

# **International Snakebite Awareness Day**



The 3<sup>rd</sup> International Snakebite Awareness Day, 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2020, was celebrated by the Department of Medicine Unit-I. Weeklong activities were held with the aim to improve knowledge regarding snakebite prevention and appropriate first aid care amongst the communities in and around Vellore.

Posed with the unique challenge of the COVID19 pandemic, virtual zoom meetings were organised with 6 schools in and around Vellore district, targeting class 11 and 12 students. These were attended by 1931 school children and their teachers. The sessions were conducted by Medical and Nursing faculty from Medicine Unit-I, Medical students and Medicine Postgraduates. Titled, "A primer to Snake Biology", the sessions aimed to introduce the children to snakes as marvels of the animal kingdom - exploring unique aspects of snake biology such as locomotion, special senses, snake venom and prey identification. Key aspects of snakebite prevention and appropriate first-aid were also discussed. The sessions were interactive and the students enthusiastically participated. Certificates of participation were issued to all students.

At the Main hospital and Chittoor campuses, the OPD waiting area displays were used to spread the message of snakebite prevention and appropriate first-aid in the regional languages. It is hoped that these activities would play a role in spreading awareness regarding snakes and snakebite prevention and appropriate first aid in the community and be a step towards ending all snakebite related deaths in the country.

# Events from the Department of Radiation Oncology —

The Department of Radiation Oncology conducted the Association of Radiation Oncologists of India Tamil Nadu & Puducherry Chapter (AROI TNPY) Webinar 2020, from 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2020. This webinar was conducted in lieu of a physical annual meeting of the Association of Radiation Oncologists (Tamil Nadu and Puducherry Chapter). The conference schedule began with proffered paper presentations followed by invited lectures and panel discussions on various malignancies. Faculty from the departments of Radiation Oncology, Surgical Oncology, Medical Oncology, Palliative Care, Medical Physics and Medicine from CMC Vellore and from other cancer centres across Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and India actively participated in the sessions. The final day focussed on the' Impact of COVID-19 on Cancer Care'. Thirteen hospitals (both Academic and Private) across the state shared their experience and the steps they had taken to continue the management of cancer patients during the pandemic. There were a total of 71 faculty and 160 attendees, who participated in the meeting. The Tamil Nadu Medical Council awarded 4 credit hours for the webinar with one additional credit hour to the speakers.

# **Congratulations:**

The following trainees from the Department of Radiation Oncology won the following prizes at the AROI TNPY Webinar 2020.

- 1. **Dr. GautamWaran**, final year MD, won the Best Proffered Paper Award for his paper titled 'A prospective Observational Study to Assess the Prognostic Value of Serum EBV DNA Titres in Undifferentiated Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma, Comparing Quantitative Baseline EBV DNA Titre at Diagnosis Versus Titre Post Treatment.
- **2. Dr. Thamizharasi,** 2<sup>nd</sup> Year MD won the 1<sup>st</sup> Prize for her Poster titled "Treatment Outcomes of Carcinoma Vagina Treated with Definitive Radiation Therapy A Single Institution Experience".
- **3. Dr. Rajalakshmi R**, 1<sup>st</sup> year MD, won the 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize for her Poster Titled "Recurrent Poroid Neoplasm of the Scalp A Case Report".
- **4. Dr. Swathi B**, MD, Senior Resident, had a special mention for her presentation titled "Influence of Setup Uncertainties on CTV to PTV Margin in Total Marrow and Lymphoid Irradiation (TMLI)".
- **5. Dr. Dani Swarna Mathew,** 1<sup>st</sup> Year MD, had a special mention for his presentation titled "Role of Radiotherapy in Extramedullary Haematopoiesis: A Single Institution Experience".

