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White Paper - Chronic Care-Innovations, Opportunities and Challenges



White Paper based on National Health Conclave with a theme of Chronic Care-Innovations, Opportunities and Challenges was released on 23rd April, 2018 in the presence of Honorable Shri. Jagat Prakash Nadda, Union Minister, Health and Family Welfare at Gurgaon, Haryana. This white paper explicates both a rationale and an outline for beginning a more comprehensive public-private partnership in the health sector based on the National Health Conclave proceedings and is expected to aide in synergizing efforts of the public and private sectors in combating the NCD epidemic in India. The Conclave developed a 'White paper' which contains useful policy advocacies and resource requirements to enable the government to arrive at a more meaningful, outcome oriented resource allocation in health.

The PHFI – CCCI training division, Association of Health Providers India (AHPI), Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), National Board of Examinations (NBE) and a host of 26 Key

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Ayushman Bharat Scheme

Recently the Union Cabinet approved the launch of Ayushman Bharat scheme. The package rates for the same can be accessed at <https://pmrasm.gov.in> A rate analysis by AHPI has indicated that these package rates need to be reviewed on a scientific basis. Hospitals can send feedback to Mr Indu Bhushan, CEO, Ayushman Bharat Scheme at pm-nhpmission@gov.in AHPI has been actively involved with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GoI, impressing upon them the need to provide appropriate rates to make the scheme successful.

AHPI & CGHS

AHPI has been in constant touch with authorities of CGHS officials at Delhi regarding the new empanelment rates which is due since 1st April 2018. We are given to understand that the new rates would be reasonable & attractive to hospitals.

Regarding the reuse of consumables

AHPI is in touch with the Drugs Controller General of India (DGCI) Dr S Eswara Reddy regarding this issue and expect a favorable result. AHPI is in discussion with the GoI & device manufacturers to explore possibilities of legalizing/regularizing re-use of devices.

Extraordinary meeting of Hospitals

A group of doctors, mainly from Dharmapuri, Salem, Erode, Tirupur, Coimbatore and Madurai came together to deliberate the Insurance sponsored treatment and other issues that are faced by hospitals. The meeting was attended by the office bearers of the IMA Nursing board. AHPI was invited to share their experience & to present roadmap for these issues.

Stakeholders in Healthcare including government, research institutions, academia, industry, and international agencies organized the 1st National Health Conclave 2017 on NCDs held on 10th and 11th August, 2017 at New Delhi.

The conclave brought together on one platform to deliberate and evolve strategies to combat the looming threat of NCDs where India is unfortunately slated to become the country with the largest number suffering from NCDs in the world. Prevention and promotion of healthy life style among fellow citizens for an improved economy were a major highlight.

The conclave endeavored to be a national level think tank for paving a road-map to address the issues related to NCDs in India.

It served as a platform for premier academic institutions and other organizations in the health sector to discuss and deliberate on the various issues that affect the nation's health scenario and in particular strategies to improve quality of care for NCDs. The conclave served as an ideal stage for health and non-health sectors to share and learn from experiences and imbibe best practices for health system strengthening.

The white paper was prepared under the direction of Prof. D. Prabhakaran and the other authors of this White Paper - Post National Health Protection Scheme announcement are Dr. Kavita Singh, Dr. Devi Shetty, Dr. Alex Thomas and Prof. K. Srinath Reddy. The document that was formulated after the National Health Conclave is aimed to be the first step in a multi-sectoral collaborative approach to strengthening healthcare systems in India.

This release also witnessed various dignitaries who were representing both public and private health sectors. It includes Dr. H. S. Chhabra, Prof. D. Prabhakaran – Vice president Research and Policy PHFI, Dr. Alexander Thomas, Shri Rao Narbir Singh - Minister Public Works (B&R), Govt. of Haryana, Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty – Narayana Hrudayalaya, Dr Girdhar Gyani and Dr. Sandeep Bhalla – Program Director – Trainings, CCCI – PHFI.

