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Dear members,

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We express our gratitude not only as our moral and ethical duty, but also it is as our deep emotions from bottom of the hearts. We made a humble effort to express the same by organizing an event “Salute to excellence” to felicitate those who have contributed the association & would been unnoticed otherwise. But, additionally we also like to submit, if we have forgotten any one for being recognised at any moment of the entire year, we



would like to apologise for that; but, we are sure that,

"Good deeds, though done in silence and humility, carry the weight of their own light and will always find their way to recognition."

At this moment we extract our essence of being thankful for the kindness and support received from all our senior members as well

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We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Dhiren Mehta for being upcoming President. We have every confidence that under your capable leadership, AMA will reach even greater heights. Your vision, passion, and commitment to our shared mission are truly inspiring, and we look forward to witnessing the impact you will undoubtedly make.

Once again, thank you to all of you especially on behalf of myself, Dr. Tushar Patel; it has been a privilege to serve as President, and look forward to continuing to support this remarkable organization in any way I can.

With warm regards and best wishes for the future,

Jai AMA



Jai IMA

Dr. Tushar Patel
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**Notice**

An extra-ordinary general body meeting will be held on Wednesday, 16th October 2024 at 3.30 pm at Ahmedabad Medical Association premises.

Agenda**Agenda1 : For amendment in rules & by laws
(which was adopted on 17/02/2007)**

The matter to be discussed for amendment in "clause c) of Part III BYE-LAWS OF AMA, Rule 2: Composition of Managing Committee", as follow,

Present

"The tenure of the office of the President shall be for one year only and will not be eligible for re-election. The tenure of the office of the Vice-President shall be for one year. The Vice-President who secures more votes shall be considered Senior Vice-President. In absence of a contest, the Vice-President who is senior member of the branch shall be considered as Senior Vice-President. To facilitate smooth work of the branch, it is decided to have the president of post graduate qualification and other than P.G. qualification alternate year. In absence of the eligible candidate for Presidentship, the eligible candidate of other category shall be considered."

Amendment

"The tenure of the office of the President shall be for one year only and will not be eligible for re-election. The tenure of the office of the Vice-President shall be for one year. The Vice-President who secures more votes shall be considered Senior Vice-President. In absence of a contest, the Vice-President who is senior member of the branch shall be considered as Senior Vice-President."

Agenda 2 : Any other business with permission of chair.

Dr. Urvesh V. Shah, Hon. Secretary



Blood Donation Camp

Ahmedabad Medical Association in collaboration with Indian Redcross Society is organizing Blood Donation Camp to share the need and importance of the blood in the life of an individual. The details are as follow;

Date : 07-10-2024

Time : 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Place : Redcross Shatabdi Bhavan,
Redcross Marg, Near Navrang
Circle, Navrangpura, Ahmedabad

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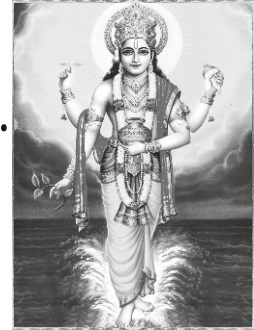
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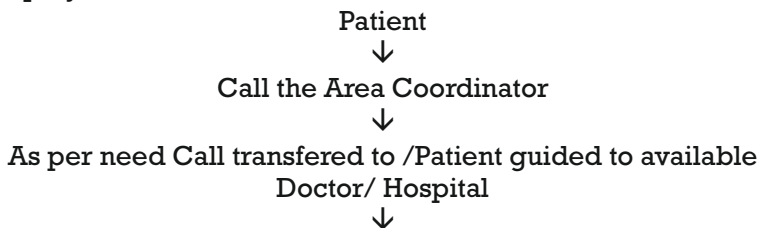
During Diwali festival many of our friends go out of station on vacation. So many of people face problems in their needs during these days. So to avoid such inconvenience to society we conduct project of Doctors on Call since 13 years in association with Ahmedabad Family Physicians Association and this will be 14th year. Though because of Corona many of doctors may not go out but we continue our activity this year also.

We are planning a list of Doctors available during these festival days of Diwali in Ahmedabad. If you are interested in rendering your services during Diwali kindly send your Contact - Speciality - Area - through email to AMA - amagsbima@yahoo.co.in

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May their soul rest in eternal peace.



DR. BHARAT N. JAIN

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Date of Death : 06-09-2024

We send our sympathy & condolence to the bereaved family.



Report of Scientific Program dated 09/09/2024

A CME on 'ABCs of ABGs : A guide to interpreting Acid-Base Disorders' was organized by Ahmedabad Medical Association at AMA hall, Ashram road, Ahmedabad on 9th September, 2024. Dr Abhay Vakil Program Director – Pulmonary Fellowship ICU Medical & Director Corpus Christi Medical Center Texas, USA was invited as an expert speaker. The Programme was very well co-ordinated by Dr Gopal Raval & Dr Rushi Patel. More than 50 participants had attended this scientific programme. The session was lively, engaging, educative and informative.

