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AHPI Global Conclave 2018

Over 250 healthcare providers gathered at Kochi to deliberate and discuss the issues and concerns of private healthcare providers at the AHPI Global conclave. Association of Healthcare Providers (AHPI) organized the AHPI Global Conclave 2018, with the theme 'Is Quality Healthcare Sustainable? Issues, concerns & Solutions' focusing on Quality Healthcare.



The two-day conclave was held at Kochi, Kerala on February 16-17 2018 at Hotel Le Meridien. The event brought together distinguished thought leaders, policy makers and stakeholders from private and public sectors, including government, research institutions, academia, industry, community and international agencies to deliberate on impactful healthcare solutions for the country.

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International conference on Best practices in healthcare management

Xavier Institute of Management and Entrepreneurship (XIME), in association with Association of Health Care Providers of India (AHPI), organized a two-day international conference on 'Best practices in healthcare management' on March 8-9, 2018. The event saw 150 delegates from across India participating in discussions and debate on different aspects of healthcare delivery management in India. The objective of the conference was to know, Share and Implement best Healthcare delivery models from around the world and evolve adequate management options for the hospitals and healthcare providers of the future.

Dr. Devi Shetty, Chairman, Narayana Healthcare, delivered the keynote address focusing on technology and how it would drive healthcare in the future. **Prof. Mukesh Kapila**, Professor –University of Manchester and former Director, WHO delivered the second keynote address on Non Communicable Diseases-Why Business as usual will not do.



The highlight of the first day was the award ceremony and banquet dinner. Smt. KK Shylaja, Hon. Minister Health & Social Welfare, Government of Kerala graced the occasion as the chief guest along with Metropolitan Archbishop of Trissur, Mar Andrews Thazhath who was the distinguished guest of honor. The award ceremony was presided over by Dr Alexander Thomas, President – AHPI.



The award ceremony saw 50 distinguished hospitals being awarded for quality beyond accreditation; outstanding teaching hospital; excellence in community engagement; nursing excellence; best hospital to work for and green hospital. Among the winners Aster Hospital, Al Mankool, Dubai and Medcare Women & Children Hospital, Dubai received awards in the overseas Category.

The two day event ended with the most awaited valedictory function. Dr M Beena (IAS), Managing Director- KSIDC was the chief guest of the evening. The function started with the launch of KPMG-AHPI Hospital Agility Program. This was followed by the launch of PHFI-AHPI-NHSRC certificate course in healthcare quality program and Dr Sandeep Bhalla briefly spoke about the benefits of the program. The AHPI State chapter of Tamil Nadu and Kerala were felicitated during the function along with KPMG for their distinguished service in healthcare and Microlabs for their support to AHPI Global Conclave 2018.

Dr Devi Shetty, Chairman Narayana Health delivered the Valedictory Address. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr Girdhar Gyani, DG – AHPI.

Think Tank on Health

A Think Tank on health is established at NLSIU to undertake various policy related activities in the domain of health. This is a joint AHPI-NLSIU initiative. The endeavor is to act as non- partisan 'Think-Tank' which would strategically work to bring much needed justiciability to an individual's right to health. AHPI is part of the Think-Tank management committee.

Legal Cell

AHPI along with NLSIU would be setting up a legal consulting service with the intention of offering legal advice to members of the medical profession at a nominal fee. Legal experts at NLSIU – AHPI legal cell will also suggest names of approximate legal experts to handle the case. To formalize this effort AHPI is working with NLSIU and other experts.

National Medical Council Bill 2017

There has been long pressing need to reform medical education in India. Accordingly, Government of India came up with the draft National Medical Commission bill 2017, aimed at creating of robust medical education regulatory system. Considering that reforms in health systems of nation are closely linked with nation's medical education system, it is important that new system by way of NMC should be able to meet the challenges as mentioned above and take our health system to next level and make universal health coverage (UHC) a reality in near future.

AHPI highlighted lacuna and voiced concern over certain parts of the draft National Medical Commission bill 2017 through various state chapters. The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health has submitted its report on the National Medical Commission Bill 2017 The report has proposed several important changes to the government's version of the Bill, which were also highlighted by AHPI.

The Parliamentary Committee on the proposed National Medical Commission Bill-2017 (NMC) has recommended that the bridge courses, which would allow practitioners of traditional medicine to practice modern medicine, not be made mandatory and that the final year MBBS examination could be clubbed to become the exit exam for doctors.❖

OTHER EVENTS

CERTIFICATE COURSE IN HEALTHCARE QUALITY

PHFI organized a certificate course in healthcare quality on March 10, 2018. This is the first ever health quality course in India, jointly developed and implemented by PHFI, AHPI and NHSRC specially tailored for healthcare professionals, both clinical and managerial to impart understanding of the fundamental management technique, which helps in improvement of quality in a healthcare setting.

AHPI Karnataka Chapter Meeting

The Executive Committee Meeting of AHPI Karnataka Chapter for the term (2017-19) was held on March 2nd, 2018 at the office of Dr AjaiKumar President, AHPI Karnataka Chapter

LETTER TO NPPA

AHPI wrote to Chairman NPPA to request to revisit NPPAs views on hospitals providing the breakup of materials use for the angioplasty.

LETTER TO DG, CGHS

AHPI wrote to the Additional Secretary and DG (CGHS) to initiate the process of scientifically revising the package rates at the earliest.

