



Christian Medical College Vellore Newsline



January 27, 2025

*For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you,
Do not fear; I will help you. Isaiah 41:13*

Department of Nephrology conducted 8th Annual Renal Symposium and 17th Renal Clinical Conference



The 8th Annual Renal Symposium on, *Kidney Disease Beyond - Exploring Multi-System Interactions* and the 17th Renal Clinical Conference took place on 10th and 11th January, 2025.

The objective of the symposium was to provide updates on the complex interactions between the kidneys and other organs. The event commenced with a prayer, followed by felicitations from Dr. Vinoi G. David, Head of the Nephrology Department; Dr. Vikram Matthews, Director; Dr. Prabhu Premkumar, Associate Medical Superintendent; Dr. Satheesh Solomon, Principal; Rev. Vijaykumar, Department of Chaplaincy along with Professors Chakko K. Jacob and V. Tamilarasi, (former Heads of the Nephrology Department). The symposium was attended by 120 delegates engaging in discussions on *Hepatorenal Syndrome and Cardiorenal Syndrome* followed by a session on *point-of-care ultrasound* in Nephrology and the Annual C.K. Jacob Nephrology Quiz. The 17th Renal Clinical Conference, a flagship event of the Department of Nephrology since 2006, featured case presentations by trainees. The session was designed to help Nephrology DM and DNB trainees prepare for their practical exit exams. Following the case presentations, there was an informative session on transplant immunology. The conference was endorsed by the International Society of Nephrology and the Indian Society of Nephrology and accredited with 4 Credit Hours by the Tamil Nadu Medical Council. We sincerely thank everyone who supported and helped make this memorable event possible once again. We offer our praise and gratitude to God for His guidance and blessings throughout this event and in the years ahead.



First Inter-varsity Hand Meet and Dr. G. A. Anderson Oration

The Paul Brand Centre for Hand Surgery conducted the *1st ever Inter-varsity Hand Meet and Dr. G.A. Anderson Oration* on 18th January, 2025. This was the first time the faculty and students from all university-recognised hand centres running an MCh Hand surgery course came together. The event was kicked off with a session called 'Breakfast with the teachers' which saw students discussing OSCE-styled scenarios with their teachers while having breakfast. This was followed by an inaugural programme and prayer that was graced by the Director, Dr. Vikram Mathews and the deputy Medical Superintendent Dr. K.P.P. Abhilash. Dr. Samuel C Raj Pallapati gave the welcome address and Dr. Binu P. Thomas explained how this meeting was envisaged. A lecture series by both in-house and extrinsic faculty followed till lunchtime. The first ever G.A. Anderson memorial oration was delivered by Dr. Anil Bhatia a renowned Brachial Plexus surgeon from Pune during the morning session. Post lunch, the faculty and the M.Ch Hand and Plastic surgery residents had small-group discussions. Clinical cases were presented by the residents like a university mock exam. This one day meet saw over hundred registrants and a diverse group of delegates ranging from Hand, Plastic and ortho residents and faculty, as well as hand therapists and trainees.



Mock Court in CMC Vellore

The Department of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology (FMT), CMC Vellore, conducted its 4th Mock Court session for the 2023 MBBS batch on 16th January, 2025. This interactive session aimed to familiarise students with the legal and courtroom procedures. The event was graced by the presence of distinguished guests: Dr. Solomon Sathishkumar, Principal; Dr. Leena R.V., Deputy Director, Legal Cell; Dr. George Thomas, Trauma Orthopaedics Unit; Dr. M.J. Paul, Endocrine Surgery and Dr. Srujan Sharma, Trauma Surgery. They assessed the students' performance and shared invaluable insights, enhancing the overall learning experience.



Best Team Performance: Team Monica

Best Performance: Adelin Benita J (Defense Lawyer - Team Monica), Harsharitha Sundareswaran (Public Prosecutor - Team Monica), Arnav Varghese (Doctor - Team Monica)

Honourable Mentions: Yashvi Katragadda (Judge - Team Joey), Anoop M (Accused - Team Chandler), Johanna Jyothis George (Constable - Team Monica).

