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As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in him. 2 Samuel 22:31

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Quality Management and Safety Cell organised the **First OR Fire Mock Drill in Neuro OR Ranipet Campus** on 20th May, 2023 at 9:30 am. More than 200 staff including surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses, technicians and support staff participated in the drill for the complete evacuation of the Ranipet Campus Neurosurgery Theatre.

A mock drill is a rehearsal of duties and escape procedures to be followed in case of emergencies. It is vital to conduct mock drills periodically in critical areas like operation theatres and intensive care units.

The drill began at 09.30 am with a word of prayer by Ms. Malini Rachel, Nurse Manager, Trauma OR followed by the welcome address by Ms. Sonia Sabu, HOU, OR Nursing. Dr. Lallu Joseph, Associate General Superintendent and Quality Manager, described in detail the protocol and various levels of fire. Ms. Sonia Sabu, explained the evacuation routes and assembly areas for the neurosurgery theatre. Dr. Tony V. Panicker, Assistant Professor explained the role of surgeons and Dr. Ramamani, Professor, explained the role of anaesthetists.

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The drill was initiated by the team. A major fire was simulated and the entire communication and evacuation process that followed was observed by the Quality Management interns who were assessing the operating team, individuals and offices for their response times and adherence to the prescribed protocols. A total of 6 mock patients were evacuated to Trauma OR, ED and C401 (2 mock patients in mid-point surgery, 1 mock patient in pre-anaesthesia, 1 mock patient post-procedure and 2 mock patients in recovery).

Following the drill, all the participants and assessors gathered in the recovery/holding area and were debriefed, and suggestions and recommendations were noted. Quality Management and Safety Cell thanks all the participants from the surgical, nursing and fire teams, the security team, the engineering teams and support services. This mock drill was a great learning experience for all participants. We will have similar mock drills for all the ORs in the coming months.



4th National Medical Thoracoscopy & Pleural Technique Workshop

4th National Medical Thoracoscopy & Pleural Technique Workshop from 1st to 3rd May, 2023 conducted by Department of Respiratory Medicine at Vellore Town Campus.

The Department of Respiratory Medicine organised the 4th National Medical Thoracoscopy & Pleural Technique Workshop from 1st to 3rd May, 2023. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. KPP Abilash, Associate Medical Superintendent, who addressed the gathering and highlighted the advances in Respiratory Medicine as well as the tremendous growth of the department over the past four years. The welcome address was given by Dr. Richa Gupta, the course Director, and Head of the Department of Respiratory Medicine.

The purpose of this workshop was to provide medical thoracoscopy training to respiratory physicians and trainees who were interested in learning or improving their skills in thoracoscopy. The workshop also focused on various pleural techniques such as image-guided pleural biopsies and placement of indwelling pleural catheters. The workshop featured live demonstration cases using both semi-rigid and rigid thoracoscopy techniques by expert faculty members from both Christian Medical College (CMC) and National centre. Additionally, there were hands-on workshops using prepared models and animal models for the delegates. The lectures and hands-on sessions were delivered by

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4th National Medical Thoracoscopy & Pleural Technique Workshop

a combination of national faculty members, including Dr. Prince James, Dr. Arjun Srinivasan (RCH, Coimbatore); Dr. Sonia Dalal (Kalyani Chest Centre; Vadodara, Gujarat); Dr. Jebin Roger Sasikumar (Apollo Hospital Chennai), as well as CMC faculty members, including Dr. Richa Gupta, Dr. Ashwin Oliver, Dr. Avinash A. Nair, and Dr. Sujith Chandy. The workshop had limited seats, which were filled very early by candidates from across the country, and the feedback received from the participants was excellent.



Grade Workshop for Indian Association of Paediatrics Vaccine Development Group



On 27th and 28th May, 2023 the Cochrane India CMC Vellore affiliate conducted a workshop for over 40 members of the Indian Association of Paediatrics, vaccine guidelines group at *BVDU Medical College and Hospital Pune*. We covered PICO questions, searching literature, risk of bias 2.0, GRADE methodology, evidence to decision framework as well as guideline development.

The resource people included Prof. Prathap Tharyan and Prof. Thambu David from CMC as well as Prof. Joseph Mathew from PGI Chandigarh. The Cochrane India CMC

Vellore regularly conducts training in protocol development as well as review completion.

