

Letter from Desk of HOD



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Department of Paediatrics, Lady Hardinge Medical College, situated in the Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital is a large, vibrant department, providing comprehensive health care to children from birth till 18 years of age. The Department, with its legacy of five decades of quality healthcare and service for children, has been at the forefront of pediatric teaching and research in the country. It is widely acknowledged to be the 'go to' tertiary care referral centre of North India and is counted among the top destinations for post graduate pediatric training for aspirants from all over the country. It has been the nurturing ground for several nationally and internationally renowned pediatricians, who have been instrumental in cutting edge research and formulation of many national and international health related guidelines. The department faculty is also involved in the training of nurses, medical officers and trainees from various hospitals and universities of the country. The department has well-developed pediatric subspecialties of Hematology/Oncology, Intensive Care, Pulmonology, Nephrology, Neurology, Endocrinology, and Gastroenterology & Hepatology. Our pediatric centres of excellence in HIV care, Tuberculosis and Adolescent health are not only providing comprehensive management to the affected children but also hand-holding other regional facilities for manpower training and case-management.

The department has a robust undergraduate and post-graduate teaching program developed in line with the NMC guidelines. The training of students is facilitated by use of a variety of teaching methods including bed side teaching, outpatient, in-patient and speciality clinic case discussion, seminars, and journal club apart from didactic lectures. A structured formative and summative evaluation plan helps monitor the progress of learning.

The Department faculty has actively contributed towards development of several National programs and are actively involved in providing technical support to these programs on an ongoing basis. These include Integrated Management of Neonatal and Childhood Illnesses (IMNCI), F-IMNCI, Pre-service IMNCI, Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF), National collaborating Center for Adverse Events Following Immunization (AEFI), Management of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM), Revised National Tuberculosis Control Program (RNTCP), Pediatric Centre of Excellence in HIV care (NACO) and Adolescent care. The hospital has organized several TOT workshop on IMNCI, F-IMNCI, IMNCI-HIV. Students and in-service doctors of other hospitals from all over India visit here for observer-ship to enhance their skills and knowledge. The faculty is also involved in many research projects with and without external funding. Many research papers are presented in National and International conferences & published in high impact peer reviewed Journals every year by the Residents and faculty.

With team work, we at the department of pediatrics constantly aspire to reach higher pinnacles in pediatric patient care, teaching and research.