

Event Report

NATIONAL CME ON VIRAL HEPATITIS - 2025

Date: 28th July 2025

Mode: Online via Zoom platform

Organized by: Department of Microbiology, Neelima Institute of Medical Sciences,
Ghatkesar, Hyderabad, Telangana

Significance of World Hepatitis Day:

World Hepatitis Day, observed globally on 28th July, commemorates the birth anniversary of Dr. Baruch Blumberg, who discovered the Hepatitis B virus and developed its vaccine. It serves as a vital reminder of the global burden posed by Viral hepatitis and the urgent need for coordinated action in screening, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention. Chronic viral hepatitis continues to affect millions worldwide, often going undiagnosed until advanced stages. This day emphasizes the importance of awareness, timely intervention, and integration of public health strategies to move towards the WHO goal of eliminating hepatitis as a public health threat by 2030.

In alignment with this vision and under the aegis of IAMM–TAPC, the Department of Microbiology at Neelima Institute of Medical Sciences organized a National Level Online CME on Viral Hepatitis with the theme: “Hepatitis: Let’s Break it Down”.

About the Event:

The CME was conducted virtually and witnessed an enthusiastic response from across the country, including participants from clinical, academic, and public health domains. The event began with an inaugural session, followed by five impactful lectures delivered by eminent experts in Microbiology, Gastroenterology, Pediatrics, and Public Health. Key thematic areas addressed were:

- Epidemiology of Viral hepatitis
- Laboratory diagnosis – Recent advances
- Clinical management in adult and pediatric populations
- National public health program and strategies for viral hepatitis elimination

The CME emphasized the integration of clinical knowledge with public health approaches to develop a comprehensive understanding of hepatitis control.

Participants & Reach:

The event received over **600 registrations** and had an active attendance of around **375 participants**. The audience included medical students, faculty members, microbiologists, clinicians, and public health professionals.



Figure 1: Glimpses from the event proceedings

Key Outcomes:

The CME successfully met its goals by providing a high-quality, evidence-based update on viral hepatitis. Participants appreciated the scientific depth, clinical relevance, and diversity of speakers. The event facilitated:

- Enhanced understanding of hepatitis epidemiology and transmission
- Improved awareness of diagnostic advancements and national program
- Strengthened clinical and public health insight

Feedback indicated high participant satisfaction and demand for more such academic sessions in the future.

Acknowledgments:

The **Department of Microbiology** extends its heartfelt gratitude to the **Management** for providing the necessary infrastructure. Our thanks also extend to **Dean, Prof (Dr.) Lakshmi Prasanna** and Office of Events & Operations (Anurag University) for their continuous support in organizing this event. Special thanks to the **Executive Council** of **IAMM-TAPC**, particularly **Dr. Vijendra Kawle, Secretary, IAMM-TAPC**, for facilitating the process of securing (01) one credit point from Telangana State Medical Council (TGMC).

We also thank all the invited speakers, technical coordinators, and attendees for their active and enthusiastic participation. The collaborative efforts and academic commitment of all involved ensured the success of this 1st National level initiative of ours.


Post-event activities, including certificate distribution and the submission of necessary documentation to the Telangana State Medical Council (TGMC) is under the process.

Regards

From,
The CME Secretariat & Organizing Committee
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Figure 2-6: Participant testimonials about the lectures




Dr Shaikh Mahmooduddin Moazzam
JR, Microbiology, GMC, Nalgonda
Testimony: Informative and crisp

Dr. Prasadini Guru
Consultant, Microbiology, Narayana Health, Bangalore.
Testimony: The landscape is evolving and thanks for sharing insights

Dr. Mani Keshava Shastra
MD. Pediatrics. MNR medical college and hospital
Testimony: It was a well balanced session with Aruna ma'am

M Sheeba Apoorva
Associate Professor, Community Medicine, Bhaskar Medical College
Testimony: Good. Understood the burden of disease