Report of 'Salute to Excellence' event for the year 2023-24 dated 15/09/2024

A unique event to recognize the heroes for their contribution to our organization and society in the name 'Salute to Excellence 2023-24' was organized by Ahmedabad Medical Association at AMA hall, Ashram road, Ahmedabad on 15th September, 2024. Dr Jyotsnaben Yagnik Former Principal Judge, City Courts, Ahmedabad was invited as a Chief Guest & Dr Narottam Sahoo Advisor and Member Secretary, GUJCOST, Dept of Science and Technology, Govt of Gujarat as Guest of Honour. Dr Kirti Patel Director, GCS Medical College & Dr Yogendra Modi Dean, GCS Medical College were the special invitees. The certificates for appreciation were given to various organizations for their continuous support throughout the year, to the faculties for their help in UG practical revision classes organized by AMA, to the COLS training co-ordinators, for Aao Gaon Chale Campaign, to the student volunteers for their help in AMACON Workshops & to the Office Staff of AMA. All the members of AMA were invited to join the celebration. It was a full house event. The event was followed by a delicious lunch.

**Quiz time**

- 1. A 45 year old woman present with sudden onset severe chest pain radiating to the back. She is hypertensive. What is the likely diagnosis ?**
 - A. Myocardial infarction
 - B. Aortic dissection
 - C. Pulmonary embolism
 - D. Pneumothorax
- 2. A 45 year old male present with chronic epigastric pain and worsens after meals. An endoscopy reveals multiple gastric ulcers. Testing for H pylori is negative. What is most likely underlying condition?**
 - A. Zollinger Ellison syndrome
 - B. Crohn disease
 - C. Coeliac disease
 - D. Irritable bowel syndrome.
- 3. A 6 month old boy presents with a right sided inguinal hernia. On examination a palpable mass is felt in the right inguinal canal. The silk glove sign is positive. What is the likely diagnosis?**
 - A. Inguinal hernia
 - B. Hydrocele
 - C. Patent processus vaginalis
 - D. Undescended testis
- 4. A 6 year old present with fever, sore throat, and a fine erythematous sandpaper type rash which started from his neck, spread to trunk and extremities. His tongue is red and swollen. What is the likely diagnosis?**
 - A. Scarlet fever
 - B. Hand foot and mouth disease



5. **A AIDS positive patient comes with fever, vomiting and meningismus. Which test will be preferred for rapid diagnosis of cryptococcal meningitis?**
- A. Indian ink preparation of CSF
 - B. Blood culture
 - C. CSF culture
 - D. Blood assay of cryptococcal antigen
6. **A 22 year old male patient presents with history of recurrent fall and difficulty in ambulation. On examination atrophies leg muscles are observed. Elder brother also have the same history. What is the likely diagnosis?**
- A. Duchhene muscle dystrophy
 - B. Beckers muscle dystrophy
 - C. Charcot Marle tooth disease
 - D. Myotonic dystrophy
7. **Which of the following drug which can markedly potentiate the vasodilator effect of isosorbide dinitrite so contraindicated due to fatal hypotension?**
- A. Propranolol
 - B. Fluoxetine
 - C. Hydrochlorothiazide
 - D. Sildenafil
8. **A 25 year male presents with red eye, arthralgia, burning micturition. Past history insignificant and no drug history. What is likely diagnosis?**
- A. Septic arthritis
 - B. Bechets disease
 - C. Inflammatory bowel disease
 - D. Reactive arthritis



- 9. Which of the following given in pregnancy in excess can have teratogenic effects?**
- A. Vitamin A
 - B. Vitamin B
 - C. Vitamin C
 - D. Vitamin D
- 10. A motivational speaker comes to opd with dysphonia. On diagnosis shows swollen translucent vocal cord, glottic narrowing, bowing of hydropicus cords. Most common cause?**
- A. Teachers nodule
 - B. Reinke edema
 - C. Vocal polyp.
 - D. Intubation granuloma
- 11. A 32 year old female presents with progressive weakness, ptosis and double vision that worsens throughout the day. Ice pack test is positive. What is the best test?**
- A. Repetitive nerve stimulation test
 - B. Electromyography test EMG
 - C. CT scan of the chest
 - D. Serum acetylcholine receptor antibody test
- 12. Which part of liver cells stores Vitamin A?**
- A. Ito cells
 - B. Hepatocyte
 - C. Kupffer cells
 - D. Endothelial cells
- 13. Trials of bradycardia, widened pulse pressure and irregular respiration. What is the triad called?**
- A. Bedks triad
 - B. Horners syndrome triad
 - C. Cushings triad
 - D. Achalasia triad



14. A 60 year old male, chronic smoker presents with hemoptysis, weight loss and chronic cough. Chest xray shows a mass in right lung apex. What is the likely diagnosis?

