



“Addressing felt-need for Training and Capacity building of care providers”

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Summary Report

International Institute of Health Management Research (IIHMR), New Delhi, India organized at the Fourth International Conference on Transgender Healthcare, IPATHCON 2023 on 26th and 27th November 2023. This was the foundation course of the Gender and Equity in Health (GEI). This event, held in collaboration with the Association for Transgender Health in India (ATHI) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

DAY 1

The Inaugural Session of the foundations course was a momentous occasion marked by insightful addresses from distinguished speakers representing various organizations. Air Cmde (Dr) Sanjay Sharma (Retd) ATHI welcomed participants, setting an encouraging tone for the course. Dr. Sutapa B Neogi, Chief Patron and Director of IIHMR, highlighted the institution's commitment to gender-inclusive healthcare. Subsequent addresses were delivered by Dr. Jennifer Lyn Slovis representing WPATH, Laxmi Narayan Tripathi, President of National Network of Transgender Persons (NNTP), Dr. Chiranjeev Bhattacharjya from UNDP, Dr. Ashoo Grover from Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Dr. Maneesh Singhal, HOD Burns & Reconstructive Surgery at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), and Dr. Shobini Rajan, Chief Medical Officer at National Aids Control Organization (NACO). The addresses emphasized collaborative efforts and evidence-based practices, fostering a sense of purpose among the participants. Dr Altaf Yousuf Mir, the Chief Organizing Secretary concluded the session with a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the speakers, and a subsequent high tea provided a platform for networking and informal discussions, ensuring a promising start to the GEI Foundations Course at IIHMR

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The Foundations Course featured a diverse and insightful program with contributions from prominent speakers. Gail Knudson, MD, MEd, commenced the morning sessions with a compelling discussion on "A Global Education Institute." Air Cmde (Dr) Sanjay Sharma (Retd) delved into critical "Legal and Policy Issues," while Dr. Chhavi Gupta, Consultant National Health Authority (NHA), provided expertise on "Health benefit packages for Transgender persons." Ren Massey, PhD, introduced participants to "Trans Health," and Varunee Faii Sangganjanavanich, PhD, covered "Foundations in Mental Health and Assessment." Jennifer Slovis, MD, discussed "Foundations in Primary Care," followed by a detailed exploration of "Foundations in Hormonal Therapy: Adults & Adolescents" by Jennifer Slovis, MD, and a dynamic question and answer session involving Jennifer Slovis, MD, and Micol Rothman, MD. The day concluded with an engaging "Case Discussion and Question & Answer" session involving all faculty members, including Robert Davies, MD, moderated by Jenna Slovis, MD, who wrapped up the course with closing remarks, acknowledging the collective expertise and encouraging ongoing dialogue in transgender healthcare.

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DAY 2

The second day of the Foundations Course commenced with a comprehensive opening recap by Jennifer Slovis, MD, providing a succinct overview of the previous day's sessions. The morning continued with an insightful exploration of "Foundations in Gender Development in Children" led by Kavita Arora, MD, followed by an engaging question and answer session with both Kavita Arora, MD, and Robert Davies, MD. A brief break preceded the session on "Foundations in Gender Affirming Mental Health Care in Adolescents" by Varunee Faii Sangganjanavanich, PhD, accompanied by another interactive Q&A. The midday session delved into "Foundations in Surgery" with expertise shared by Alex Laungani, MD, and Marci Bowers, MD, followed by a comprehensive question and answer segment. After a rejuvenating lunch break, the afternoon included sessions on "Foundations in Voice and Communication" by Christie Block, MA, MS, CCC-SL, and "Caring for the Pre-Surgical Client" presented by Jennifer Slovis, MD, and Air Cmde (Dr) Sanjay Sharma (Retd). A short break preceded the final session on "Case Studies," facilitated by all faculty members and moderated by Jennifer Slovis, MD. The day concluded with a wrap-up by Jennifer Slovis, MD, leading into a post-course assessment and certificate distribution featuring Dr. Chiranjeev, Dr. Sanjay Sharma, Dr. Preetha G.S, Dr. Marci Bowers, and Dr. Altaf Yousuf, ensuring a comprehensive and interactive conclusion to the GEI Foundations Course at IIHMR.

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