61st National Pharmacy Week



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June 18 - 24, 2023

Special Prayers This Week

Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Dr. Jiji Elizabeth Mathew and Staff
Dr. Elsy Thomas and Staff
Dr. Lilly Varghese and Staff
Dr. Kavitha Abraham and Staff
Dr. Swati Rathore and Staff
Dr. Manisha Madhai Beck and Staff
Dr. Santosh Joseph Benjamin and Staff
Mrs. Alice Sony and Staff

Gynaecologic Oncology

Dr. Anitha Thomas and Staff
Mrs. Alice Sony and Staff

Reproductive Medicine Unit:

Dr. Mohan Shashikant Kamath and Staff
Mrs. Alice Sony and Staff

Neonatology Unit:

Dr. Kurien Anil Kuruvilla and Staff
Dr. Manish Kumar and Staff
Dr. Santhanam Sridhar and Staff
Mrs. Alice Sony and Staff

Mennonite Medical Board of the Mennonite Church in India

Council Member : Dr. Sandeep Patonda

Hospital : Dhamtari Christian Hospital,
Chattisgarh and others.



Memoranda

- **Dr. Thangadurai P**, Professor, is appointed as Head of Psychiatry Unit-I with effect from 11th June, 2023 for a four year term.
- **Dr. Satya Raj**, Professor, is appointed as Acting Head of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Unit with effect from 5th June, 2023 until further notice.

Retirement

Dr. S. Guru Nagarajan, Senior Selection Grade Social Worker, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Christian Medical College Vellore retired on 20th May, 2023. He was honoured with the K.M. Eapen award in recognition of his excellent service for more than three decades in our institution. He studied rural development science as an undergraduate and received a postgraduate degree in Social Work, with university ranks for both. He started his career as a project coordinator for a community health and development programme in a rural setting where he initiated several socio-economic development programmes (1985-1989).



Guru Sir, as he is fondly called, joined the department of PMR of CMC, Vellore in 1990. During this time he did his Ph.D in the field of community-based rehabilitation at Northumbria University, Newcastle Upon Tyne, UK. He has significantly contributed to the psycho-social and vocational rehabilitation of inpatients with spinal cord injuries and brain injuries. Regular follow-up of rehabilitated patients in the community, such as monthly home visits and annual rehab melas was systematically organised with the help of a database which he developed using Epi Info. He was also instrumental in setting up a community-based rehabilitation programme in Vellore with the department of LCECU. This further led the team to initiate a sensitisation workshop called “Project Helmet” which focuses on the promotion of safe road behaviour among local college students. He was passionate about training youth and people with disabilities in life skills and leadership skills. Along with Dr. Sara Bhattacharji and Dr. Geroge Tharion, he has also conducted leadership and soft skills training workshops both for students and various professionals in the department.

He coordinated the WHO collaboration activities of the department, including the WHO Fellowship training. He was a practitioner-researcher and had 10 publications in both national and international journals. His area of research interests were qualitative case study in the fields of spinal cord / brain injury rehabilitation and community-based rehabilitation. He was co-editor of a WHO booklet titled “Guidelines for Care of Persons with Spinal Cord Injury in the Community”. He has contributed two chapters in the book “Public Health Relevance of Road Traffic Injury in India” published by Bloomsbury in 2019. He was also instrumental in developing a training module on safety education for school children under the mentorship programme of Violence and Injury Prevention Wing of WHO.

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He is a collaborator for the international multi-centric implementation science project called “Deworm-3” along with the team from Wellcome Research Trust Laboratory in CMC. He is a member of the Institutional Committee for Stem Cell Research at Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT). He has guided four Ph.D students as an external doctoral committee member from various universities. Recently, Dr. Guru served as a Public Diplomacy Manager for USAID-ASHA grant (2020) for Robotic Rehabilitation in PMR.

He is a Trustee for three NGOs namely “Mary Verghese Trust”, Vellore, “Hope House”, Vellore; and Tribal Health Initiative, Sittilingi. He is a member of the prevention committee of International Spinal Cord Society (ISCoS) and an editorial board member for the preparation of community aftercare and follow-up guidelines by the Asia Spinal Cord Injury Network (ASCoN).

He received an appreciation award in recognition of outstanding professional performance and contribution to society from Madurai Institute of Social Sciences in 2014. He has also received the Best Practitioner Social Worker Award from Bishop Heber College, Trichy, in 2022. A chapter by name “A Ray of Hope for Persons with Spinal Cord Injury-The Spine Guru” on him in a book entitled “Memoir of Professional Social Workers” edited by Dr. Kamalesh Kumar Sahu and Dr. Chittaranjan Subudhi was published by Notion Press on 5th March 2023. He was also given an outstanding social service award on the day of his retirement by the Greenway Trust, Vellore.

His wife, Mrs. Ramalaxmi is working as PG Assistant (Mathematics), Govt Girls School, Anaicut. His son Mr. Abhiseikanathan is working as data analyst in Coimbatore and daughter in law Mrs. Srilakshmi is currently pursuing an MBA at VIT.

Known for his motivating talks and humour, he will be missed by patients and the PMR staff alike. We would like to thank him for his wholehearted service and wish him the very best for his future endeavours.

