

Dear Santosh,

Greetings from Aditya Jyot Eye Hospital Pvt. Ltd. !!

First of all I would like to thank you for inviting us for the 5th Global Conference on Clinical Research and Drug Development – “Business Models and Opportunities” organized by ICRI India, on the 10th & 11th Oct’ 2008 at Mumbai. I would also like to thank you for sending across the DVD of the Conference Proceedings which you sent.

At the outset, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of Aditya Jyot Eye Hospital to extend our heartiest congratulations for a splendid job with regard to organizing the conference !

The team from our hospital comprised of the following personnel:

1. **Dr. SYED ASGHAR HUSSAIN**- Fellow - Vitreo Retinal Surgery & Clinical Research
2. **Mrs. ANJALI KHULSANGE** - Senior Clinical Research Co-ordinator
3. **Ms. HEMALI SHAH** - Clinical Research Co-ordinator & Research Optometrist

The following Keynote Addresses “**Clinical Trials: New Horizon - India**” by Dr.Surinder Singh, DCGI, Govt. of India; and “**Government Initiatives for Promoting Clinical Development in India**” – by Mr. Debashish Panda, Joint Secretary, MoHFW, Govt. of India; gave us a much needed eye opener on the present scenario of the Clinical Research industry in India.

The various talks on “**Bioethics: Protection of Human Rights**” by Prof. Adil Shamoo, Prof. Greg Koski, Mr. Mark Koscin & Mr. Thomas Merchant respectively, were exceptionally informative for us because we deal with Human subjects in our Hospital on a day to day basis.

The Plenary Session on the 10th Oct’08, “**Clinical Trials Conducted Outside United States: New USA - FDA Regulations**” by Prof. Joshua Sharlin was of paramount importance to us, with the recent influx of varied multinationals with their Multicentric Clinical Trials being conducted in India.

The talks given during the session “**Capacity Building in Clinical Research**”; firstly “**Clinical Research Professionals in India: A Case for Continuous Skill Building**” – by Dr. Mohanish Anand, Head - Clinical Research, Pfizer; and secondly “**Current Challenges in Creating Capabilities and Scales in Clinical Research**” - by Dr. Kratish Boppana; provided us with an insight into skill building in our career in Clinical Research.

On the second day, 11th Oct' 2008; the session on “**Informed Consent Process in India and Regulations**” by various speakers Mr.Dan McDonald, Prof. Joshua Sharlin & Dr. Stanley Edlavitch were very well received by our team. We learnt all the practical issues related to the Informed Consent process, the US FDA Review process.

Coming from a Hospital background, we were benefited immensely by the session on “**Audits and Development Models in Clinical Research**”. The speakers, Ms.Sue Fitzpatrick from ICR, UK & Dr.Alison Messom – Former Vice President, 13 Research, UK, drove home their message in a clear, lucid and simple manner.

The Trade Area proved to be a good place for networking with the Industry people. We are looking forward to interacting with many of them.

However, a few suggestions from us are:

1. In the future the Poster Session can be kept open for all the participating organizations, rather than the ICRI students alone.
2. Scientific Free Paper / Award Paper presentations can be organized on an additional day.
3. An Open Quiz Programme can be held for all the participating organizations.
4. On site enrolments for the various courses offered by ICRI India can be offered at subsidized rates to those interested in pursuing a career at ICRI India.
5. A printed Book of all talks can be given to the participants.

In summation, we all feel that it was an enriching experience to attend this great conference. We hope that the conference next year brings us many more newer vistas to look forward to in this exciting field.

Thanking You.

Regards,

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