- A. Horner's syndrome
- B. Superior vena cava syndrome
- C. Lambert Eaton syndrome
- D. Pancoast syndrome

15. Which of the rhythm is not treatable with defibrillation?

- A. Pulseless ventricular tachycardia
- B. Ventricular fibrillation
- C. Asystole
- D. Ventricular flutter

The answer key is on page no. 43 of the bulletin.

How do we approach a patient with multiple joint pains

1. Is it polyarthritis?

First, you want to make sure it's polyarthritis - multiple (>4 joints) pain WITH SWELLING & NOT

- ☐ Polyarthralgia pain WITHOUT swelling
- ☐ Widespread pain
- ☐ Myalgia
- ☐ Bone pain
- ☐ Neuropathic pain

Let's deal with polyarthritis

2. Is it acute or chronic??

a. Acute < 6 weeks

- ☐ Infections- gonococcal, infective endocarditis, rheumatic fever, Lyme disease, viral
- ☐ Elderly RA, ANCA vasculitis, paraneoplastic

**b. Chronic >6 weeks**

- ☐ Rheumatoid arthritis
- ☐ Lupus, Sjogren's, other systemic rheumatic diseases
- ☐ Still's disease
- ☐ CPPD/ sometimes polyarticular gout
- ☐ Psoriatic arthritis
- ☐ Osteoarthritis

3. Temporal pattern

- a. Additive pattern- RA, Lupus, Other systemic rheumatic disease
- b. Intermittent - Crystallopathies, Reactive Arthritis, Palindromic RA, Autoinflammatory syndromes.
- c. Migratory- Gonococcal arthritis, rheumatic fever, lymes disease.

4. What is the nature of the pain?

- ☐ Inflammatory: pain worse at rest, relieved with activity, with early morning stiffness >30min
- ☐ Non-inflammatory: pain worse with activity, relieved with rest

This is important to figure out the plausible etiologies!

5. What is the joint distribution??

- a. Bilateral symmetrical polyarthritis.
 - ☐ Rheumatoid arthritis
 - ☐ Lupus
 - ☐ Sjogrens & other systemic rheumatic diseases.
- b. asymmetric polyarthritis
 - i. Polyarticular psoriatic arthritis (note the 'ray' sign with involvement of MCPs, PIPs DIPs in a line & asymmetric sacroiliitis)
 - ii. Osteoarthritis pattern with knee, hip, 1st MTP, 1st CMC, PIP, DIP involvement



6. Extra articular symptoms

Fever- infection, lupus, still's disease, autoinflammation

Nodules-RA, gout, rheumatic fever

Rash- lupus, dermatomyositis, sjogren, still's disease, viral infection, psoriasis

Raynaud's- Scleroderma spectrum, lupus, Sjogren

Others: sicca, skin thickening, weight loss, anorexia, organ specific symptoms.

History & clinical examination will give you the diagnosis in most cases

Another scenario

Patient: "All my joints are painful & swollen!"

But when you examine the patient, you don't find any joint swelling

How to approach this scenario?

Now there are two possibilities

There was a joint swelling which is no longer there

OR

There was no joint swelling to begin with

A. Let's start with the first one– there was indeed joint swelling which is no longer there

That means we are dealing with

- a. An episodic inflammatory disease
- b. Drug modified disease

Episodic inflammatory diseases

- ☐ Gout
- ☐ CPPD
- ☐ Palindromic #rheumatoid arthritis
- ☐ Autoinflammatory syndromes
- ☐ Spondyloarthritis (especially reactive)



Drug-modified disease

Any inflammatory arthritis can be modified by the use of

- ☐ Steroids
- ☐ DMARDs
- ☐ Complementary & alternative drugs! (Very important)

Now, let's move to scenario no.

B. There was no joint swelling to begin with

This raises 2 questions

1. are we dealing with #arthritis?
2. or is it something else?

A. So, what kinds of arthritis may not have joint swelling?

The ones that are non inflammatory- Osteoarthritis.

B. is it even arthritis or something else?

Confirm if the pain is restricted to the joints or not?

Regional/diffuse pain could be related to

- ☐ Fibromyalgia
- ☐ Hypermobility disorders
- ☐ Myalgia
- ☐ Bone pains
- ☐ Osteomalacia
- ☐ Neurologic pain
- ☐ Soft tissue rheumatism

Also, some diseases may only have polyarthralgia

- ☐ Lupus
- ☐ Sjogren
- ☐ Post Viral syndromes
- ☐ Hypothyroidism

Note: CPPD means Calcium pyrophosphate deposition (CPPD) disease.