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

• **Mrs. Audrey Amritanand**, mother of Dr. Rohit Amritanand, Professor and Head, Department of Spine Surgery and mother-in-law of Dr. Anika Amritanand, Professor of Ophthalmology, passed away on 6th June, 2023.

Let us uphold her husband, Mr. Albert Amritanand and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

• **Dr. Jharna Mahata (nee Jharna Tudu)** (MBBS batch of 1965) passed away on 7th June, 2023. Dr. Jharna Mahata (nee Jharna Tudu) was born on 6th December 1942 to Mrs. Somprova Tudu and Rev. Chottarai Tudu. She was the youngest of six brothers and sisters and grew up in rural West Bengal. She initially did a masters course at Bethun College in Kolkata and in 1965 was accepted into the MBBS programme at CMC Vellore.



After completing her MBBS, she joined Nekursini Christian Hospital in West Bengal for her service obligation. This was a 50-bed hospital with eight satellite clinics run by the hospital, in rural West Bengal, Bihar and Orissa. She longed to pursue post graduate studies but the work load and inability to find an effective replacement prevented that from happening. There were several occasions when she was the lone physician for several years together. She took over as Medical Superintendent in 1985 and served in that capacity till 1997. She was passionate about her work, had a zeal for missionary work, was dedicated and meticulous. She enjoyed learning from several visiting doctors from the UK, the USA, Japan and Ireland. Despite difficulties, frustration and disappointments, she was able to witness the hospital grow from strength to strength.

It was at NCH that she met and married her soulmate, Hemanta Mahata, a clinical technologist, in 1974. They have three children, Kakoli, Koyeli and Kallol. Due to lack of good local schools, they made the difficult decision to send their children to study at Ida Scudder School in Vellore under the care of Miss Ann Bothamley and Miss Marlene Thomson who worked as missionary nurses in CMC Hospital.

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Dr. Jharna and her husband served at NCH for 25 years, faced numerous challenges but their unwavering faith in God carried them through this journey. In 1997, they felt a calling to serve among the needy tribals of a remote part of Bihar called Dhalbhumgarh where they served for 12 years and, at the same time, continued to volunteer at NCH. In recognition of her work, CMC honoured her with the “Certificate of Meritorious Service” in 2000.

Dr. Jharna and Hemanta enjoyed retired life in Jhargram, West Bengal, with new roles as grandparents making trips back and forth between their children in Melbourne, California and Houston, She was an integral part of their lives while filling most of her free time with gardening, long strolls with Hemanta and reading.

After a brief illness she was diagnosed with high grade Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma and fought a very short battle before she left us to be with the Lord. Although she leaves a void and we will miss her tremendously, we know she lived her life to the full, giving so much of herself, and she is now in a better place where there is no suffering or pain.

Those who wish to get in touch with the family may contact Mr. Hemanta Mahata (husband) at hemantajharna@gmail.com, ph +919635240777 Dr. Koyeli Mahata (daughter, MBBS batch of 1996) koyeli.jacob@gmail.com phone : +61451602423, Kakoli Mahata (daughter) ruthmahata@yahoo.com or Kallol Mahata (daughter) kallolmahata@gmail.com

Our thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved members of the family at this time.

• **Mrs. K. Pushpa**, mother of Mr. James Bhaskar, Dialysis Therapist (AK Lab) passed away on 15th June, 2023.

Let us uphold her husband Mr. Margabandu, sons Mr. Jacob, Mr. James Basker, daughters M. Janitha Margaret and Jeyapriya Titus in our prayers.

Upcoming Event

Luminary Lecture : Mr. Ramachandra Guha, Environmentalist, Historian and Biographer.

Date : Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 6.30 PM in Scudder Auditorium

Buses are arranged from Main Campus, College of Nursing, KPTR, Chittoor and Ranipet Campuses.

Situations Vacant

1. Senior Resident with MD (General Medicine / Pulmonary Medicine / Anaesthesia) for the Division of Critical Care Medicine (Medical ICU / HDU)

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 **June 24, 2023** for Item 1.

2. Senior Resident with MD (Microbiology) for the Department of Clinical Virology

Salary : As per institutional rules. Accommodation provided (Partly Furnished, Depending on availability).

3. Senior Resident Gr.III with MS (Orthopaedics) for the Department of Orthopaedics Unit-III

Salary : As per institutional rules. Accommodation Provided (Partly Furnished, Depending on availability).

4. Occupational Therapist (Term Post) with BOT (Regular Course) for the Department of Paediatrics Unit-I (Paediatric Hemato-Oncology)

Salary Scale : As per institutional rules. Accommodation not provided.

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5. Junior Warden (Full Time residential) with Any Degree (Project- appointment) for the Women's Hostel

Preference will be given those who have prior experience working in hostels.

If selected have to stay in the hostel (Only female candidates need to apply).

