



Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences & Technology, Thiruvananthapuram

Report of World Patient Safety Day celebration- 2024

The Safety Steering Committee of Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST) formulated as part of NABH accreditation process organized a special event in honour of *World Patient Safety Day on 20th September 2024*. World Patient Safety Day, one of the WHO's global public health days which is observed annually on 17th September. The objectives of World Patient Safety Day include increase public awareness and commitment to patient safety, improve understanding of patient safety, promote global solidarity and action and address specific patient safety issues. It is a campaign for all stakeholders in the health care system to work together and share engagement to improve patient safety. The theme for this year's program, "*Improving Diagnosis for Patient Safety,*" was chosen to highlight the pivotal role of accurate and timely diagnosis in enhancing patient outcomes and minimizing risks. The event took place at **Auditorium 2**, SCTIMST, with a distinguished gathering of Consultants, Nursing officers Social Workers, safety officers, and other medical staff.

This event aimed to promote awareness about patient safety and foster dialogue on the importance of diagnosis as a critical aspect of healthcare.

The program opened with a heartfelt invocation sung by **Ms. Anjusha**, Nursing Officer, SCTIMST, creating a serene and reflective atmosphere to set the tone for the event. **Dr. Bineesh Radhakrishnan**, Additional Professor, CTVS, and Clinical Safety Officer at SCTIMST, welcomed the gathering with a speech that underscored the importance of making the correct diagnosis in the management and care of patients and how it contributed to patient safety and the shared responsibility of healthcare professionals in improving patient outcomes.

Mrs. Nirmala M.O., Nursing Superintendent and Chairperson of the Safety Steering Committee, delivered the Presidential Address. Her speech was both inspiring and motivating, emphasizing the critical role of nursing leadership in ensuring patient safety and improving diagnostic accuracy in patient care.

The official inauguration was conducted by **Prof. Dr. Kavita Raja**, Medical Superintendent, SCTIMST. Her Inaugural Address highlighted the importance of timely diagnosis in preventing medical errors and the continuous need for collaborative efforts in healthcare settings to ensure patient safety.

Dr. Manju Nair, Administrative Medical Officer, offered a warm felicitation. She acknowledged the efforts of the organizing team and emphasized the importance of such events in raising awareness and building a culture of safety within the institution.

Dr. Dinoop K.P., Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology, SCTIMST, briefly introduced the keynote speaker, **Dr. Swapna Bijulal**, setting the stage for the theme talk.

The keynote address was delivered by **Dr. Swapna Bijulal**, Additional Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology, Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram. Her presentation delved into the significance of accurate diagnosis in ensuring patient safety. She emphasized how misdiagnosis or delays in diagnosis can lead to adverse outcomes and discussed various strategies to improve diagnostic processes in healthcare settings. The talk was well-received among the attendees.

Mr. Harikrishnan, Assistant Safety and Security Officer, and Member Secretary of the Safety Steering Committee, SCTIMST, presented a report on the institution's plans to prevent child abduction. He outlined preventive measures and protocols that have been implemented to ensure the safety and security of pediatric patients. This presentation shed light on an often-overlooked aspect of patient safety, and it highlighted the institution's proactive approach to safeguarding vulnerable populations.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by **Mr. Vijayakrishnan R**, Nursing Officer C, and Patient Safety Officer. He expressed gratitude to all the dignitaries, speakers, and participants for their valuable contributions and reiterated the institution's commitment to upholding the principles of patient safety.

The event was a resounding success, bringing opportunity to discuss and reflect upon the critical importance of diagnosis in ensuring patient safety. The program served as a platform for sharing knowledge, strategies, and best practices aimed at reducing diagnostic errors and enhancing patient outcomes.

The event underscored the SCTIMST's dedication to patient safety, reflecting its ongoing commitment to providing high-quality, safe, and reliable healthcare services.

The Safety Steering Committee looks forward to continued efforts in improving patient safety through collaboration, innovation, and education







