



## ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY PHARMACISTS OF INDIA

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### The Bi-annual report of Association of Community Pharmacists of India (2007-2009)

Greetings to everyone present in the annual General Body meeting, from the Association of Community Pharmacists of India. The society was launched in the year 2007 with an objective to assist practicing pharmacists & to help patients to use medication safely and effectively. Ever since the inauguration the association has been growing in strength and efficiency with 700 life members and 100 annual memberships.

**Approval by International Organizations:** The Global Health Alliance for Health care (Geneva); International Association of Patient Organization (IAPO) UK; Association for Community Health Improvement (ACHI) USA: Collaboration with FIP ; Alliance with Red Cross.

#### **International Journal of Community Pharmacists:**

A online journal was launched by the ACPI on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009, and since then 3 issues have been successfully published to provide common platform for community pharmacists around the globe to provide a discussion forum for collecting and sharing different views, networking with fellow professionals.

#### **Inauguration of Pharmacists Community Cells**

The ACPI has started six community cells in India. They include

1. Manipal College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Manipal, 576104 Karnataka.
2. Srinivasa College of Pharmacy, Mangalore, Karnataka.
3. SCS College of Pharmacy Harapanahalli, 573131, Karnataka.
4. Achary B.M Reddy College of Pharmacy, Bangalore, Karnataka.
5. GHG Khalsa College of Pharmacy, Ludhiana, 141104, Punjab.
6. MIPSAR Kasargod, Kerala, 671321

#### **Pharmaceutical Care Clinic – Launched in Poona**

For the first time in India, the Association of Community Pharmacists of India (ACPI) has taken an initiative to establish a Pharmaceutical Care Clinic on 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2009, at Chinchwad Station Road, Pune-33, first of its kind in India.

#### **Community based Ambulatory Pharmaceutical care program**

The community pharmaceutical care program was inaugurated in Dr. Balliga Hospital, Doddanguddae, Udipi and inaugurated.

#### **Continuing pharmacist education program – Mangalore & Davangiri**

A three month long continuing community pharmacist training program was conducted during the month of May and June. A total of 50 practicing community pharmacists in retail pharmacy, hospital Pharmacy and other settings were able to attend the program and were benefited. The continuing pharmacists' education program was concluded at KMC Mangalore on 7th June 2009. The CPE consisted of 13 lectures on latest developments in the community pharmacy, drug store management, and pharmaceutical care. The continuing education programs for community pharmacists were held for six days during all Sundays during the month of May to June 2009. =

#### **Continuing Phamacists Education program - Davangare**

The Association of Community Pharmacists of India (ACPI) launched the Continuing Pharmacist Education Program in collaboration with Davangare Chemists and Druggists Association (DCDA) at Davangere on 15th May 2009.

#### **Community pharmacy Internship program**

The community internship course is conducted by ACPI in coordination with the approved training centers. This

course was provided free of cost to the (30 students and 5 successfully completed) graduate students. This Internship aims to train pharmacy students to acquire skills required for practicing community pharmacy.

#### **National Filariasis prevention program & Mass drug administration program for oral polio**

A total of 37 student members and 3 staff members of ACPI had participated in the for distribution of diethylcarbazine and albendazole in and around Manipal, on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of December, 2009 & the National oral polio distribution program, Udupi district in collaboration with the Community medicine department on the 11<sup>th</sup> of January 2010.

#### **All India Pharmacy Students Cartoon Competition**

A cartoon competition was organized with the following themes for various categories; M.Pharm: "Community Pharmacist and Dispensing of Ethical Medicines" B.Pharm: "Community Pharmacist and Primary Health Care" D.Pharm: "Community Pharmacist, Doctors and Nurses" The ACPI announced for each category is First prize of Rs 1000; Second prize of Rs.750 and Third prize of Rs.500. The winners of the prizes will be intimated by email and prize money shall be paid by Demand draft along with citations.

#### **Falicitation by the Hon.Health Minister of Karnataka.**

Mr. ShriRamalu, Hon Health Minister of Health, Karnataka, was appraised about the ACPI and he released a book, titled "Medical Management Guidelines for poisoning" under the auspices of ACPI.

#### **The Vision 2020 sets out the following agenda:**

1. Pharmacists community Cell throughout the country
2. Pharmaceutical care for every dispensed medication
3. Patient counselling
4. Community care cell in every college
5. Blood donor database
6. Drug Bank
7. Enrolment of non pharmacists in the association (Nurses and Patients)
8. Pharmaceutical care clinics
9. Guidelines for patient counselling
10. Another activity of ACPI is patient education which involves facilitator, counselor and Patients. The counseling sessions are to be organized by retail pharmacists and graduate pharmacist will answer the quires of patients regarding the drugs and diseases. The counseling sessions will be organized in the form of discussion forums , seminars and camps.

We need your patronage and blessings to usher the advent of Community pharmacist professional activity to our patients in Udupi district and in India.

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President , Association of Community Pharmacists of  
India,**

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