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The Indian Association of Occupation Health held A summer Conference on technological advances and challenges in occupational health at Vashi

Umesh Kumar Parida, Vashi

The Indian Association of Occupation Health, Thane-Raigad (IAOH-TR) branch organised a summer conference on Technological Advances and Challenges in Occupational Health on April 8, 2007 between 4 pm to 7 pm. The conference was held at Navi Mumbai Sports Association, Vashi to equip the doctors to understand the new inventions and applications in the medical

field. Around 75 doctors turned up to get lessons from experts in various fields.

The three hour long conference discussed four topics wherein the participating doctors sought answers for their queries. Dr Tejas Upasani spoke on Knee Joint Arthritis - Recent Advances in its Management, Dr Atul Ingle spoke on Erythropoetin, Management of Anaemia in CKD Patients, Dr K Ramen Goel spoke on Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery and Dr Kishore Madhwani explained Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) Evaluation of a Canteen. IAOH National president Dr Shrinivas Shanbhag inaugurated the program in the presence of Dr Shyam Pingle, National vice-president IAOH besides IAOH-TR president, Dr Dayanand Babar, secretary Dr GD Maheswari and Conference director Dr Ravindranath Udiavar.

Dr Upasani said, "Satellite navigation technology used in knee surgery and replacement gives extraordinary results where chance of human errors is negligible." Later he informed New Bombay Plus that, "There is no cent per cent recuperation from knee arthritis but managing body weight, exercising, etc is required to have better control over the knee."

Dr S Shanbhag stated, "Doctors should inform the occupational health issues to the employers and to the employees, as the interest of employer lies in the same. In India only 9-10 per cent organised large industries look after the occupational health issues. The remaining industries are treating health as an expenditure and not as an investment. The World Health Organisation (WHO) has a message for all to invest in health for a safe future."

Drawing a four-point strategy on occupational health, Dr Shyam Pingle opined, "Everybody has an occupation. Every occupation has some or other health hazards. Occupational diseases can be cured and prevented. Hence, IAOH is promoting awareness and sharing knowledge to prevent outbreak of occupational health issues."

Presenting his conference paper Dr K Ramen Goel said, "Bariatric and metabolic surgery helps in reducing stomach size to get rid of obesity. This surgery is meant for sustained weight loss, resolution of morbidities, increase life expectancy, etc. Approximately 80 per cent decrease in annual mortality rate is the end result." Dr Ingle addressed the gathering and said, "500 million people die in the world because of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD). Asians are more prone to End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD). In India 73.1 per cent male and 26.8 per cent female suffer CKD."

Dr Kishore Madhwani presented a study report of canteen safety and advised the doctor fraternity to become more vigilant on canteen activities.

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