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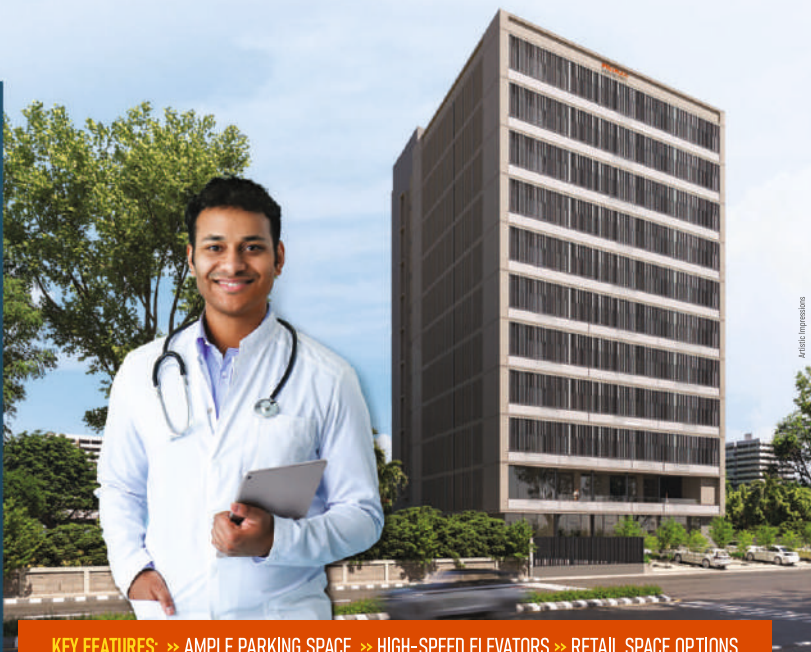
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Center of emergency toxicology : A grand collaboration of AMA with NFSU.

When as a clinician we treat a suspected poisoning case or heavy metal toxicity we are stuck with a roadblock. There are no complete diagnostic laboratory. When we are treating any patient who needs to be given a drug which has narrow therapeutic window and where this drugs can cause toxicity we wish to get drug therapeutic monitoring. In that case cost and availability become the big issue. In all this another issue that comes is credibility, turnaround time and standardization.

To help us in this clinical management issues, National forensic Science University has launched a Center of Emergency Toxicology. For the first time this center service will be available for private and government doctors and hospitals 24x7.

What will this center offer to our community.

- Diagnosis :Expert assessment and management of poisoning cases using cutting-edge technology.
- Drug Therapeutic Monitoring: Precision monitoring to optimize medication safety and efficacy.
- Poison Information Services:24/7 hotline offering expert advice and guidance.
- Professional Training : Courses for healthcare providers to enhance skills in toxicology and emergency response.
- Community Education : Workshops and seminars to raise awareness about poison prevention and safety.
- Research and Innovation

Our center is at the forefront of toxicology research, collaborating with leading institutions to develop new strategies for managing toxic exposures.



India requires a comprehensive poison center for several critical reasons:

1. High Incidence of Poisoning Cases

- Prevalence of Poisoning: India faces a significant number of poisoning cases each year due to various factors, including pesticide exposure, industrial accidents, and accidental ingestions. A comprehensive poison center is essential to manage and mitigate these incidents effectively.

2. Diverse Toxicological Challenges

- Variety of Poisons: The country deals with a wide range of poisons, including agricultural chemicals, industrial substances, and household toxins. A specialized center can provide expertise in diagnosing and treating these diverse toxicological challenges.

3. Need for Specialized Expertise

- Expert Consultation: Poison centers offer access to highly trained toxicologists and medical professionals who can provide expert advice and treatment protocols for complex poisoning cases. This expertise is crucial for accurate diagnosis and effective management.

4. Improving Diagnostic and Treatment Services

- Advanced Diagnostics: Comprehensive poison centers are equipped with advanced diagnostic tools and technologies for precise detection of toxins. This capability ensures timely and accurate treatment, which is vital for patient outcomes.

5. Enhancing Public Health and Safety

- Prevention and Education: Poison centers play a key role in educating the public about poison prevention and safety. They offer resources and outreach programs to raise awareness about the risks and proper handling of toxic substances.



6. Supporting Healthcare Providers

- Professional Training: These centers provide training and support for healthcare professionals, enhancing their ability to handle poisoning cases effectively. This training improves the overall quality of care provided across the healthcare system.

7. Research and Innovation

Advancing Knowledge: Poison centers engage in research to advance the understanding of toxicology and develop new treatment methods. This research contributes to better management practices and the development of new antidotes.

8. Addressing Rural and Remote Areas

Access to Care: A comprehensive poison center can help bridge the gap in healthcare access, especially in rural and remote areas where specialized toxicological care may be limited.

