Conference Report: 2nd International CME on Viral Hepatitis

Event Overview: The Department of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases at AIIMS Rajkot proudly hosted the 2nd International Continuing Medical Education (CME) on Viral Hepatitis on 30th July 2024. Held on the significant occasion of World Hepatitis Day, the event aimed to unite leading experts, healthcare professionals, and researchers to discuss the latest advancements and strategies in combating viral hepatitis. This conference underscored AIIMS Rajkot's commitment to advancing medical education and fostering global collaborations to improve healthcare outcomes.

Event Details:

• **Date:** 30th July 2024

• **Time:** 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

• Venue: LT-1, Academic Block, AIIMS Rajkot

• Mode: Online and On-site

Participation: The CME received an overwhelming response with 1100 participants from 12 countries, including healthcare professionals, researchers, and medical students. The diverse participation reflected the global interest in addressing viral hepatitis and showcased the importance of international cooperation in tackling this critical public health issue.

Keynote Speakers: We were honored to have an esteemed panel of speakers who shared their invaluable insights:

- **Prof. Dr. Priya Abraham** (CMC Vellore): Former Director of the National Institute of Virology, Pune, known for her pioneering work in isolating the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which was instrumental in India's fight against COVID-19.
- **Prof. Dr. Ekta Gupta** (ILBS New Delhi): Renowned for her expertise in clinical virology and significant contributions to hepatitis research.
- **Dr. Pragya Agarwala** (AIIMS Raipur): A respected figure in the field of virology, known for her work on viral pathogenesis and epidemiology.
- **Dr. Bikrant Biharilal Raghuvanshi** (ILBS New Delhi): A leading pediatric hepatologist with extensive experience in managing complex liver diseases in children.

Inaugural Address: The event commenced with an inspiring inaugural address by **Prof. Dr. Col. CDS Katoch**, Executive Director of AIIMS Rajkot. He emphasized the importance of continuous medical education and the institution's commitment to fostering a culture of learning and innovation. "Our goal is to bring the best minds together to share knowledge and improve patient care, not just locally but globally," stated Prof. Dr. Katoch. His words set the tone for a day of insightful discussions and knowledge sharing.

Sessions and Discussions: The conference featured a series of insightful talks and discussions on various aspects of viral hepatitis, including:

- Advances in Diagnosis and Management: Cutting-edge techniques and protocols for the effective diagnosis and management of viral hepatitis.
- The Role of Genomics: How advancements in genomics are transforming our understanding and treatment of viral hepatitis.
- Global Collaboration Strategies: Successful strategies and case studies of global collaboration in the elimination of hepatitis.
- **Pediatric Hepatitis:** Challenges and innovative solutions in managing hepatitis in children.

Conclusion: The 2nd International CME on Viral Hepatitis was a remarkable success, reflecting the global commitment to advancing medical knowledge and improving patient care. We look forward to continuing our efforts in collaboration, innovation, and education.









