

REPORT ON WEBINAR

Topic of the Event –Global Clinical Trials: Opportunities for India

Date & Time of Event – 18th June 2021, 4:00 pm

Speaker: Dr .GangadharSunkara, Senior Global Program Clinical Head, Novartis, New Jersey, United States.

Hosted by Sarojini Naidu Vanita Pharmacy Maha Vidyalaya, Tarnaka,Hyderabad

SUMMARY

Sarojini Naidu Vanita Pharmacy Maha Vidyalaya, College for Women, (Sponsored by The Exhibition Society) organized a webinar on the topic “**Global Clinical Trials: Opportunities for India**” on 18th June 2021, at 4:00 PM. The Guest Speaker for the webinar was Dr .GangadharSunkara, Senior Global Program Clinical Head, Novartis, New Jersey, United States.

For this webinar, the number of participants registered were 394, and the number of participants that attended the webinar were 256.

The program started at 4:00 pm with the prayer song by Ms.Apurva from B Pharmacy. The welcome address was delivered by Dr. N. Srinivas, Director. He cordially welcomed the guest speaker, Dr. Gangadhar Sunkara, followed by a message by Principal, Dr. V. Jyothi. Student, Ms. Richa Diggikar of Pharm D 4th Year took the lead to anchor the webinar and introduce the guest speaker to the participants, which was followed by the session.

During the session, Dr. Gangadhar Sunkara Sir discussed about clinical trials that are conducted in research programs and the role, India is currently holding in it. The participants were enthusiastic and were listening with extreme intrigue as the session was informative and thought provoking, especially for students who look forward to make a career in the field of clinical research.

With supreme knowledge and experience in clinical research, the Speaker gave a brief introduction of what global clinical trials are, and elaborated on how they are conducted. He explained the intricacies involved in the conduct of various clinical trial phases in the drug development. The discovery and development cycle including phases of target selection and marketing, during a drug's design and generation were explained.

Dr. Gangadhar Sunkara gave an insight on the statistics involved in the R&D of a drug, illustrating various case studies. The students have got an idea about how many drugs on an average get approved, and how many preclinical tests are done before a drug gets approved. The research oriented students, in particular, got an idea about the domain, and how things move about.

Further, Dr. Sunkara briefed the attendees about the learning module in Clinical Trial Registry of India (CTRI). As a help to the students, he also showed the website related to the global clinical trials registry. Moving ahead, he gave information about where the Indian CR market currently lies in the field of clinical trials and our promising future ahead in the same. Dr. Sunkara then spoke to the attendees about Central Drug Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), which was heard by the students in a very riveting nature.

At the end of the session, Dr. Sunkara encouraged the students to put out all their queries regarding research, scope in the subject, and any other questions. Students were very ardent and asked various questions about the research behind the COVID 19 Vaccine, other drugs, scope for Indian students in the USA, in research, VISA sponsorships for the same, and certificate programs related to drug development. All the questions were patiently answered by Dr. Sunkara, making the session- both informative and interactive. It was overall, extremely helpful and interesting to all the attendees.

The vote of thanks was given by Dr. T. Saritha Jyostna, by expressing gratitude to the guest speaker, Dr. Gangadhar Sunkara for his excellent coverage on the topic of the webinar and thanked all the participants for making this session successful.