# November 01 - 07, 2020 = SPECIAL PRAYERS THIS WEEK

# Division of Surgery:

Dr. Mark Ranjan Jesudason and Staff

Dr. Pranay Gaikwad and Staff

Dr. Inian S. and Staff

Dr. Suchita Chase and Staff

Dr. Premila Lee and Staff

#### Surgical ICU:

Dr. Subramani K. and Staff

#### Endocrine Surgery:

Dr. M.J. Paul and Staff

#### Hepato Pancreato Biliary Surgery (HPB):

Dr. Ravish Sanghi Raju and Staff

#### Vascular Surgery:

Dr. Dheepak Selvaraj A. and Staff

#### Southern Asia Division of Seventh Day Adventists

Council Members: Pastor S. Paulmoney

Mr. Pierson Sam David

Hospitals: Aizawl Adventist Hospital

Pune Adventist Hospital

Ruby Nelson Memorial Hospital, Punjab

SDA Medical Centre, Bengaluru and others

General Conference of Seventh Day Adventist, USA

# — Welcome —

Mrs. B.S. Esther Peryoonisha Sharmi, Charge Nurse, Nursing Service, on her return from sabbatical leave.

# — Memorandum —

**Mrs. Sophia Lawrence D,** Professor of Nursing is appointed as Additional Deputy Nursing Superintendent with effect from 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2020 for a four year term.

# = Retirement =

**Mr. Thirupathy,** Hospital Housekeeping Attendant Gr.I, Department of Radiology retired on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 under voluntary retirement scheme, after 30 years of dedicated service to the institution. His wife, Mrs. Venkatalakshmi is a Hospital Housekeeping Attendant in CB OR. They have two sons. Their eldest son, Mr. Lakshmanan is a Hospital Housekeeping Attendant in Hospital Annexe and their youngest son, Mr. Rakesh is studying in 10<sup>th</sup> Standard.



The CMC community is thankful for his years of dedication and commitment to the institution and wishes him God's blessings on his retired life.

# Obituaries:

- Mr. Ronald Saphil Hansdak, father of Dr. Samuel George Hansdak, Professor and Head Medicine Unit-IV and father-in-law of Dr. Hema Paul, Senior Resident, Microbiology and HICC Officer, passed away on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.
- Mr. Kumarasamy P.C, retired Head Master, father of Mrs. Anbarasi P.K., Sr. MRT Gr.III, Medical Records Department and father-in-law of Mr. Thirumalai Selvan, Sr. MRT, Department of Radiodiagnosis, passed away on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.
- Mrs. Saraswathi Venkatnarayanan, mother of Mr. V. Sankar, Associate Superintendent Engineer, Civil Engineering Department, passed away on 28th October, 2020.
- Mr. Samuel Soundararajan, father of Mr. Jacob Jayakumar, Junior Officer, A-Block facilitation and father-in-law of Mrs. Anandha Ruby Jacob, Professor, College of Nursing, passed away on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2020. Let us uphold all the bereaved members of the families in our prayers at this time of grief and loss.

# — Dr. Ida B. Scudder Essay Competition =

Dr. Ida Belle Scudder, affectionately known as Ida B. was the niece of Dr. Ida S. Scudder, the founder of Christian Medical College. Ida B. was on the faculty of CMC for 36 years, serving as both Radiologist and Radiotherapist. She was known for her empathy for those in pain and her deep concern for the suffering. The Ida B. Scudder essay competition was instituted to perpetuate her ideals. The prize of Rs.2000/- will be awarded for the best essay on any subject related to the care of the sick that illustrates that the fullest possible identification with the patient is the best way to serve him / her and meet his / her needs.

# **Rules of Competition:**

- 1. The competition is open to all CMC staff and students except the panel of judges or their families.
- 2. The essay should be in English and limited to a total of 2000 words.
- 3. The decision of the judges will be final.
- 4. Material taken from books and journals, which are quoted in the essay, should be acknowledged either by showing it as a quotation, or by adding a bibliography.
- 5. If the contestant has won this prize in an earlier year, the title and date of the prize winning essay should be quoted.
- 6. The last date for submitting entries is **November 13, 2020.** All entries should be sent to "The Director, CMC, Vellore" or to **directorate@cmcvellore.ac.in**
- 7. The prize will be awarded during the Founder's Day celebrations.

# Admission Notice :

# MBA in Hospital and Health Systems Management (HHSM)

MBA (HHSM) is a 4 semester Work Integrated Learning Programme conducted in collaboration with Birla Institute of Technology & Science (BITS), Pilani, Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore and Bombay Hospital, Mumbai.