9. Reducing Healthcare Costs

- Cost-Effective Solutions: By providing early and effective treatment, poison centers can reduce the overall healthcare costs associated with severe poisoning cases, including hospitalizations and long-term care.

Center will have state of art laboratory facility.

Advanced Diagnostic Techniques

- Blood and Urine Toxicology Panels
- Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry (GC-MS)
- High-Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC)
- Immunoassays for Specific Toxins And many more required facilities.

Essential Drugs for Therapeutic Monitoring- Proposed

- Antibiotics - Vancomycin - Gentamicin - Amikacin
- Antiepileptic's- Phenytoin - Carbamazepine - Valproic Acid - Phenobarbital
- Anticoagulants - Warfarin - Heparin
- Immunosuppressant's - Cyclosporine - Tacrolimus- Sirolimus
- Cardiac Drugs- Digoxin - Procainamide - Quinidine Lidocaine
- Mood Stabilizers- Lithium
- Bronchodilators- Theophylline
- Chemotherapy Agents- Methotrexate Busulfan
- Antipsychotics- Clozapine Amitriptyline Nortriptyline
- Antifungals- Voriconazole
- Antiretrovirals- Protease Inhibitors (Lopinavir, Ritonavir)
- Biologics- Infliximab
- Antituberculosis- Isoniazid Rifampicin

This list can be modified according to the requirement of the medical field.

Special Features

Comprehensive Diagnostic Capabilities

- Advanced Toxicology Screening: Cutting-edge equipment for precise analysis.
- 24/7 Emergency Services
- Round-the-Clock Hotline: Immediate access to toxicology experts for emergencies.



Innovative Research and Collaboration

- Research Initiatives: Pioneering studies to advance toxicology knowledge.
- Partnerships: Collaborations with academic and healthcare institutions.
- First time facility available for government and private doctors and patients.

Comprehensive Treatment Protocols

- Knowledge about specific antidote and possible available places
- Supportive Care Services: Comprehensive treatment plans for recovery.

Training and Education Programs

- Professional Development: Courses for healthcare providers on poison management.
- Community Workshops: Public education on poison prevention and safety.

Tele Services

- Remote Consultations: Access to expert advice for healthcare professionals.

Once this center becomes completely functional practice of toxicology will change forever. It will be accessible, lifesaving and legally acceptable.

Answer Key of Quiz Time

1(B), 2(A) 3(D), 4(A), 5(A), 6(C), 7(D), 8(B),
9(A) 10(B), 11(D), 12(A), 13(C), 14(D), 15(C)



'Sustainable Living- Caring for Climate'

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The world is busted!

There is no more destructive beast than we Homo Sapiens. Judging by the havoc that we as a species have wrecked on Earth and its inhabitants.

Many of the changes observed in our climate are unprecedented in thousands, and some of the changes already set in motion are irreversible over hundreds to thousands of years. As our planet faces global warming, we experience rising sea levels, ocean acidification, loss of biodiversity, huge amounts of pollution and loss of human lives.

Many of the factors contributing to this crisis are familiar to us: logging, poaching, and over fishing. However, there is a relatively new threat that has emerged: global warming, primarily driven by the burning of fossil fuels. The consequences of this include rising temperatures and more frequent extreme weather events, such as forest fires, floods, and droughts, which have worsened the damage already inflicted on the Earth.

Scientists have estimated that the humanity has wiped out 83% of the world's wild animals and half of all plants. This loss, termed as the sixth mass extinction, has huge implications for humanity. It is stated as the second most impactful risk humanity faces, affecting food, air, water and stable ground.

According to IPBES report, more than one million species of plants and animals are at a risk of extinction- many of which are predicted to be pushed into extinction within just a few decades. The report finds that more than 40% of amphibian species, almost 33% of coral reefs and more than one- third of all marine mammals are threatened. Every time the last member of a species perishes,



another strand in the web snaps, and we move a step closer to an abrupt apocalyptic collapse.

The climate crisis is global and its real and anticipate impacts have already caused a lot of damage on the face of our planet.

Many a times, we need to be reminded that the Earth is ours and so are we to Earth. Our action and vehement ignorance is accelerating the degradation process of our climate. If we continue treating our planet like this, we won't be left with any alternative to survive. Saving ourselves and our environment requires more awareness and change of behavior from all of us. Only then will we be able to strike for action and save our planet from the hands of this current crisis.

Through my campaign on 'Sustainable living Caring for climate', I strongly believe that we youth have the potential to create a movement and connect across religion, region and race, to protect our environment. Through my campaign, I emphasize upon A + A, where A stands for Awareness and Action. I believe that, by working with Awareness + Action, together, we can all come forward to save our planet Earth. A lot of awareness has already been spread, but now is the time that we should call for action.

