



Delhi Society for Promotion of Rational Use of Drugs
Announces
NATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR NURSES
ON
HEALTHCARE SAFETY AND QUALITY: ROLE OF NURSES
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Why this training course?

Nurses, as the largest group of healthcare service providers, are vital members of this team & have many roles. There is an increasing reliance on medication therapy to manage illness and disease, to slow progression of disease, and to improve patient outcomes. Medications offer a variety of potential benefits to the patient. Yet medications also have the potential to harm, even when administered properly—and the harm is likely to be exacerbated if they are administered incorrectly. It has become increasingly important to underline the role of nurses in administering and educating the patients about the safe use of medication. In addition to meeting the needs of patients and serving as part of the health care team, nurses play a key role in achieving Patient Safety Goals. Amongst patient safety goals, medication safety has been identified as one of the key area. Medication errors are quite common in any hospital, though there is no supporting data from India. After prescription errors, drug administration errors constitute a large percentage of all medication errors. It is often seen that several medication errors occur during intravenous administration of drugs such as wrong infusion rate, wrong dilution and wrong method of administration. Nurses, if alert, can intercept errors and prevent harm reaching the patients.

In order to ensure safe use of medication, nurses need continual training on the process of medication administration, monitoring and potential medication safety issues. In hospital settings, **Drug and Therapeutics Committee (DTC)**, also known as **Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee (PTC)** provides a forum to bring together all the relevant people to work jointly to improve health-care delivery and promoting more efficient, rational and safe use of medicines at the hospital level. Also medication management through functional DTCs is an integral requirement for hospitals seeking accreditation from **National Quality Assurance Programme** and **NABH** in India to establish and operate accreditation programme for healthcare organizations. As a **nurse** is often the last “gatekeeper” in the administration process to prevent **medication errors**, this training programme will provide an opportunity for healthcare organizations to get their nurses trained in improving medication management, preventing medication errors and hands-on experience in handling each of these areas.

Course Objectives

The two days training programme will provide a platform to enable a two-way communication between nurses and learned faculty through its unique sessions focusing on safe use of medications and issues threatening patient safety, best practices in medication management and administration. The deliberations will help in paving a path for the transformation required in the Indian healthcare ecosystem and facilitate the healthcare stakeholders to adapt to the growing trend of patient centricity. Participants will also gain valuable insights from each other’s experiences and challenges. Day-to-day problems related to local scenario and problems encountered during drug administration –medication errors, adverse drug reaction monitoring and role of nurses in mitigating risk would also be discussed.

Course Design

During the training several presentations, discussions and group activities will be carried out. All key components of safe use of medicines would be covered. A module for training of nurses on rational use of medicines has been developed by the Delhi Society for Promotion of Rational Use of Drugs and they will be used during the training programme. Participants will be encouraged to bring up problems encountered in their practice. Up-to-date information on irrational uses & other medicines safety issues would be discussed.

Course Contents

1. Problems in Drug administration with special focus on antibiotic misuse and antimicrobial resistance
2. Nursing errors – the magnitude and causes & roles and responsibilities of Nurses in medication safety
3. Adverse drug reactions and Drug interactions: role of nurses in its management and prevention
4. Safe injection practices, handling of substance – risk body fluid and universal precautions
5. Infection control and waste management
6. Best medication management practices: Special focus on High alert, LASA, controlled drugs, and vaccines
7. Effective patient education on safe use of medicines: Special focus on Elderly, Children, Pregnancy

VENUE: Center of Excellence, BL Taneja Block, Lok Nayak Hospital, New Delhi.

Fee and Application

The course fee, as given below, is to cover tuition, training course material, and lunch. Travel has to be arranged by the participants. The course fee is to be paid by bank draft in the name of “**Delhi Society for Promotion of Rational Use of Drugs**”.

Course Fee: Rs. 6000 (Rupees six thousand only) per participant.

For participants from outside Delhi, residential accommodation (two nights), on twin sharing basis @ Rs.1,000 per night/per person, at the Indian Medical Association’s guest house (bills in this regard will have to be settled direct by the participants with the Guest House), can be arranged on demand.

Deadline for application: Applications and fees are due not later than **October 9, 2017**.

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