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4th National Pharmacovigilance Week Celebration (17th – 23rd September 2024)– Report

The Department of Pharmacology at Neelima Institute of Medical Sciences organized Pharmacovigilance Awareness Program on the occasion of 4th National Pharmacovigilance Week for BSc Nursing Students on **20th September 2024** with the theme "Building ADR reporting culture for patient safety." As the Nursing professionals play a crucial role in patient care and drug administration, a special focus was made on Nursing students to have a clear insight on Pharmacovigilance.

The event started with welcome address by Dr Vasavi Patra, Prof & HOD, Department of Pharmacology. Dr B Lakshmi Prasanna, Dean, Neelima Institute of Medical Sciences stressed the need of Pharmacovigilance and motivated the students to take the responsibility of ADR reporting. Dr Rafath Razia, Principal, School of Nursing also emphasized the role of Nursing staff in monitoring drug safety and ADR reporting. Dr K Vijaya Lakshmi, Prof & HOD, Department of Pathology, mentioned that the nursing staff are critically important in delivering patient care and patient safety. Dr Sandhya Rani Associate Professor, Department of Community Medicine explained the role of ASHA workers and Public health care workers in reporting ADRs encountered in Public Health Programmes.

- ➤ Poster competition was held for BSc Nursing students and prizes and E-certificates were distributed.
- ➤ An interactive lecture was delivered by Dr Vasavi Patra to Nursing students on Pharmacovigilance and the students were trained on filling of Suspected ADR report form.
- ➤ Dr K Venu Gopala Rao, Professor, Department of Pharmacology delivered an interactive talk with patients and public to create awareness of Pharmacovigilance.
- ➤ Nursing students enacted role-play on reporting side-effects to healthcare professional by patients/consumers to create awareness among patients and public.

The event concluded with vote of thanks.