the department and commended the role played by Dr. Chellam in shaping her career, her constant encouragement and support through the journey. Dr. Chellam gave an inspiring and touching response. The ceremony ended with Dr Georgie Mathew, Organizing Chairman, giving the vote of thanks. This was followed by a grand dinner at the Eden Garden.

The course had a very enthusiastic response with about 100 delegates from different parts of India. International faculty included Dr. Rouba Garro, Emory University and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Georgia, USA (our mentor, Sister transplant program), Dr. Abanti Chaudhury, Transplant Nephrologist, Stanford University USA, Dr. Dechu Puliyaanda, Director, Paediatric nephrology and Transplant Immunology Cedar Sinai Medical Centre, Los Angeles, and Dr. Basu Gopal, distinguished alumni of our intuitions, Transplant Nephrologist, Lead in kidney transplantation, at Alfred Hospital Monash University Melbourne. Other faculty included some of the best practicing nephrologists – adult and paediatric and surgeons from our institute and other parts of the country.

This meeting and workshop, the first of its kind on the focused topic of Paediatric renal transplant, was greatly appreciated by all the delegates and faculty for its high quality of scientific content. The Paediatric Nephrology division would like to thank all the intramural faculty from Clinical Pharmacology, Microbiology, Virology, Transfusion Medicine, Pathology, Paediatric Surgery, and Transfusion Medicine who came together to help make this program a tremendous success. The meeting also showcased the superb team spirit among our teams, who all work together with a single-minded intent to support children with kidney failure and transplant, providing them with great hope for a better life ahead. The Tamil Nadu Dr. MGR Medical University awarded 30 CME credit points for the programme.



State-Level Workshop on Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation



The Department of Medical Surgical Nursing specialty XI, along with the CNE & Research, College of Nursing, organised a state-level workshop on 'Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation' on March 28th, 2025. The workshop started with an inaugural programme in the CNE lecture hall, College of Nursing. A total of 44 delegates participated in the workshop. Faculty from the Departments of Haematology, Medical Surgical Nursing specialty XI-Haemato-oncology, College of Nursing, CMC Vellore, Gleneagles Global Hospitals, Rela Hospital, Chennai, facilitated the sessions. The various academic topics discussed were; overview of hematopoiesis, history of hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) and its indications, Human leukocyte antigen (HLA) typing, pre-transplant work up, sources, mobilization and harvesting of stem cells, conditioning – chemotherapy, TBI (Total Body Irradiation) and TMLI (Total Marrow and Lymphoid Irradiation), hematopoietic stem cell infusion, engraftment & chimerism, post HSCT nursing care, supportive care and immuno-suppressive therapy, home care management, quality assurance in HSCT. Skill sessions included patient admission to the pretransplant unit & bone marrow transplant unit, apheresis & preservation of stem cells, transfusion of cryopreserved stem cells, Hickman's Dressing, and infection control practices in BMTU. Feedback was obtained, and the delegates expressed a high level of satisfaction with the workshop. The Tamil Nadu Nurses and Midwives Council awarded 6 credit points for the workshop.

Symposium on Connective Tissue

The Department of Dermatology, Venereology & Leprosy held a symposium on connective tissue disorders on 14th March 2025. The talks were catered for the benefit of postgraduate students and were attended by Dermatology, Rheumatology and Pathology postgraduates of Christian Medical College, Government Vellore Medical College, JIPMER, IGGMCH Puducherry, MMC Chennai, Stanley Medical College Chennai, Meenakshi Medical College, Chennai and St. John's Medical College, Bengaluru. The symposium was also graced by Dermatology practitioners both within and from outside Vellore. A total of around 100 delegates attended the symposium. Dr. Dincy Peter, Senior Professor and Head, Dermatology, Venereology & Leprosy, graced the inauguration of the programme. The eminent faculty of CMC and guest speakers delivered talks. A quiz was conducted for the postgraduates.

Quiz winners

1st prize – Indira Gandhi Government Medical College & Hospital, Puducherry.

2nd prize – Stanley Medical College, Chennai.

3rd prize- Christian Medical College, Vellore.

Special Prayers - April 6 - 12, 2025

Medical Superintendent's Office : Dr. Rajesh I. and Staff

Private Consultation Facility : Dr. Rajesh I. and Staff

Alpha Clinic : Dr. Rajesh I. and Staff

Information Reception and Main Enquiry : Dr. Rajesh I. and Staff

Internal Relations Office : Dr. Rajesh I. and Staff



Laurels & Recognitions

- **Dr. Santhoshkumar E**, Associate Professor in the Department of Hepatology, has been awarded the Professor V.I. Mathan Award - First prize for Best Publication in the year 2024 from the Tamil Nadu chapter Indian Society of Gastroenterology conference held at Coimbatore from 28th February to 2nd March, 2025.

- The following candidates were successful in the **Postgraduate Higher Specialty Examination** held in **February 2025 (University results published on 17.03.2025)**.

