

CME on “Concept of clinical governance and how I practice” and “Concept of clinical audit”

A CME was conducted by RUHS CMS on 17th August 2016 at 11 a.m. in LT-2 of Administrative Block of RUHS CMS. The topics covered during the CME were “**Concept of clinical governance and how I practice**” and “**Concept of clinical audit**”. It was attended by RUHS CMS faculty and undergraduate and post graduate students of RUHS and its constituent colleges.

The Resource Faculty was Prof Azad Bhushan Mathur, consultant in Paediatric & Neonatal Surgery, Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital, Norwich, UK.

The CME started with a welcome note by Dr. Rajesh Sharma, Principal, RUHS CMS. Dr. Sharma mentioned that clinical governance is increasingly seen as an essential component of professional practice and that it has now become imperative for the healthcare providers to stay updated with evidence based good practice. He briefly introduced the speaker to the audience and then invited Dr. Azad to impart the much-needed awareness on the topic.



Dr. Rajesh Sharma, Principal, RUHS CMS welcoming Prof Azad Bhushan Mathur

The first session covered the topic “**Concept of clinical governance and how I practice**”. During this session, Dr. Azad explained that Clinical Governance encompasses a range of activities in which clinicians should become involved in order to maintain and improve the quality of care they provide to the patients. He mentioned 7 pillars of a good clinical

governance namely, clinical effectiveness & research, audit, risk management, education and training, patient and public involvement (PPI), using information & IT, staffing & staff management. Dr. Azad explained all these pillars in detail.



Prof Azad Bhushan Mathur interacting with the audience at the end of his first session on Clinical Governance

The second session aimed at making the participants understand the concept and processes of clinical audit. Dr. Azad emphasized that the practice of clinical audit offers a way to the healthcare providers to identify and measure areas of risk within their service. It was a very enlightening session which outlined the five stages of clinical audit namely, planning for audit; standard/criteria selection; measuring performance; making improvements; and sustaining improvements.

Vice Dean Academic & Research, formally acknowledged the guidance of Dr. Azad in improving the participants' awareness on clinical governance and clinical audit. He indicated that the impact of the CME will be far reaching in improving the quality and effectiveness of the audience and will surely help them to uphold their professional standards and 'do the right thing'.