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Continuing medical education on haemovigilance

Government Medical College organised Continuing Medical Education (CME) programme on 'Haemovigilance Programme of India' on Thursday. The CME was part of the annual conference of the Indian Society of Blood Transfusion and Immunohaematology (ISBTI) and was organised by the college in association with the Punjab chapter of ISBTI.

Addressing the gathering, Baba Farid University of Health Sciences vice-chancellor Dr SS Gill said there was need to strengthen blood transfusion services along with blood safety being of paramount importance.

"We should join hands for this purpose and this CME will guide us in that direction," said Gill.

Dr Surinder Singh, director, National Institute of Biologicals (NIB) Noida, said haemovigilance was a continuous process of data collection and analysis of transfusion-related adversities in order to investigate their causes and outcomes and prevent their occurrence or recurrence.

"Although all transfusion departments are doing their best to minimise transfusion reaction, there is a need to collect data on a national level so we can provide evidence-based services throughout India," said Singh.

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