CME on Common Respiratory Infections in Children

The Department of Continuing Medical Education and the Department of Paediatrics organised a CME on Common Respiratory Infections in Children on 11th January, 2025. Dr. Kala Ebenezer, Professor and Head, Department of Paediatrics, gave an overview of the programme and introduction to the CME. The programme was moderated by Dr. Sneha Varkki, Professor, Child Health Unit III, and Dr. Jolly Chandran, Professor, Paediatric Critical Care. The speakers Dr. Suresh Chelliah, Dr. Anish Sam, Dr. Magdalenal R., and Dr. Madhan Kumar covered Respiratory Infections in Children, Management of Paediatric Pneumonia, Bronchiolitis in Infants, and Inhaled Therapy for Asthma in Children. The programme was attended by 230 participants from 13 states and several departments in CMC Vellore. The CME Department thanks Dr. Kala Ebenezer, Dr. Sneha Varkki, Dr. Jolly Chandran, Mrs. Hasna Rajesh, Telemedicine Department, and all the faculty for making the CME possible.

Special Prayers This Week

January 26 - February 01, 2025

Accident and Emergency : Dr. K.P.P. Abhilash and Staff
Mrs. Sheeba Nelson and Staff
Mrs. Jeyalinda Christopher and Staff

CSI Karnataka Diocese

Council Members : Rt. Rev. Dr. Martin C. Bargai
Dr. Ajay C. Raju

Hospitals : CSI Hospital, Bangalore
CSI Basel Mission Hospital, Gadag
CSI Holdsworth Memorial Hospital, Mysore and others.

CSI Krishna - Godavari Diocese

Council Members : Rt. Rev. Dr. T. George Cornelious
Mr. T. Ravi Kumar

Friends of Vellore – Sweden

Council Member : Dr. Sten Walther



Welcome

- **Dr. Naina Picardo**, Professor, ENT Unit-II, on her return from sabbatical leave.
- **Dr. Leah Raju George**, Professor, Department of Anaesthesia, on her return from study leave.

Laurels and Recognitions

- Department of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism was awarded the **ICMR Collaborating Centre of Excellence Award in Diabetes, (2024 to 2025)**.

We are only one of two in the country which was given this award this year (2025) for Diabetes. The award covers domains of Clinical Epidemiology, Genetics, Footcare and several other domains in the area of Diabetes.

Prof. Felix Jebasingh received the award on behalf of the Department.

- **Dr. M.J. Paul**, Sr. Professor and Head, Endocrine Surgery Unit-I for delivering the Prof. Jothi Ramalingam Oration 2024 titled 'Life and Lessons in Endocrine Surgery' during the IAES section in ASICON 2024 held on December 12, 2024 at Agra.
- **Dr. Arul Murugan**, Assistant Professor, Department of Paediatric Orthopaedics was awarded the best oral paper presentation titled 'Remodelling of distal femoral extension osteotomies in children with cerebral palsy and its association with recurrence of knee flexion deformities - a cohort study' at the 31st Annual Conference of Paediatric Orthopaedic Society of India held at Ahmedabad from 2nd to 4th January, 2025.
- **Dr. R. Mahalakshmi**, Professor and Wellcome Trust-DBT Senior Fellow, Molecular Biophysics Laboratory, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Bhopal has been selected for the Prof. B.K. Bachhawat International Travel Grant for Young Scientists for the year 2025.

The award commemorates the Late Professor B.K. Bachhawat an outstanding scientist who joined the Department of Neurological Sciences in 1958 and developed the first Neurochemistry laboratory in India. The award, instituted by his students, colleagues and friends, is administered by the Christian Medical College Vellore and open to all young scientists in India.

Obituary

Mr. May Dina Selvan, retired staff, Clinical Photographer, Department of Ophthalmology, SCHELL Campus, passed away on 23rd January, 2025.

Let us uphold his wife Mrs. Joyce, daughter Mrs. Esther Nivethitha and all the bereaved members of the family in our prayers.

