

Report of 7th National Conference of AOGIN INDIA

The 7th National conference of AOGIN INDIA was organized from 14th to 16th October, 2016 at Patna. Dr. J.K Singh was the organizing chairman and Dr. Richa Chauhan was the organizing secretary. The theme of the conference was HPV Vaccination + Screening = Cervical Cancer Elimination. The conference had 8 international and 62 national faculties. It was attended by over 200 participants and around 150 ASHA workers and ANMs.

Workshops: 14th October

The day started with a workshop on Colposcopy. The workshop had lectures on principles of colposcopy, documentation of clinical findings and treatment of various abnormalities detected on colposcopy. This was followed by an interactive video demonstration of abnormal colposcopy cases. This workshop concluded with a hands-on training session for the participants.

The second workshop was on Cervical Cytology and its Integration with HPV Detection. The experts discussed at length on facts & artifacts of Pap smears, oral HPV infections and IHC biomarkers for diagnosis of CIN. A video demonstration of technique of HPV Testing by Hybrid Capture II was also shown. The faculties emphasized on quality control and its importance. The workshop concluded with a quiz competition for the post graduate students.

The third workshop was on Community screening for ASHA workers and ANMs. The participants were given an overview of burden, risk factors and early sign and symptoms of cervical and breast cancer. They were also informed about various methods of screening and prevention of these cancers with the help of video demonstrations. The issue of raising community awareness and the obstacles faced at the grass root level by the health workers were discussed in detail. The workshop concluded with group activity on developing community awareness programs with prizes for three best groups.

Conference: Day 1: 15th October

It started with free paper presentation which was followed by a session on the burden of HPV infection and associated gynecological cancer. The pre-lunch session had lectures and panel discussion on abnormal screening tests & pre-invasive disease. The key note address was given by Dr. R. Sankaranarayanan from France on "Global experiences in scaling up HPV vaccination and HPV testing and their impact". The other important event was the release of the HPV Vaccination Fact Sheet of American Cancer Society. This was followed by one of the most informative session on Cervical Cancer Control programs in India and other countries including Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Thailand and United Kingdom. Then we had an interesting debate on the role of HPV vaccination in elimination of cervical cancer. The scientific session of Day 1 concluded with AOGIN India Oration – 'What does it take to be an expert colposcopist and how can I become one?' by Dr. Patrick Walker from England.

This was followed by the inaugural ceremony and cultural program with banquet.

Conference Day 2: 16th October

The second day of the conference started with another free paper session and poster presentation. This was followed by a comprehensive session on innovations in screening and vaccination. Next was a video session on different surgical techniques used in the management of gynecological malignancies. The last scientific session was a panel discussion on Genital warts and vulvar disease.

The conference concluded with the traditional valedictory function in which prizes were distributed to the winners of oral and poster presentation by Dr. J.K Singh, Organizing Chairman and Dr. Shalini Rajaram, President AOGIN INDIA.

Dr. Divya Aggarwal, Delhi, Dr. Bindiya Gupta, Delhi and Dr. Sabuhi Qureshi, Lucknow won the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes in oral paper presentation. Dr. MohitJadli, Delhi, Dr. Himanshu Mishra, Lucknow and Dr. Basumita Chakraborti, Kolkata won the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes in poster presentation.

Here is the link: <http://www.aogin2016.com/downloads.html>