Speaker: Dr. S Aruna
Professor & HOD Microbiology
Neelima Institute of Medical Sciences
Topic: Landscape of Viral Hepatitis in India- An overview



Dr Vooshakoyala Sudheer Kumar
PG, Community Medicine, GMC, Siddipet
Testimony: Detailed information. Very much informative

Dr. Amita Mukhopadhyay, Doctor, Quality cell,
Community Medicine, Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust
Testimony: Very good, lucid and informative

Dr. Ayesha Begum, Assistant Professor,
Microbiology, CMR Institute of Medical Sciences
Testimony: Got to understand about point of care testing and reflex testing

Dr. Baby, Associate Professor, Microbiology
DR S S Tania Medical College Hospital and Research Centre
Testimony: Diagnosis part was very good and elaborative

Speaker: Dr. Nitin Mohan
Professor & Head
Department of Microbiology
Great Eastern Medical School & Hospital (GEMS), Ragolu, Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh
Topic: Etiology and Laboratory diagnosis of Chronic Viral Hepatitis – Recent advances

Dr. Muthangi Sandhya Rani, Associate Professor,
Neelima Institute of Medical Sciences
Testimony: Detailed discussion on the given topic
was quite helpful in understanding so many things



Dr. R Harshavardhini, MD Pathology, RVM
Institute of Medical Sciences
Testimony: Fabulous, so good 5 ★

Dr. Himabindhu Irrinki, JR, Microbiology,
Osmania Medical College
Testimony: Provided good insight into
pediatric hepatitis

Mohammed Raziuddin, Duty Medical Officer,
Continental Hospitals
Testimony: Well explained and surely helps me to
diagnose and treat patients better

Speaker: Dr. D. V. Umesh Reddy

**Consultant Paediatric Gastroenterologist, Hepatologist & Interventional Endoscopist
Ankura Hospitals, Hyderabad, Telangana.**

**Topic: Clinical diagnosis and management of Viral Hepatitis in children
Current challenges**

Dr. Balraju Ajmir, Associate Professor,
General Surgery, GMC Narsampeta
Testimony: Best lecture of the day



Mohammaed Faraaz Khan, SR, Virology,
Christian Medical College, Vellore
Testimony: Very nice. Excellent summarisation
of all the relevant guidelines

Dr. Chandrasekhar B, Associate Professor, Community
Medicine, Fathima Institute of Medical Sciences
Testimony: Madam has given excellent presentation on
various clinical outcomes regarding viral hepatitis and
also recent trends

Dr Ravi Kiran Koppolu, Associate Professor,
Microbiology, Nimra Institute of Medical Sciences
Testimony: Excellent clinical perspective with up
to date management strategies.

Dr. Manasa Alla

**Consultant Hepatology & Liver transplantation, Institute of Liver Sciences & Transplant
Hepatology, AIQ hospitals, Hyderabad, Telangana**

**Topic: Management and clinical outcomes of Chronic Viral Hepatitis in
adults Prevailing trends**

Dr. M Sneha Manju, Assistant Professor,
Pharmacology, MediCiti Institute of Medical
Sciences
Testimony: Public health perspective well
represented



Rumana Begum N, PhD Scholar, Microbiology, JSS Medical
College & Hospital
Testimony: The session was enlightening, policy-focused,
impactful, informative, and well-structured.

Dr. Monica Pasupuleti, Assistant Professor, Microbiology,
CMRIMS
Testimony: Nice motivation to take initiative, spirit to fight
against hepatitis and to make effort in reducing it by 2030.

Dr. Shipa Madhuri Kadiyam, Assistant Professor,
Pathology, Arundhati Institute of Medical
Sciences
Testimony: Outstanding talk

Dr. Rashmi Kundapur

Additional Professor

Department of Community & Family Medicine

All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Bibinagar, Hyderabad, Telangana

Topic: Public Health policies for Viral Hepatitis control and prevention – An update