

## **Minutes of Zonal Task Force Workshop West Zone, 2015**

Zonal Task Force Workshop for West Zone was held at Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh on 15-16 January 2016. The meeting was attended by delegates from 5 states/UT (Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Goa) of West Zone.

The workshop started with the inaugural session with the dignitaries on the dais sharing their views on the involvement of medical colleges under RNTCP.

### **Technical Update**

Inaugural session was followed by the technical presentations and discussions on the following topics:

1. Updates on RNTCP was given by Dr Rohit Sarin
2. Updates on Pediatric TB was delivered by Dr M. M. Puri
3. RNTCP Laboratory Network and utilization of CBNAAT was delivered by Dr Vineet Chadha

### **State Presentations**

Technical updates on programme were followed by presentations on respective state performance. Below are the key issues discussed during presentations.

#### **• Gujarat:**

- Good reporting from all colleges in every quarter.
- 14 out of 19 medical colleges visited by STF Chair or representative which is a very good effort.
- Zonal OR Workshop to be held in Gujarat.
- OR are good, however the Zonal level OR also need to be focussed.
- Good number of publications from State.
- The CDST lab in Surat needs to be expedited and process of RNTCP certification should be completed.
- The good effort of all medical colleges supporting decentralized pre-treatment evaluations and management of adverse drug reactions was applauded.
- DR-TB Centre, Ahmedabad is linked with Pharmacovigilance Programme of India (PvPI) as ADR monitoring centre. Similar, linkages should be established at least at other medical colleges having DR-TB centres.
- What's app application for NSN case detection in coordination with medical college faculties. – a good initiative
- Active STCI dissemination workshops being held for public and private sector.

#### **• Goa:**

- No major issues except that there are no ORs being done in the State.

- **Rajasthan:**

- The 2 medical colleges without DMC/ DOTS centre need to be actively followed up for setting up programme services.
- Shortage of funds hampered routine activities.
- Feedback of referred patients (67%) needs to be increased by active follow up.
- Sputum positivity rate is very high. Need to review if there are selective referrals.
- Involvement of in-house pharmacy for TB Notification in MG Medical college, Jaipur is a good initiative. The activity should be followed up and results to be shared subsequently.

- **Madhya Pradesh:**

- STF Chair was not present in the meeting.
- All medical colleges are not reporting routinely to the STF and not uploading quarterly reports in districts.
- Post of medical officer are vacant in 4 medical colleges
- The DEO of STF Chair not yet required – is approved in ROP.
- 5 out of 13 medical colleges were visited by STF Chair/ representative.
- Medical colleges not participating in routine program evaluation.
- Delay in receipt of funds leads to delayed routine activities.

- **Maharashtra:**

- All newly formed medical colleges need to be involved initially with formation of core committee.
- Staff in 5 medical colleges needs to be filled up for proper functioning of DMC/ DOT centre. 12 medical officer posts need to be filled up on priority basis.
- Certification of C&DST labs in BJMC & Miraj GMC is in process.
- 28 out of 48 medical colleges were visited by STF Chair or representative.
- Issues with supply of pediatric pouches which was resolved.
- Irregular flow of funds leads to hampers activities like training, CME, ACSM activities, supervision and monitoring. Fund flow to medical colleges needs to be streamlined.
- Feedback of referred patients (79%) needs to be improved.
- Good number of ORs being done. However the number of thesis could be enhanced.

## **Panel discussions**

This was followed by Panel discussions on Pharmacovigilance and STCI. The key deliberations were as under:

### **Pharmacovigilance:**

- Requisite guidelines need to be sent from CTD to the States so that the same is communicated to all.

- Trainings to all need to be provided to ensure that all are sensitized about the process and identification of side effects.
- A system of recording and reporting on adverse drug reactions needs to be established and the department of pharmacology should lead the initiative.
- A Pharmacovigilance committee should be formed in each medical college.
- Pharmacology department should be an integral part of the core committees and the STF and ZTF meetings.

#### **STCI :**

- The medical college faculty needs to be trained as trainers for STCI for further training the students.
- Use of the STCI should be promoted among all during the core committee meetings
- Copies of the STCI should be circulated to all medical colleges and links shared with all.

#### **Group Work:**

The participants were divided in groups with following five thematic area.

- Strengthen linkage for case finding and clinical management
- Monitoring & Evaluation
- Trainings and capacity building
- Operational Research
- Infection control

This was followed by presentation on challenges faced in each of the area and how best medical colleges can contribute to address these issues.

#### **Core committee meeting:**

Participants: NTF Representatives, ZTF Chair, STF Chairs, STOs, State HQ Consultants, CTD Representatives, Representatives of National Institutes,

- It was decided that the next zonal OR workshop will be conducted in the month of July 2016. It was also suggested that the workshop may be held in Maharashtra State.
- Prof. Dr Amrit T. Leuva, MD (Pulmonary Medicine), Dean Government Medical College, Vadodara was elected as new ZTF Chair.
- Dr Radha Munje to continue as Zonal OR Chair.

- The Core Committee decided that the next ZTF Meeting will be held in the state of Gujarat.
- With regards to the ZTF OR Meeting, one proposal was received from D. Y Patil Medical College, Mumbai. The ZTF OR Chair opined that since only one proposal was there, we may not convene a ZTF OR Meeting for the same and instead share the OR electronically with OR Committee members and obtain decisions. The Core Committee agreed to the same.
- It was also decided to expand and formalize the structure of the Zonal OR Committee with a Vice-Chair, an Advisor and STF chairs of the zone as Members.