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BMJ Conducts its conclave to improves healthcare quality: Use of Clinical Decision Support Systems

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British Medical Journal (BMJ) India has conducted its second BMJ Conclave, in the city this year, through two concurrent and separate tracks: Improving Healthcare Quality and Evolving Trends in Librarianship in India.

This conference was organized to help build the momentum around evidence based medicine and clinical decision support tools, the BMJ spokesperson here today said.

The objective of conducting this event was to debate and discuss how to improve healthcare quality across academic institutions, hospitals and other centers providing clinical care.

The Healthcare Quality track was inaugurated by Prof Dr. Krishnangshu Ray, State Director, Institute of Health and Family Welfare and chaired by Prof. Dr. Pradip Mitra, Officer on Special Duty, State Department of Health and Family Welfare and vice president, IMA Bengal Dr Sanjeev Singh on Saturday last.

Medical Superintendent Amrita School of Medicine, Kochi was the speaker for the technical session. The event was attended by many doctors across Kolkata from medical institutions and hospitals of repute.

Speaking on the occasion Prof. Dr. Ray said, "Health information technology has ushered a new frontier of quality health care in the name of Clinical Decision Support Systems (CDSS).

The said technology links between health observations and health knowledge to influence the health choices by the clinicians towards improved health care. It is an active voice recommendations for patient care."

Delegates, speakers and dignitaries appreciated the utility and importance of BMJ Best Practice, a clinical decision support tool presented by BMJ and demonstrated at the conference.

The theme for the library session was Evolving Trends in Librarianship in India. This session focused on the evolving roles of libraries in acting as the gateway to scholarly publication and the role and the scope of digital libraries amongst many other topics.

The library track was inaugurated by Dr. K.P Singh, Director, National Medical Library, Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

The speakers for the library event were Ms. Vasumathi Sriganesh, Founder, QMed Knowledge Foundation, Mumbai and former librarian at Hinduja Hospital and Dr. Avinash D. Chinchure, Scientific Officer, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Bangalore.

Dr K. P. Singh remarked that "BMJ Conclave is a wonderful platform for engagement and learning opportunities for medical librarians. This annual event helps them to understand evolving trends in librarianship, current practices in efficient management of libraries, ensuring usage and maximizing access. I hope that librarians continue to attend this event and derive learning benefits from this event."

Dr Singh was also conferred the Medical Library Leadership Award for his numerous contributions to the ERMED consortium. The resources available through ERMED and National Medical Library (NML) are an immensely valuable knowledge trove for healthcare professionals, researchers and academia. The National Medical Library is an attached office of Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOH & FW).

Through BMJ Conclave, BMJ endeavored to present a platform that would help debate and discuss what efforts would be necessary to bring together an evidence-centric approach to clinical practice and reduce the incidence of medical errors. Through the parallel track for librarians, BMJ hoped to generate ideas on maximizing the benefits of access of e-resources within healthcare institutions.

Prashant Mishra, Managing Director, BMJ India & South Asia said "It gives us immense pleasure to organize BMJ Conclave 2017 in Kolkata. Our relationship with the state healthcare infrastructure extends way back to the evolutionary stages of BMJ in India. The conference has two parallel tracks: One for clinicians with the theme Improving Healthcare Quality: Use of Clinical Decision Support Systems and the second track for librarians with the theme Evolving Trends in Librarianship in India. BMJ has always been a champion of Evidence Based Medicine and through this program we wish to increase the awareness about EBM and CDSS adoption in India"

"We hope this platform helps us to identify the challenges faced for widespread adoption of CDSS and helps make healthcare delivery more EBM-centric and patient-focused," he said. UNI BM