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Meeting of SDG Committee

The first Goal Committee 3 Meeting on SDGs held, under the chairmanship of Dr Alexander Thomas at SDG office Bangalore. The meeting was attended by SDG committee members, government officials and healthcare industry representatives. After detail deliberations among members on various subjects the following decisions were taken.



Prof Vinod Abraham to co-ordinate with Dr Bhargav, Dr Manu, Dr Lalith Hande and Dr. Pai and to prepare the final compilation of all relevant indicators. It was also informed that the indicators provided by NITI Ayog which is common for all the states throughout the country is to be considered as it is.

It was decided to forward the compiled set of suggested indicators to Dr. Arun Kumar of HFW to provide the current baseline data as available in the department, and also to workout the gaps for the identified indicators.

Meeting with PMOs Office

A meeting was held at the PMO between Dr Abhijat Sheth, President, NBE; Dr Devi Shetty; Dr Alexander Thomas, President, ANBAI; Dr Girdhar Gyani, Director General, AHPI and officials of the PMO with regard to equivalence of DNB degrees with MCI degrees and the following assurance has been given; the interest of the DNB degree holders will be protected. It was also agreed that DNB degree holders will be considered on par with MCI degree holders for government jobs.



Utilisation of ISRO Technology

To establish synergy between ISRO's research and development effort and AHPI's healthcare domain knowledge in patient and healthcare for development of innovative state of the art healthcare solutions benefitting the community at large, efforts are on to discuss and formulate appropriate roadmap



Course for Bio-medical Engineers

AHPI has been in discussions, for some time now, regarding the utilization of engineers in the health sector. There is a huge surplus of qualified engineers in our Country. At the same time there is a shortage of skilled workforce in the health sector. With this in mind, it was suggested that two related areas in the health sector be connected, where there is a need, and have identified the areas of

1. Biomedical engineering and
2. Facility management and for which a bridge course could be created to utilize some of these engineering graduates.



NABH Accreditation of NIMHANS

The National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro-Sciences (NIMHANS) is a multidisciplinary institute for patient care and academic pursuit in the field of mental health and neurosciences. NIMHANS is synonymous with providing high standards of clinical care, quality training and cutting-edge research in the frontier areas. Keeping this in focus NIMHANS is planning for NABH accreditation. AHPI with its expert panel was facilitating NIMHANS in accreditation process.

Round-Table Meeting on Costing



A round table meet on costing of govt. insurance schemes and its legal aspects was organized by AHPI in association with NLSIU, at Meenakshi Mission Hospital, Madurai.

The meeting was attended by hospital CEOs, IMA representatives, and dignitaries from IIM-B and NLSIU.

During the discussion Dr. Manisha Balasubramanyam, IIM-B explained in detail about the methodology of the Karnataka Costing study.

Dr. M. Prabhakar and Dr A. K. Ravikumar, Director, IMA - NHB informed the participants about the costing study being attempted by IMA and explained their methodology and approach to the costing study.

It was also discussed that IMA/NHB and AHPI could form Core groups in four zones - Chennai, Trichy, Coimbatore and Madurai to ensure there is synchronization of work between members of both associations.

NCLS Workshop

Society for Emergency Medicine India (SEMI), the registered apex body of Emergency Medicine in India and the only full member of International Federation of Emergency Medicine (IFEM) from India in collaboration with Association of Health Care Providers (AHPI) offer training certification in cardiac Life support technique through a combined two days training certification program, with an objective of training all healthcare staff in India cardiac life support techniques.

Also India being diverse and our health care problems unique, this training also discusses some special scenarios unique to India and common clinical dilemmas and problems faced



during certain resuscitation scenarios due to medical legal or rather lack of medico legal clarity of issues.

NCLS provider certificate is valid for 2 years from the date of completion of course and provider card will be awarded to only those who successfully clear the post training assessment exam.

Two day AHPI- SEMI Certified National Cardiac Life Support Provider Course was held on April 13-14, 2018 at the NBE Auditorium, Dwarka, New Delhi. The workshop was attended by around 40 participants from across India.