In my books, 'Seeds of Hope', 'Seeds to Sow' and 'Coming Together' I emphasize that, it is time for all of us to retrospect about where our priorities lie. We youth need to ignite our sense of responsibility as aware citizens and come together to make a change for a better future. Mitigating the climate crisis is our global responsibility. We are at the brink of losing; thus, we must act now for tomorrow will be too late.

It is high time we mend our relationship with Mother Earth for the survival of humanity. We can be the catalyst to bring upon change by shifting our consumption and production patterns towards more sustainable practices. By being smarter with the choices we make, we need to start taking small steps to ensure we are keeping on the path we set.



We can adopt the six R's to lead a sustainable lifestyle to restore our Earth. One step at a time, as it's never too late to begin.

Here are R's, with which we can reduce our carbon footprint-

1. Reflect- Upon our harmful actions
2. Refuse- Single used plastic and Styrofoam
3. Reduce- Carbon emissions and fuel wastage
4. Reuse- Papers, Cans, Bags and Plastic
5. Repurpose- Used plastic and wrappers
6. Recycle- Plastic and containers

Along with implementing on the 7R's, simple ways through which we could live in eco-conscious societies are:

- We can recycle our dry waste
- Reduce the amount of our reject waste
- Adopt Eco Friendly Products
- Segregate the waste at our homes
- Exercise our green thumb

With these ways, we can reduce our carbon footprint to great extent. Keeping in mind and implementing these sustainable practices in our day to day life, we can reduce our carbon footprint, to a great extent.

We may not be able to stop global warming overnight but we can definitely slow down the rate. Small steps towards conserving our Earth can bring in a big difference for the future generations to come, as I believe that each one of us should put their conscious effort and contribute in collaborating to spread awareness so that we all can come together for action.

Excerpts from my book 'Seeds of Hope' and 'Seeds to Sow' patronaged and published by UNESCO.

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Chikungunya Arthritis: Management.

The chikungunya virus (CHIKV) infection epidemic has emerged as a significant public health concern in the last 20 years.

CHIKV infection predominantly causes musculoskeletal symptoms with a chronic polyarthritis which may resemble autoimmune inflammatory arthritis.

This vector born disease is transmitted to humans by the bite of infected female *Aedes aegypti* (predominantly in tropical countries) or *Aedes albopictus* (predominantly in temperate countries) mosquitoes

Chikungunya infection may be divided into an acute phase (<3 months) and chronic phase (>3 months). The acute phase may be further subdivided into viraemic (5–10 days) and sub-acute post-viraemic (6–21 days) phases.

The viraemic phase is characterised by sudden onset of high-grade fever (often >39°C), severe polyarthralgia/polyarthritis, myalgias, conjunctivitis and exanthema.

The exanthema can present as diffuse or focal skin rash. Many patients also develop pruritus, vesicles, purpura and skin hyperesthesia. In the sub-acute phase, fever settles but articular symptoms and fatigue persist.

Polyarthritis is usually symmetrical and involves small and large joints. Tenosynovitis and bursitis can also occur which are usually very painful..

The chronic phase of the disease may follow a pattern similar to rheumatoid arthritis, peripheral spondyloarthritis, undifferentiated arthritis and fibromyalgia. The ankles, knees, hips, wrists, elbows and metacarpo-phalangeal joints are mainly involved.

The management is usually divided in to two groups; acute (<3 months) and chronic (>3 months).

The acute phase can be subdivided into acute phase in to acute phase (1–3 weeks) and sub-acute (4–12 weeks)

Management of musculoskeletal manifestations in acute phase (<3 months)

First 1-3 weeks

1. Adequate rest, hydration, paracetamol (up to 4 g maximum in divided dosages) and avoidance of aspirin.
2. Ibuprofen, diclofenac, naproxen or aceclofenac are the NSAIDs which can be taken along with paracetamol for intractable symptoms once dengue infection has been ruled out. Dengue have haemorrhagic complications.
3. Avoid steroids

4-12 weeks

1. For intractable synovitis and tenosynovitis, low dose oral prednisolone can be used, at a dose of 10 mg daily for 5 days and further tapering over the next 10 days.

The maximum dose of steroids recommended is 0.5 mg/kg and steroids are not advised for more than 4 weeks.

2. NSAID can help. Avoid nephrotoxic drugs
3. Weak opioids like Tramadol helps
4. For peripheral neuropathy add Pregabalin or amitriptyline.

Management of musculoskeletal manifestations in chronic phase (>3 months)

Disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (DMARDs) such as methotrexate (MTX), sulfasalazine (SSZ) and HCQS have shown benefits in the chronic phase of CHIKV arthritis with ongoing synovitis or tenosynovitis.

Confirmed sinovitis or tenosinovitis use tapering steroids low dose not more than 1-2 weeks.

