

The World Health Organization's "World Antibiotic Awareness Week 2018" was observed by the Department of Microbiology & Hospital Infection Control Unit from 12th-18th November 2018 and the following activities were planned.

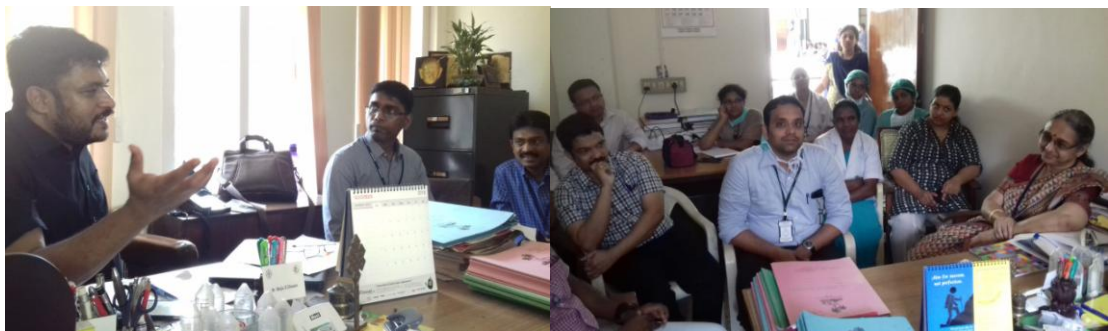
Public awareness messages of WHO on global emergence of antibiotic resistance and its preventive steps were aired on Big FM 92.7 during the week by Dr. Kavita Raja, Medical Superintendent, Professor & Head – Microbiology.

A roleplay was conducted by the staff of Department of Microbiology, Hospital Infection Control Unit and Medical Social Services, under the guidance of Dr. Kavita Raja. The five messages given by WHO to the public about precautions to be observed while using antibiotics were conveyed using everyday scenarios and explained to the public at the Patient Waiting Area 1. Pamphlets containing the messages were distributed among the public. Posters carrying the messages were displayed at both the Patient Waiting Areas of the hospital.





The hospital antibiograms were compiled for different units of the hospital and the data was shared with the respective Heads of the department. Two representatives from each department were identified for inclusion in the formation of antimicrobial stewardship team. Questionnaire to assess the awareness, attitude and behaviour on use of antibiotics was distributed to all clinicians of the Institute.



On 16th Nov 2018, Dr. Kavita Raja, conducted 'Antibiotic Myth Buster Quiz' for clinical department teams of the Institute. It was followed by a session by Dr. Aravind, Asst. Professor and HOD, Dept of Infectious Diseases, Govt Medical College Trivandrum on the Implementation of "Kerala Antibiotic Resistance Strategic Action Plan (KARSAP)". After the session, Dr. Kavita Raja discussed the answers of the quiz with the participants and audience, in detail. The First prize for the Quiz was won by the Cardiac Anaesthesia team and the second prize was won by the Cardiology team.