This course provides a unique opportunity to experience firsthand administration and allow participants to learn firsthand how to efficiently run the day-to-day operations and manage the various functions of a large hospital. The programme emphasizes on Experiential Learning that allows learners to apply concepts learnt in classroom in simulated and real work situations through:

- Hospital immersion sessions at CMC Vellore.
- Case Studies and Assignments
- Digital Learning

- Simulation & Modeling exercises
- Project Work
- Continuous Assessment

# **Eligibility:**

Minimum eligibility to apply: Employed professionals in the healthcare industry, holding an MBBS / Integrated First Degree of BITS Pilani or its equivalent with at least 60% aggregate marks, and minimum one year of relevant work experience are eligible to apply to this programme.

# Admission Notice =

The programme is designed for:

- Doctors, Dentists, and other Medical professionals working in Public/ Private/ Non-profit hospitals who are involved in the management and administration of the hospital and related services.
- Doctors, Dentists, and other Medical professionals who are running their own hospitals and want to enhance their management skills to deliver superior service and improve the top line and bottom line.
- Para-Medical professionals working in the healthcare industry and looking to upgrade their skills and thereby accelerate their career growth.
- Non-medical professionals working in the healthcare industry in support and administrative functions who are looking to upgrade their skills and thereby accelerate their career growth. These would include professionals working in such diverse areas as Finance, Billing, HR, Customer Service, Hospital Supplies, and General Administration.

Admission: Application is usually advertised twice a year from BITS (online) in March/April and October/ November. Applicants must apply before the last date after obtaining prior permission from their employer. Admission is open for January intake and the last date for applying is 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Interest candidates could access the following link for more information: https://bits-pilani-wilp.ac.in/mba/hospital-health-systems-management.php

If you need any clarification please contact Dr. Samuel N.J. David, Sr. Manager and Head, Hospital Management Studies & Staff Training on 3535, who is also the course co-ordinator for this programme.

#### Situations Vacant :

# 1. Receptionist (External Designation - Project) for the Stem Cell Research Centre

Qualifications: H.Sc. (+2) / Graduate with Science subjects. Proficiency in English is a must. Preference will be given to those with multilingual skill.

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

Job description: To answer telephone calls and manage the foyer / reception area of the centre.

Period: One year only. Consolidated pay: As per institutional rules. Age limit: 35 years.

# 2. Technical Assistant (Project) for the Surgical ICU / AICU / SHDU

Qualifications: B.Sc. Critical Care Technology degree of the Tamil Nadu Dr. MGR Medical University or H.Sc. with Diploma in Critical Care Therapy Course (CMAI) obtained from CMC Hospital.

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

Salary scale: As per institutional rules. Age limit: 35 years.

Job description: To look after ICU Equipment and to assist with the care of critically ill patients.

### 3. Technical Assistant (Project) for the CMC Vellore, Chittoor Campus

Qualifications: B.Sc. Critical Care Technology degree of the Tamil Nadu Dr. MGR. Medical University or H.Sc. with Diploma in Critical Care Therapy Course (CMAI) obtained from CMC Hospital.

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

Salary scale: As per institutional rules. Age limit: 35 years.

Job description: To work in Chittoor Campus.

Applications to be done only through online application system. Please log on 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 November 09, 2020 for Items 1, 2 and November 16, 2020 for Item 3.

# **4.** Applications invited from Interested Companies for renewal of CMC Vellore's institutional website: (www.cmch-vellore.edu); Mode of appointment: Project.

The Project Partner will be required to review and revise the CMC Vellore website, and update it to a contemporary website that is dynamic, responsive, user-friendly and easy to navigate, using a modern content management system. For more details on CMC's Expression of Interest and Checklist for Applicants, click on the links below:

EOI: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WsBdVKfpl-r0dzW9qWA-6c0KZPMe7fub/view?usp=sharing Checklist: https://forms.gle/bgBEwtncd5FPMPzw7

The responses will be reviewed by a three-member committee, and the shortlisted companies will be invited to respond to RFP and interviews. Applications accompanied by incomplete checklists will not be reviewed. Application to be submitted only electronically to **comms@cmcvellore.ac.in** 

Last date for submission: November 16, 2020 for Item 4.

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