One can use:

Hydroxychloroquine 5 mg/kg/day, maximum 400 mg daily

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Use these treatments for 6 to 8 weeks.

Decide treatment based on comorbidities and ongoing medicines.

Keep doing follow ups with needed reports.



Massive Transfusion Protocol- A Guide to the Management of Acute Blood Loss

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❖ What?

Massive blood transfusion is traditionally defined as replacement of one or more blood volume in 24 hours.

In a clinical practice it can be:

- ≥ 10 blood units transfused in 24 hours or
- Transfusion of ≥ 4 blood units in 1 hour or
- Replacement of 50% of blood volume in 3-4 hours
- A rate of loss of blood ≥ 150 ml / hour

❖ Goals of Massive Transfusion Protocol?

- Maintenance of tissue perfusion.
- Oxygenation by restoration of blood volume and Hb.
- Early recognition of blood loss and activation of massive transfusion protocol.
- Cessation of bleeding by means like early surgical or radiological intervention.
- Judicious use of blood component therapy to correct coagulopathy.

❖ Complications of massive transfusion:

Massive transfusion (MT) is a lifesaving treatment but can be associated with significant complications. The lethal triad of acidosis, hypothermia, and coagulopathy associated with MT is associated with a high mortality rate.

- **Acidosis:** Acidosis in a patient receiving a large volume transfusion is more likely to be the result of inadequate treatment of hypovolaemia than because of transfusion.

Under normal circumstances, the body can readily neutralize this acid load from transfusion. The routine use of bicarbonate or other alkalizing agents, based on the number of units transfused, is unnecessary.

- **Coagulopathy:** Dilution of the platelets and coagulation factor with initial resuscitation of a bleeding patient is done with excessive crystalloids and red cell transfusion. Coagulopathy is ascribed to loss of active haemostatic blood, dilution factor, acidosis, and hypothermia, which reduces the enzymatic activity leading to destabilization of coagulation complexes. Hence, it becomes a vicious circle where acidosis and hypothermia cause coagulopathy, and coagulopathy leads to increased bleeding, causing tissue hypo-transfusion leading to acidosis and hypothermia. Hence, active initial management with ratio-based transfusion therapy avoiding blood dilution and providing extracorporeal blood warming allows many trauma patients to survive.
- Hypothermia
- **Hyperkalaemia/Hypokalaemia:** The storage of blood results in a small increase in extracellular potassium concentration, which will increase the longer it is stored. This rise is rarely of clinical significance, other than in neonatal exchange transfusions. Hypokalaemia is more frequent than hyperkalaemia due to the inward shift of potassium ions in red cells due to citrate toxicity and aldosterone-induced urinary loss.
- **Citrate toxicity and hypocalcaemia:** Citrate toxicity is rare but is most likely to occur during a large volume transfusion of whole blood. Hypocalcaemia, particularly in combination with hypothermia and acidosis, can cause a

reduction in cardiac output, bradycardia, and other dysrhythmias. In addition, citrate is usually rapidly metabolized to bicarbonate. It is therefore, unnecessary to attempt to neutralize the acid load of transfusion.

- Air embolism

❖ Massive transfusion protocol:

- Massive transfusion protocols (MPs) are established to provide rapid blood replacement for patients with massive blood loss. Early optimal blood transfusion is essential to sustain organ perfusion and oxygenation.
- There are many variables to consider when establishing an MT, and studies have prospectively evaluated different scenarios and patient populations to establish the best practices to attain improved patient outcomes.
- The establishment and utilization of an optimal MP are challenging given the ever-changing patient status during resuscitation efforts.
- Initial resuscitation should be started immediately in a ratio-based blood component therapy. As given by BCSH guidelines, the most accepted ratio-based protocol recommends blood components to be transfused in equal ratios.
- After initial resuscitation, the following parameters should be evaluated while guiding further therapy
 1. Temperature $> 35^{\circ}\text{C}$
 2. Acid-base status: pH > 7.2 , base excess > 6 , lactate < 4 mmol/L
 3. Ionised calcium (Ca) > 1.1 mmol/L
 4. Haemoglobin (Hb): This should not be used alone as a transfusion trigger; and should be interpreted in context with haemodynamic status, organ, and tissue

perfusion.

5. Platelets $\geq 50 \times 10^9 /L$
6. PT/APTT (activated partial thromboplastin time) $\geq 1.5 \times$ of normal
7. Fibrinogen $> 1.0 \text{ g/dl}$
8. Viscoelastic testing to guide the component therapy including status of platelet function and fibrinolysis at the patient bed side.

The best practice for massive transfusion (MT) includes an established institutional definition of massive transfusion protocol, an accurate method for predicting which patients will require MT so therapy can be promptly initiated.

Over-utilization can be avoided, and finally, an established MT protocol with a clear plan for activation and use of appropriate blood products to maintain haemostasis.