D.M. Cardiology: Ebenezer Daniel, Gopu Prudhvi Reddy, Penna Rushi Vardhan Reddy, Sashi Deep Reddy Telukutla, Vikram V., and Vinod Nayanegali.

D.M. Clinical Haematology: Archita R, Ayushi Gupta, Hema N S, John Abraham, Minu Luckose and Shah Shivani Umesh.

D.M. Critical Care: Anitha Paul Mampilly, Manoj Job S.B., Nazneen Makhbool, Tryphena Selwyn, and Vineeth Varghese Thomas.

D.M. Endocrinology: Padmavathi T.G., and Rebecca John.

D.M. Gastroenterology: Aman Bajaj, Challa Vijaya Bhaskar, Chennapareddy Anjaneya Reddy, Jaison Jacob Mathew, Kovi Sai Lakshmi, Patlori Samanvith and Subitha S.

D.M. Hepatology: Amruthavarshini N, Himanshu Gupta and Shaik Riyaz.

D.M. Infectious Diseases: Adrian Keith Noronha and Shah Pooja Himanshu.

D.M. Interventional Radiology: Rajat Singhal and Rajchandra Singh Kharayat.

D.M. Medical Oncology : Ajoy Oommen John, Josh Thomas Georgy, Kovilapu Harikrishna, Prashant Jambunathan and Praveen Kumar M.

D.M. Neonatology : Hariharan R, Pratyush Jain, Shobhana S, Sutharson R.

D.M. Nephrology : Akshaya J., Arjun D., Hemalatha S., S.M. Assad, Sree Raksha K.N. and Sudhaker S.

D.M. Neuroanaesthesia : Nandi Vinayaka B., Selvendiran P. and Sharon Kavaya Chandana.

D.M. Neurology : John Davis Prasad, Mithun Mathew Thomas, Sarath Kumar K. and Sowrirajan A Govindaraj R.

D.M. Paediatric Neurology : Uma Mohandas.

D.M. Pulmonary Medicine : Priya N.

D.M. Rheumatology : Illiasul Ibad K., Ravi Kumar U., Shaaron S. and Sindhuja R.

D.M. Virology : Kalpana T., and Runal John Steve S.

M. Ch. Cardio Vascular and Thoracic Surgery : Umaakanth Soundar C.S.

M. Ch. Endocrine Surgery : Perla Meghana and Swarna Azaria.

M.Ch. Gynaecological Oncology : Angela Mary George, Monikha. S.S., and Sudha S.

M. Ch. Hand Surgery : Eknor Kaur, Kathir Joyson D.R., Salvi Bhavya Vijesh and Sreekanth R.

M. Ch. Head & Neck Surgery : R. Grace Vandana Jyothi.

M. Ch. Hepato Pancreato Biliary Surgery : Padebettu Devendra Akhilesh and Sangole Pranjal Milind.

M. Ch. Neurosurgery (6 YRS) - Part I : Jesse Jeswanth and Subramanian A.

M. Ch. Neurosurgery (6 YRS) - Part II : Adeline Hephzibah, Bibi Herlin W. and Sherin Alias Arthungal.

M.Ch. Neurosurgery (3 Yrs) : Arjun Raj C. and M. Srivats.

M. Ch. Paediatric Orthopaedics : Mir Tariq Altaf and Muhammad Shafeek K.

M. Ch. Paediatric Surgery : Arani Sen, Bhaskar R., Nanditha Ananthkrishnan and Vinay Prasad M.H.

M. Ch. Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery : Archa Kilikar, Balaprasanth J, Dhivyalakshimi G, Geena George and Sony T. Jacob.

M.Ch. Reproductive Medicine and Surgery : Hemapriya M., Nadia Imam and Nivedita Gupta.

M. Ch. Urology : Aswath V., Badhrinath J., Nirmesh Kumar Saini, Piyush Shukla and Vineet Kala.

M. Ch. Vascular Surgery : Avush Mohan and Kiran George N.

Memoranda

- **Dr. Leni George**, Professor & Head, Dermatology, Venereology and Leprosy Unit-II, is appointed as Head, Department of Dermatology, Venereology and Leprosy with effect from 1st April 2025 for a four year term.
- **Dr. Rajiv Paul Mukha**, Professor, will continue as Head, Urology Unit-IV, with effect from 1st April 2025 until further notice.
- **Dr. Krishna Prabhu R**, Professor & Head, Neurosurgery Unit-I, is appointed as Head, Department of Neurosurgery with effect from 1st April 2025 for a four year term.
- **Dr. Edmond Jonathan G**, Professor, is appointed as Ag. Head, Neurosurgery Unit- III with effect from 1st April 2025 until further notice.
- **Dr. Sarah Mathai**, Professor, will continue as Head, Paediatrics Unit-I with effect from 3rd April 2025 until further notice.
- **Dr. Kattula Dheeraj**, Professor, is appointed as Ag. Head, Psychiatry Unit-II with effect from 16th April 2025 until further notice.

Welcome

Dr. Roy Thankachen, Professor, Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery, on his return from sabbatical leave.