AHPI PRESS CONFERENCE

To highlight lacuna/voices concern over certain parts of the draft National Medical Commission bill 2017 AHPI held a successful press conference on Jan 23, 2018. This PC received widespread coverage.

AHPI –CAHO WORKSHOP

A day-long intensive training program on enhanced clinical communication was conducted at Narayana Health City, Bangalore on Jan 12, 2018. The program imparts integral communication skills required in dealing with a variety of situations in the healthcare setting, to facilitate better patient experience and satisfaction, and ensure the provision of safe and quality healthcare.

IMPORTANT EVENTS ATTENDED

HEALTH CARE AND SCIENCE POLICY NIAS (5 JAN) – Health Care and Science Policy. Implications for science, policy and society.

INDO-AFRICAN HEALTH SCIENCE MEETING (30,31 JAN)
Presentation: Multi-Agency Collaborative Approaches to Health

PAST EVENT

National Health Conclave

The National Health Conclave 2017, with the theme 'Chronic Care: Innovations, Opportunities and Challenges', focusing on Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) was held at New Delhi on August 10-11, 2017, at the NBE Auditorium. The event brought together distinguished thought leaders, policy makers and stakeholders from medical and non-medical sectors, including government, research institutions, academia, industry, community and international agencies to develop impactful healthcare solutions for the country. The conclave was attended by approximately 250 delegates.

The Inaugural Session was graced by Chief Guest Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, Director General, Indian Council of Medical Research, Prof. Venkata Rao, Vice Chancellor, National Law School of India University & Dr. Devi Shetty, Chairman and Founder of Narayana Health, who delivered the presidential address. The session culminated in the launch of Health Quest, a first-of-its-kind compendium of best practices on Emergency Medicine and Critical Care jointly developed by ISRO and AHPI, NABH, CAHO and Planet Aerospace. The inaugural session also featured a video message to the delegates by Shri J P Nadda, Hon'ble Minister Health and Family Welfare.

The Valedictory session was graced by the presence of Chief Guest Shri. R.K. Singh, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) and Member, Standing Committee on Health & Family Welfare. The Valedictory session also featured the launch of the certificate course in health care quality (CCHQ), the first ever health quality course in India, jointly developed and implemented by PHFI, AHPI and NHSRC.



NISTADS-CSIR

MEDICAL TOURISM

Roundtable meeting on "Development of Medical Tourism Ecosystem and Networks in India" on March 15, 2018. Organised by National Institute of Science, Technology and Development Studies (NISTADS) along with AHPI held at New Delhi. In this regard, AHPI has been given the mandate to engage in intense dialogue with different stakeholders and propose strategies to enhance and sustain Medical Tourism multi-fold in India.

Leading the efforts Dr Alexander Thomas, President, AHPI and Dr Giridhar Gyani, Director-General, AHPI are confident that with collective wisdom from different stakeholders, the government will be able to create suitable policy interventions to enable rapid and accelerated growth of quality Medical Tourism in India.

AYUSHMAN BHARAT

AHPI was invited by NITI AYOG and MOHFW for discussion on AYUSHMAN BHARAT Scheme with a view to seek suggestions on how private sector could actively be part of initiatives. After discussion, we have compiled our views and submitted to NITI AYOG and MOHFW.

COMMUNICON-2018

The Society for Clinical Excellence in association with National Board of Examinations organized the First National Conference on Communication in Health care was held on March 24-25, 2018 at National Board of Examinations Office, New Delhi. The theme of the conference is "Excellence in Medical Communication - Bridging the Gap between Healthcare Professionals and the Society."

The conference had renowned multidisciplinary national and international faculty. Medical professionals, intellectuals, experts in the field of communication and other major stakeholders from the society deliberated on building trust between Health Sector and the Society at large.

AHPI co-ordinated the workshop on learning and understanding communication. Dr Thomas was part panel discussion and also speaker for sessions at the event. ■

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: Pls tell us about the costing study and its objectives?

A: Ensuring patient safety is pivotal to the outcome in any healthcare procedure. The patients should not get compromised care due to lack of funds. The objective of the study was to compare the actual cost of various procedures in selected hospitals empanelled under the scheme, as against the reimbursement being made by the various Government welfare schemes (Vajpayee Arogya Shree (VAS), Yeshasvini and CGHS). This is a prototype study based on available data, incorporated into the approved clinical pathway, and aimed at comparing the cost incurred with the reimbursement being made by the Government Schemes.

Q Why is this unique study?

A: This is probably for the first time a cost-comparison study for 20 common medical procedures has been done. The study looks at the actual cost of procedures carried out in private, non-profit and government hospitals and the reimbursements made by the government. Most importantly, the costing was done as per clinical pathway endorsed by

the respective associations and validated on ground by IIM-B and NABH.

Q: What are the main findings of the study?

A: The main findings based on actual data taken from government and private hospitals showed that the different government schemes have different rates for the same procedure. Private hospitals are providing treatment at subsidized rates for most scheme patients being treated by them as reimbursement rates are lower than the actual cost.

Q: How will these findings affect healthcare delivery in India?

A: Recently, there has been a lot of talk about the high cost of healthcare delivery and various state governments have indicated that cost of medical procedures should be regulated. This would safeguard gullible patients who are made to pay exorbitant amounts for medical procedures. At the same time, patients' safety should not be compromised.

At present, patient safety is under considerable strain on account of the serious lacuna in reimbursement by Government in relation to Government health insurance schemes across the country. This was a prototype study and a more extensive confirmatory study including all procedures needs to be carried out.