❖ **Massive transfusion in trauma:**

- Adult trauma patients with, or at risk of, massive haemorrhage should initially be transfused empirically with a 1:1:1 ratio of plasma: red cells: platelets. These patients with or at risk of major haemorrhage should be given tranexamic acid as soon as possible after injury.

❖ **Massive transfusion in obstetric patients:**

- Blood component therapy should be same as in non-pregnant patients except that fibrinogen supplementation with cryoprecipitate should be considered at fibrinogen levels $< 2.0 \text{ gm/dl}$. Tranexamic acid may also be considered post-partum.

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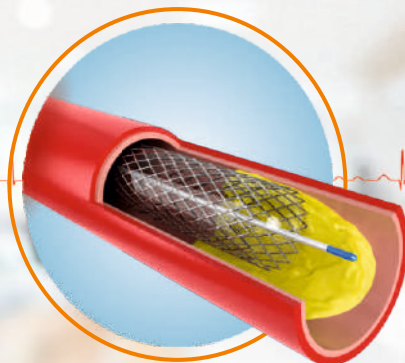
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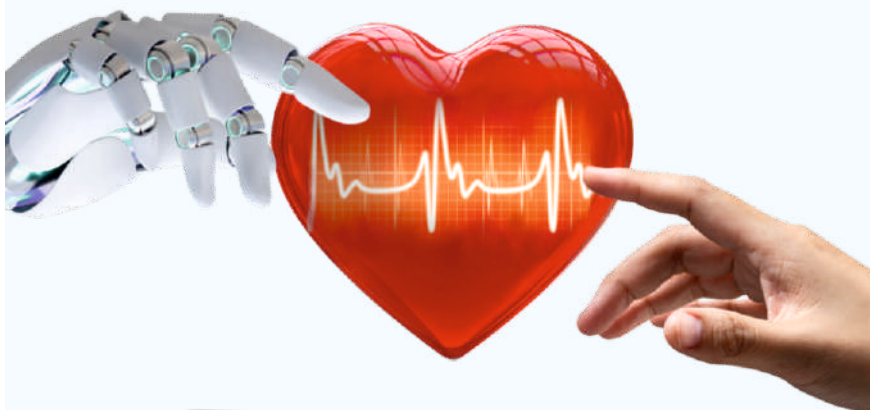



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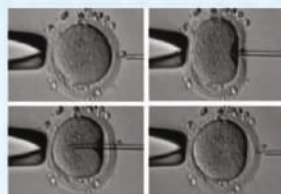
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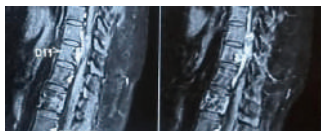
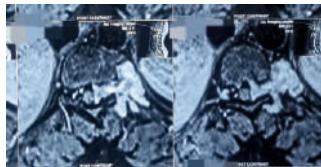
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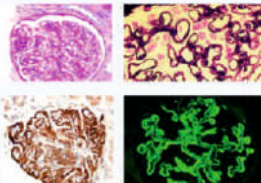


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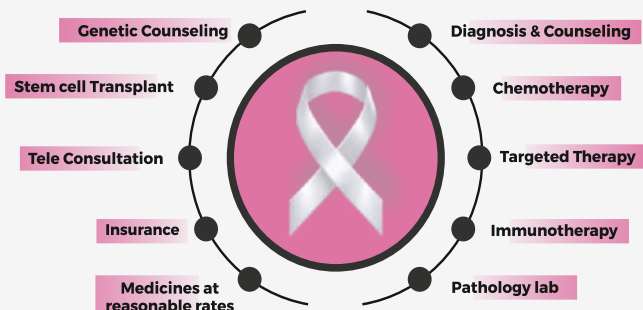


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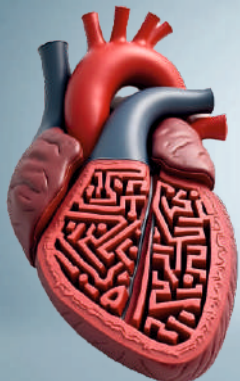
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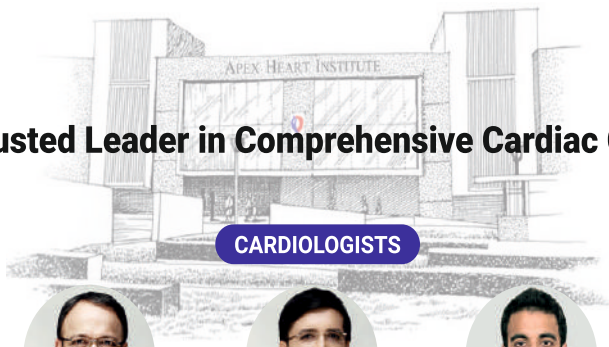
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