ONLINE NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON GOOD CLINICAL PRACTICES (GCP)

Introduction: The Department of Pharmacology at Andhra Medical College successfully organized an Online National Workshop on Good Clinical Practices (GCP) last month. The workshop aimed to provide a comprehensive understanding of GCP guidelines and their importance in ensuring the ethical conduct of clinical trials. This report summarizes the key aspects of the event for the college website.

Event Overview:

- Title: Online National Workshop on Good Clinical Practices
- Date: 10th November, 2023
- Organizer: Department of Pharmacology, Andhra Medical College

Objectives: The primary objectives of the workshop were:

- 1. To enhance participants' knowledge of Good Clinical Practices
- 2. To provide insights into the current regulatory and ethical requirements for conducting clinical trials/research in India.

Agenda: It was a 1-day online workshop that covered a diverse range of topics, including:

- Introduction to GCP & Overview of GCP Workshop
- Highlights of NDCT Rules 2019
- ICH GCP R2 & Indian GCP
- Responsibilities of Investigator and Clinical Research Coordinator
- Human Research Protection
- Ethics Committee Responsibilities, Safety Reporting and Compensation
- National Ethical Guidelines for Biomedical Health Research 2017

Guest Speakers: Esteemed professionals and experts in the field of clinical research, from AIIMS Mangalagiri, AIIMS Bilaspur, AIIMS Gorakhpur and AIIMS Rajkot, were invited as guest speakers. Their diverse backgrounds added depth and breadth to the workshop, offering participants valuable insights.

Participant Feedback: Feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive. The delegates highly appreciated the content of the presentations shared by the speakers, the interactive nature of the workshop with Q&A sessions following every talk, and the practical relevance of the workshop in today's fast changing world, enabling them to keep abreast of the latest guidelines and trends as well as the challenges in conducting clinical research in India.

Highlights:

1. **National workshop:** over 600 participants from all corners of the country registered for this workshop and comprised of a diverse population of delegates including Physicians, Research Scientists, Students and Ethics Committee Members.

- 2. Interactive Sessions: The workshop included engaging discussions, case studies, and interactive sessions that allowed participants to apply GCP principles to real-world scenarios.
- 3. **Networking Opportunities:** Participants had the chance to network with peers and industry experts, fostering collaboration and the exchange of ideas.
- 4. **Certificate of Participation:** All attendees received a certificate of participation, recognizing their commitment to advancing their understanding of Good Clinical Practices.

Post-Event Resources: To further support participants in their ongoing education, the Department of Pharmacology has made workshop materials, including presentation slides and recordings, available to all the delegates.

Next Steps: The success of this workshop sets a precedent for future events organized by the Department of Pharmacology. Plans for additional workshops, webinars, and seminars are already underway.

Conclusion: The Online National Workshop on Good Clinical Practices organized by the Department of Pharmacology at Andhra Medical College was a resounding success, providing a platform for the exchange of knowledge and ideas in the field of clinical research. The department looks forward to building on this success in future endeavours aimed at advancing medical education and research in the field of Pharmacology & Therapeutics.













