

Dissemination program on ICMR Ethical & GCP Guidelines and Training Program for Ethics committee Members.

A Dissemination program on ICMR National Ethical Guidelines and Good Clinical Practices (GCP) Guidelines was organized by KIMS in collaboration with ICMR Bioethics Unit, NCDIR, Bangalore on 28th June 2019. This was followed by a “Training program for Ethics Committee Members” on 29th June 2019.

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) is the apex body in India for the formulation, coordination and promotion of biomedical research and has always been on the forefront promoting ethics in biomedical and health research in the country. ICMR Bioethics Unit located at National Centre for Disease Informatics and Research (NCDIR), Bangalore supports and foster initiatives towards ethical conduct of biomedical and health research in India. It is involved in development of ethical guidelines, policy and supplementary guidance related to various types of biomedical research conducted in the country. It is also involved in preparing tools and extends support for conducting programs for training and capacity building of ethics committees in the country.

With the increasing number of clinical research and trials, all clinicians, faculties of medical and allied professionals, researches and post-graduate students stepping into the world of research need to be sensitized regarding the ethical conduct of research and good clinical practices. Imminent speakers from around the country, who are members of FERCI and have contributed significantly in the formulation of the ICMR National Ethical Guidelines, were invited for the program. The one and half day program flagged off under the Chairmanship of Dr. S.K. Rath, Professor and Head, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, KIMS and Dr. Roli Mathur, Head of ICMR Bioethics Unit, NCDIR, Bangalore. 173 participants attended the dissemination program while 73 participants attended the training program for Ethics Committee Members. Participants from various parts of country attended the program, such as Gulbarga (Karnataka), Murshidabad and Kolkata (West Bengal), Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh), Puducherry, Balangir, Aska, Balasore, Berhampur, Cuttack.

The participants were sensitized about the national ethical guidelines framed by ICMR, Indian GCP guidelines, responsible conduct of research, informed consent process, new drugs and clinical trial rules of 2019 during the dissemination program. The participants also had a chance for open house discussion with all the

speakers before the program came to an end. In the second day, the ethics committee members and other faculties were trained in depth regarding the standard operating procedures, administration, review process, composition and role of members, registration and accreditation of ethics committee. There was also a session on case discussions on various types of problems faced by the ethics committee members during ethics meetings to arrive at a decision. The program was well appreciated by one and all.



Inauguration of Dissemination Program on ICMR Ethics and GCP Guidelines



Open Discussion with the eminent speakers on ethical guidelines



Participants of Dissemination Program





Outside Participants of Ethics Members Training Program