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

1. Senior Demonstrator (NM) for the Department of Wellcome Trust Research Laboratory

Qualification : M.Sc. (Medical Microbiology, Biochemistry or MLT) (Regular Course).

Preference : Candidates who have experience in teaching, research and diagnostics in Parasitology including techniques such as PCR, qPCR, droplet, digital PCR, DNA extraction and sequencing for detection of various parasites is preferred.

Experience: Candidates applying for Senior Demonstrator (NM) post should have completed 4 years as Demonstrator (NM) in CMC.

Salary Scale : As per Institutional Rules.

Accommodation : Not Provided.

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

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Hard Copies and emails will not be accepted. Applications will close by **February 01, 2025.**

2. Senior Resident / Assistant Professor with MDS in (Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics) for the CMC Vellore, Chittoor Campus (Dental Surgery)

Salary Scale : As Per Institutional Rules.

Accommodation : Provided (Partly Furnished, Depending on availability).

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

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3(a) Assistant Professor with DM (Pulmonary Medicine) or MD/DNB in Pulmonary Medicine / Respiratory Medicine with 3 years special training in teaching hospital in DM Pulmonary Medicine for the Department of Pulmonary Medicine

Salary : As per Institutional Rules.

Accommodation : Provided (Partly Furnished, Depending on availability).

3(b) Senior Resident with MD / DNB (Pulmonary Medicine) / Respiratory Medicine with 1 year work experience in a teaching hospital in DM Pulmonary Medicine for the Department of Pulmonary Medicine

Salary : As per Institutional Rules.

Accommodation : Provided (Partly Furnished, Depending on availability).

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4. Clinical Trial Coordinator for the Department of Nephrology

Job Code : 1578

Qualification : MPH / M.Sc. Epidemiology / M.Sc. Nursing / M. Pharm / M.Sc. Clinical Research / M.Sc. Dialysis Technology (regular) from recognized university.

Job Description : We seek a candidate interested in managing a large multicentre investigator-initiated trial. The candidate needs to be involved with trial registration, participant screening, recruitment, obtaining informed consents, maintaining longitudinal follow-ups using REDCap forms, ensuring GCP compliance, conducting periodic review meetings (online and in-person) with site PIs and trial coordinators, troubleshooting issues, review data and generate reports periodically and draft manuscripts / publication materials, engage with stakeholders for recruitment campaigns and manage funding body requirements. He / She must liaise with PI, site PIs, clinicians, trial coordinators and programmers daily. Travel to different sites periodically will be part of the itinerary.

Prior experience with clinical trials and expertise in statistical software (SPSS / STATA / R) will be preferred.

Candidate should be fluent in reading, writing, speaking and understanding, Tamil, Telugu, English and Hindi.

Note: Only Regular Mode will be accepted, private or correspondence will not be accepted.

Salary : As per Institutional Rules.

Mode of Appointment : Project Mode.

Accommodation : Not provided.

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5. Qualitative Researcher for the Department of RUHSA

Job Code : 1579

Qualification : MPH / M.Sc. / PhD.

External Salary :

- MPH or M.Sc. Without Experience - Consolidated Salary Rs. 30,000/- (or)
- MPH with 1-2 Years Experience in Public Health Research / M.Sc. with minimum 3 years' experience in public health research - Consolidated Salary Rs. 40,000/- (or)
- PhD with Qualitative Research experience - Consolidated Salary Rs. 50,000/-.

Mode of Appointment : Project Mode.

Accommodation : Not provided.

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

6. Asst. Respiratory Therapist (Term Appointment) for the Department of Paediatrics Unit – III (Paediatrics- Pulmonology)

Qualifications : B.Sc. Respiratory Therapy or B.Sc. with PG Diploma in advanced Respiratory Therapy.

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

Consolidated Pay : Rs.26,540/-

Age Limit : 30 years

Job Description : To run Paediatric Pulmonary Function Lab, patient, bronchoscopy help, sleep lab duties.

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

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Hard Copies and emails will not be accepted. Applications will close by **February 10, 2025.**