Salary scale : As per institutional rules. Accommodation provided inside the hostel.

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 **July 01, 2023** for Items 2, 3, 4 and 5.

6. Project Officer (Admin) for the Distance Education Unit**Job Code : 1475**

Qualification and Relevant Experience : Any Post Graduate/ Graduate with minimum 1 year of relevant work experience in administration of online / blended /distance course management in an institution offering Distance Medical Education (or) in an Educational Institution. Responsibilities involve previous experience in student support, handling students' assignment and projects with regular travel across the country. Fluency in English, Hindi and Tamil is required, with good communication skills. Computer skills and familiarity with Google Drive are required along with a basic knowledge of finance/accounting. Preference will be given to candidates with experience working in any blended mode of medical learning; must be aware of hosting online meetings using platforms such as Zoom, Google Meet, etc.

Age : Upto 35 years.

Salary : As per institutional rules.

Mode of Appointment : Project Mode.

Accommodation not provided.

7. Project Officer (Admin) for the Distance Education Unit**Job Code : 1476**

Qualification and Relevant Experience : Any Post Graduate/ Graduate with minimum 1 year of relevant work experience in administration of online / blended /distance course management in an institution offering Distance Medical Education (or) in an Educational Institution. Responsibilities involve previous experience in student support, handling students' assignment and projects with regular travel across the country. Fluency in English, Hindi and Tamil is required, with good communication skills. Computer skills and familiarity with Google Drive are required along with a basic knowledge of finance/accounting. Preference will be given to candidates with experience working in any blended mode of medical learning; must be aware of hosting online meetings using platforms such as Zoom, Google Meet, etc.

Age : Upto 35 years.

Salary : As per institutional rules.

Mode of Appointment : Project Mode.

Accommodation not provided.

8. Project Officer (Admin) for the Distance Education Unit**Job Code : 1477**

Qualification and Relevant Experience : Any Post Graduate/ Graduate with minimum 1 year of relevant work experience in administration of online / blended /distance course management in an institution offering Distance Medical Education (or) in an Educational Institution. Responsibilities involve previous experience in student support, handling students' assignment and projects with regular travel across the country. Fluency in English, Hindi and Tamil is required, with good communication skills. Computer skills and familiarity with Google Drive are required along with a basic knowledge of finance/accounting. Preference will be given to candidates with experience working in any blended mode of medical learning; must be aware of hosting online meetings using platforms such as Zoom, Google Meet, etc.

Age : Upto 35 years.

Salary : As per institutional rules.

Mode of Appointment : Project Mode.

Accommodation not provided.

Situations Vacant

9. Project Administrator (Admin) for the Distance Education Unit

Job Code : 1478

Any Post Graduate with minimum 2 years in experience / Any Graduate with minimum 10 years experience preferably in the administration work in a rural mission hospital. Previous Experience in student support, running contact programs for students, handling students' assignments and projects and communication with mission hospitals and other organizations will be preferred. Need to travel across the country periodically. Fluency in English, Hindi and Tamil is required. Basic knowledge in finance/accounting with skills in MS Office/Google Drive usage is also required. Preference will be given to candidates with experience in working in any distance/blended mode of medical learning.

Age : Upto 50 years.

Salary : As per institutional rules.

Mode of Appointment : Project Mode.

Accommodation not provided.

10. Demonstrator (NM) for the Department of Clinical Biochemistry

Job Code : 1479

Qualification : M.Sc. Biochemistry with 1st class.

Salary : As per institutional rules.

Mode of Appointment : Project Mode.

Accommodation not provided.

Applications to be done only through online application system. Please log on to <http://www.cmch-vellore.edu> Link : "Vacancies". **Hard Copies and emails will not be accepted.**

Applications will close by **July 01, 2022** for Items 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

11. Jr. Neuro Technician (Term Appointment) for the Department of Neurological Sciences (CMC Vellore, Ranipet Campus)

Qualifications : B.Sc., with PG Diploma in Neuroelectrophysiology or B.Sc., Neuro Electrophysiology.

Consolidated Pay : Rs.24,129/-.

Job Description : Doing EEG, EEG Telemetry and EMG studies.

Note : Only from Recognized University / Regular mode will be accepted, Private or correspondence will be not accepted.

Applications to be done only through online application system. Please log on to <http://www.cmch-vellore.edu>

Link : General - "Vacancies". **Note : Only online applications will be accepted; Hard copies will not be accepted.** Applications will close on **July 03, 2023** for Item 11.

12. Jr. Driver (Term) for Transport Department

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

Salary : As per institutional norms.

Age : 30 years and below.

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

Link: General - "Vacancies". Tab: "**Jr. Driver (Term)**".

Applications should be made online. Applications through other Job Portals will not be considered.

Apply on or before **June 28, 2023** for Item 12.