Dr. Tarun K George, Professor, General Medicine Unit-IV, on his return from study leave.

Retirement

Mr. Subramani S, Engineer, Acting Head of Mechanical Engineering, retired on 19th March, 2025 after 32 years of committed service to our institution.

Mr. Subramani S joined the institution in the year 1992. He has worked in all the sections of the Mechanical Engineering department and was personally involved in the work related to OR Tables, OR Lights, CSSD equipment, and furniture sections. He also contributed to the purchase committee and the asset recycling committee. He has overseen all the activities of the department for 3 years and also maintained a cordial relationship with all other departments.



He is known for his welcoming attitude and quick response. Throughout his services in the institution, he was keen on constantly upgrading his knowledge and never stepped back from sharing his valuable experience with his colleagues. He was careful in his speech, humble, and respectful towards all cadres of staff. He is probably the only person who has so far risen to the position of an Engineer and is serving as Ag. Head of the Department from his humble beginnings as an ITI Fitter.

His wife, Mrs Sarada Subramani is employed with Velammal Bodhi Campus, Vellore. They have two daughters, Mrs. Mahalakshmi Ashwin Kumar, B Sc Nursing, employed as Nurse Educator with Cardio IV in CMC Vellore, Ranipet Campus and Ms Sheetal Lakshmi pursuing her B.Sc. in Ophthalmology.

The Mechanical Engineering family, along with the CMC Community, wishes him all the best in his future endeavours.

Obituaries

- **Mr. Gopinath**, father of Mr. G. Kokilanathan, Hospital Attendant, Department of Psychiatry, passed away on 2nd April, 2025. Let us uphold all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.
- **Mr. Srinivasan E**, retired staff (secretary), Department of Child Health and Department of Haematology, CMC passed away on 3rd April , 2025. Let us uphold his wife, son, daughters and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.
- **Mr. John Munisamy**, father of Mr. Jambulingam, Jr. Artisan, Mechanical Engineering Department, CMC Vellore, Ranipet Campus, passed away on 31st March, 2025.
Let us uphold all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

Upcoming Event

American Heart Association – International Training Centre (CMC Vellore)

American Heart Association – Basic Life Support Course (AHA-BLS)

Provider level course

American Heart Association -Basic Life Support (AHA-BLS) provider level course will be held on the **25th April 2025 at the Jacob Chandy Hall, Paul brand building, CMC Vellore**. This one day course is designed for healthcare providers (Doctors, Nurses and Paramedics) and the curriculum consists of video based, interactive lectures and skills training in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), use of Automated External Defibrillator and relieve choking in a safe, timely and effective manner to **all ages – Adult, Pediatric and Infants**. The number of participants is strictly restricted to 18 per course as per AHA guidelines. **The registration fee is Rs.3500/-** (cost of study materials included) and the last date for registration is **12th April 2025**. **For registrations**, Please contact Mrs. Nitha or Mr. Ganesh, **Paediatric ICU (Phone No.0416 - 2283366 / 9952389812)**.

Admission Notice

The Institutional Sponsorship form for Post-Doctoral Fellowships and Certificate Courses is now available. For further details, please contact the Academic Office at (princi.academic@cmcvellore.ac.in, phone: 4383).

Please note that the last date for receipt of the filled Institutional Sponsorship forms for 2025 in the Academic Office (Principal's Office, Carman Block, College campus), **for the candidate is April 16, 2025 and from the unit / department is April 23, 2025**.

Situations Vacant

Click the following link to view the vacancies
<https://clin.cmcvellore.ac.in/cmccapp/listapplication.aspx>

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

Erratum: 1.Senior Resident with NMC- recognized Postgraduate degree in MD (Palliative Medicine)

Salary : As Per Institutional Rules.

Accommodation : Provided (Subject to Availability).

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

Please log on to: <https://clin.cmcvellore.ac.in/cmccapp/listapplication.aspx>

Hard Copies and emails will not be accepted. Applications will close by **April 12, 2025.**

2. Jr. Lecturer (NM) for the **Department of Nuclear Medicine**

Qualification : M.Sc. in Medical Physics (AERB recognized).

Job Description : Instrumentation, Computation, Radiation Safety, Teaching and Research involvement.

Age : Below 35 Years.

Salary Scale : As per Institutional Rules.

Accommodation : Not Provided.

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

Please log on to: <https://clin.cmcvellore.ac.in/cmccapp/listapplication.aspx>

Hard Copies and emails will not be accepted. Applications will close by **April 19, 2025.**

Vacancies under the office of General Superintendent-for queries contact the mentioned office

3. Driver (Project) for the **Department of Gynaecological Oncology in Chittoor**

Project : CERVICARE THRICE Project to work in Chittoor.

Qualification : S.S.L.C. + HMV License.

Age : 35 years below.

Consolidated Salary : As per Institutional Norms.

Please log on to <https://clin.cmcvellore.ac.in/cmccapp/listapplication.aspx>

Apply on or before **April 16, 2025.**

Note : Applications should be made online. Applications through other job portals will not be considered.