CME on "Pharmacovigilance-Beyond ADR Reporting"

CME on "Pharmacovigilance-Beyond ADR Reporting" was organized by Regional Resource Centre, Department of Pharmacology, AIIMS, Rishikesh, under the aegis of National Coordination Centre for Pharmacovigilance Program of India, on 25/11/2017. More than 150 delegates attended the activity. The delegates had interactive sessions with speakers from PGIMER, Chandigarh, Indian Pharmacopeia Commission, Ghaziabad, Deputy Drug Controller, CDSCO and faculty from AIIMS, Rishikesh. The speakers emphasized the importance of documenting and communicating adverse effects of drugs to designated centres for enhancing patient safety.

Prof. Shailendra Handu, Department of Pharmacology, AIIMS, Rishikesh impressed on the importance of reporting of adverse effects of drugs for drug regulators and practicing clinicians. Prof. Surekha Kishore, Department of Community Medicine, AIIMS, Rishikesh discussed the need of integrating Pharmacovigilance Program with community health programs. Dr. Ravi Kant, Department of General Medicine, AIIMS, Rishikesh demonstrated the issues faced by practicing clinicians in managing and reporting side effects of drugs. He advocated proactive role of clinicians in reporting of side effects of drugs. Prof. Bikash Medhi from PGIMER, Chandigarh discussed different types of studies done for understanding mechanisms of side effects of drugs which help in preventing them. Mr. B K Samantray, Deputy Drug Controller from Office of CDSCO shared with delegates recent changes in guidelines which makes it mandatory for manufacturers to have a system of reporting of adverse effects of drugs. Dr. Prasad Thota from National Coordination Centre, IPC, Ghaziabad demonstrated the work done at national level for generating safety alerts about drugs. A live demonstration of the process of reporting, uploading and analysis of information about adverse effects of drugs was conducted during the CME. Methods of collecting and reporting of adverse drug reactions was discussed by Dr. Puneet Dhamija, Department of Pharmacology, AIIMS, Rishikesh.

The activity covered all aspects of adverse effects of drugs from reporting of adverse effects of drugs to regulatory actions taken to improve patient safety.


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