





Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Government of India

National Pharmacovigilance Week - 2024

 17^{th} September to 23^{rd} September

Theme: Building ADR Reporting Culture for Patient Safety



AIIMS Raipur celebrated the 4th National Pharmacovigilance Week from 17th to 23rd September 2024, under the Pharmacovigilance Programme of India (PvPI), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. The ADR Monitoring Centre established in 2015 in the Department of Pharmacology, plays a pivotal role in promoting drug safety. This year's theme, "Building ADR Reporting Culture for Patient Safety," was highlighted through a series of educational, awareness, and outreach programs.

The week began with a hybrid CME on patient safety, inaugurated by Lt Gen Ashok Jindal (Retd.), Executive Director & CEO, AIIMS Raipur. Speakers addressed topics such as pharmacovigilance, materiovigilance, healthcare waste management, and surgical safety. Faculty and residents conducted awareness sessions for healthcare professionals and students at local hospitals and universities, including Ramakrishna Care Hospital, Kalinga University, and Royal College of Pharmacy. Public interactions sessions were also held at various locations to raise awareness.

The week concluded with a CME for AIIMS Raipur's residents and faculty under the guidance of AMC coordinator Dr. Nitin R Gaikwad, Professor and Head, and Deputy coordinator Dr. Pugazhenthan Thangaraju, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacology. CME included lectures and panel discussion followed by prize distribution for essay and e-poster competition winners. AIIMS Raipur continues to prioritize patient safety through ADR monitoring.







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Day 1 of Pharmacovigilance week was successfully completed with a Hybrid CME on Patient safety in association with 'Patient Safety Committee, AIIMS Raipur' incorporating the themes of both PvPI and WHO. The joint CME was overseen by the Hon. DGHS, Government of India. Multiple scientific deliberations on various aspects of patient safety were delivered with an emphasis on reporting adverse drug reactions to the ADR Monitoring Centre, Department of Pharmacology, AIIMS Raipur. Other sessions emphasized on various other aspects of patient safety such as electronic health records, waste management, diagnostics, surgical safety, and hospital infection control management.







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Day 2 : 18th September



Multiple awareness programs were conducted on Day 2 of the Pharmacovigilance week. Sensitization of 4th Year B.Sc. (Hon.) Nursing Students of AIIMS Raipur was done by the faculty of Department of Pharmacology. A similar awareness program was conducted for the healthcare professionals of Ramakrishna Care hospital Raipur. These sessions were aimed at sensitization of the attendees about various aspects of adverse drug reactions and the importance of reporting them to the ADR monitoring center. Further, sensitization of the general public was done by the residents of the department at Amrit Pharmacies located at the AIIMS Premises. The day's program underscores the importance of all stakeholders including patients and their families.







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Day 3 : 19th September



Day 3 of Pharmacovigilance Week Celebration was conducted with focus on outreach activities. The outreach activities were aimed at enlightening the public and healthcare professionals alike. Patients and doctors at the Urban Health Training Centre (UHTC), Raipur were educated on various aspects of ADR reporting and their importance by the residents of Department of Pharmacology, AIIMS Raipur. Another team consisting of faculty members, senior residents, and junior residents conducted programs at the TB Centre, Kalibadi, Raipur, educating the staff and patients on the importance of ADR reporting. The same team conducted an educational program at the Kalinga University, College of Pharmacy with various scientific deliberations. Pharmacy students and staff were sensitized on the role of Pharmacists as Healthcare Professionals in the reporting and monitoring of adverse drug reactions.







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Day 4 : 20th September



Day 4 of Pharmacovigilance Week Celebration was conducted with an outreach activity at the District Hospital, Pandri, Raipur. Doctors, nurses, and other medical staff were educated on various aspects of Adverse Drug Reaction reporting and their importance by the Faculty and Senior Residents of Department of Pharmacology, AIIMS Raipur. An essay competition on the topic "Report Adverse Drug Reactions! Your Vigilance, Everyone's Safety" was also conducted for the staff and students of AIIMS Raipur. Participants included faculty, nursing officers, other staff members, and MBBS students of the institute. The day was emphasized on increasing pharmacovigilance in government hospital settings and educating the healthcare workers about their role in ADR reporting.







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Day 5 of Pharmacovigilance Week Celebration was conducted with an outreach activity at the Royal College of Pharmacy, Raipur. Students of Pharmacy were educated on the role and importance of pharmacists and other healthcare providers in the reporting of Adverse Drug reactions by faculty and senior residents of Department of Pharmacology, AIIMS Raipur. The day also saw the education and awareness program for Nursing Officers of AIIMS Raipur via a hybrid mode session conducted by the faculty members of the department. The session emphasized the importance of our own tertiary care center in the reporting of adverse drug reactions.







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On the 6th day of National Pharmacovigilance Week, the faculty, senior residents, and junior residents of the Department of Pharmacology conducted an outreach activity for the common public. The residents of WRS Railway Colony, Raipur were educated on the role and responsibilities of general public in the reporting of adverse drug reactions. They were enlightened on the importance of adverse drug reaction reporting and how their contribution helps the public-at-large. One-on-one interaction was done with them to help resolve their queries. This day's activity was a small step towards furthering public support in Pharmacovigilance program of India.







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The culmination of the week-long celebration of 4th National Pharmacovigilance Week 2024 was conducted with a CME on Pharmacovigilance at AIIMS Raipur. The occasion was graced by the Hon. Executive Director & CEO Lt. Gen. Ashok Jindal Sir, AVSM, PVSM, YSM (Retd.), Dean Examination Prof. Dr. Eli Mohapatra, Dean Research Prof. Dr. Sarita Agrawal, and Medical Superintendent Dr. Renu Rajguru. The CME included various scientific deliberations on adverse drug reactions and the role of healthcare professionals, especially the Nursing officers, Junior residents, and Senior Residents of AIIMS Raipur. A panel discussion with faculty from various clinical departments deliberated on the experiences and learnings from ADRs in different patient groups. Prize distribution ceremony was conducted for Essay and e-Poster competitions and the winners were felicitated by the dignitaries present.