

Department of Transfusion Medicine at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Rishikesh conducted its 1st National level CME on “NAT: A Promise for Safer Transfusion” held on 29th August, 2018. The program began with the lighting of the lamp and included dignitaries Dean (Student welfare) Prof. Manoj Gupta, Senior Professor Bina Ravi, Medical Superintendent Dr. Brahm Prakash, along with the organizing chair-person Dr. Gita Negi and Organizing Secretary Dr. Sheetal Malhotra. One of the key highlights of the event was the electronic inauguration of nucleic acid testing laboratory by the dignitaries.

The conference had presentations, panel discussions and interactive scientific sessions on nucleic acid testing and its impact on safer blood transfusions towards patient safety. The event was intended to enhance the knowledge of Transfusion medicine among undergraduate as well as post graduate students and technical experts as well as researchers in India. The event brought together transfusion experts from all over the country to discuss the importance of provision of safer blood for transfusion to the patients. Some of the key topics discussed were importance of NAT testing, rational use of blood components, importance and active detection of occult hepatitis and significance of measuring key quality indicators in blood banking.

All the scientific sessions were attended and well appreciated among the clinicians. The CME also provided a valuable networking opportunity for transfusion specialists to meet and share knowledge with their peers from other institutes and set the stage for further cooperation for institutional collaboration for strengthening academics and research in the respective field of transfusion medicine. The event was conducted under the aegis of Indian Foundation for Safe Blood.







