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Workshop held on haemo-vigilance under CME Programme

By Hajira Bano Balkhang, Saturday, June 14, 2014

Leh: A one day workshop on Haemo-vigilance under CME Programme is being held by National Institute of Biological and Indian Pharmacopeia Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi in collaboration with NRHM J&K at Conference Hall Leh on 12th June 2014.

Haemo-vigilance is the process of analysis to improve the transfusion of blood focusing on safety. Haemo-vigilance is required to identify and prevent occurrence or recurrence of transfusion related unwanted events, to increase the safety, efficacy and efficiency of blood transfusion, covering all activities of the transfusion chain from donor to recipient.

The system should include monitoring, identification, reporting,

investigation and analysis of adverse events near-misses and reactions related to transfusion and manufacturing.



Dr. Surinder Singh, Director I/c National Institute of Biologicals (NIB) while thanking CMO Leh for his support and coordination gave a presentation about haemo-vigilance said that Haemo-vigilance documentation was finalized by Auditor Committee on 7th December 2012 and launched on 10 December 2012 in 90 medical colleges across the country. He added that the main objective of this haemo-vigilance is to monitor transfusion reaction; create awareness among health care professionals; create national and international linkages.

"By adopting this method we can assure safety of donor and recipient, promote safe blood transfusion and blood product administration, assure overseas patient coming to India about safe blood transfusion in India", he said.

Chief Guest of the occasion, Sanjay Dhar Principle District and Session Judge Leh spoke about the legal implications regarding Homeo-vigilance said that before transfusion of blood the doctors must keep certain preventive measures in their minds that include taking an informal consent of the recipient about the risks involved and always keep a written record and preferably a witness about the consent of the patient, blood sent for sampling should be properly labeled and recorded in the case file, maintain a record of the recipient as well as the donor and inform the blood bank in case of adverse reaction along with the symptoms of the reaction.

Akanksha Bisht Member Secretary- HvPI Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) gave presentation about the reporting of serious Adverse Reaction in Transfusion through Haemo-vigil Software highlighted the participants about the key drivers of the programme that includes three main keys TRRF Transfusion Reaction Reporting Form(a tool that is instrumented in collecting the data in a uniform format from across the country, Haemo-vigil Software that gives a common platform for analysis and Training of manpower. She further explained the participants about how to log in into the software and how to report about the adverse reactions of the patient.

In the afternoon session a panel discussion was held wherein Sadiq Khan, State Health Society J&K was the facilitator, Dr. Jitendar Mehta Programme Manager State Health Society J&K moderated and the panel members included Dr. Surinder Singh Director I/c National Institute of Biologicals (NIB), Dr. P.K Goel Chief Medical Officer, ITBPF Leh, Major Dr. Mohit Aggarwal Pathologist, 153 GH Leh, Dr. Phunchok Wangchuk CMO Leh, Dr. G. Selvaraj Ex. Director of Drugs Control, Tamil Nadu and Dr. S. Manivannan Deputy Drugs Controller, CDSCO.

BMO's, doctors and Para medical staffs of Leh and Kargil also participated in the event.

At the end Dr. P. Wangchuk CMO Leh presented the vote of thanks.