

RISE First E-Grand Round at AIIMS Patna

The first E-Grand Round on Clinical Challenges in COVID-19 Management was organized by RISE and conducted by AIIMS Patna on September 21, 2020.

Reaching Impact Saturation and Epidemic Control (RISE) is a global project funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and led by Jhpiego, and works with countries to achieve a shared vision of attaining and maintaining epidemic control, with stronger local partners capable of managing and achieving results through sustainable, self-reliant, and resilient health systems. The goal of RISE in India is to improve and standardize intensive care of severely ill COVID-19 patients by identifying potential areas of improvement. The project is providing technical assistance to the 29 recipient health facilities in 15 states and 3 union territories, creating an ecosystem for efficient utilization of the 200 ventilators donated by USAID. The project also plans to utilize a hub-and-spoke model, in collaboration with National Health Mission and the regional intervention facility in a few states to build the capacity of various other facilities in critical care management for COVID-19, based on their need.

E-Grand rounds for the critical care providers intend to improve the care giving skills of the doctors using a virtual platform for case presentation and discussion by a panel of experts and for sharing updates on treatment and management protocols, share experiences, promote knowledge sharing; and as the pandemic evolves, review new evidence and changing epidemiology.



The 1st E-Grand Round on Clinical Challenges in COVID-19 Management saw participation from 103 critical care providers from 20 medical institutions including 10 regional AIIMS. Four experts from four regional AIIMS, identified for their expert opinion also attended the event. USAID India Mission was represented by Ms. Sangita Patel, Director, Health Office and Mr. Vijay Paulraj, RH/FP Advisor. 22 RISE team members of Jhpiego from across the country also attended this event.

Dr Sanjeev Singh, Nodal of COVID care at AIIMS Patna appreciated the initiative and mentioned that such platform will help all COVID designated hospitals to share their learning and if needed they can seek expert opinion. He introduced the Critical Care Working Group members and talked about their role. This was followed by an address by Dr (Prof.) Prabhat Kumar Singh, Director AIIMS Patna, who highlighted the importance of E-Grand round in the management of COVID 19 Critical care.



Dr. Bulbul Sood, Country Director, Jhpiego India introduced the RISE project and Mr. Vijay Paulraj, RH/FP Advisor, USAID India Mission, spoke about USAID India Mission's commitment to support in the management of the pandemic. Two cases were presented during the event - Prolong NIV (Non-Invasive ventilation) for COVID-ARDS (Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome) & acute pancreatitis in COVID 19, which were followed by active discussion by participants and clinical experts.

Ms. Sangita Patel, Director, Health Office, USAID India Mission expressed her gratitude to AIIMS Patna for initiating the E-Grand Rounds and also RISE Jhpiego team who worked closely with the facilities to initiate the series. She congratulated all participants on their active participation during the E-Grand Round. The event was concluded with Dr Pallavi Sinha, State Team Leader Bihar, Jhpiego India giving the vote of thanks and the onsite felicitation of speakers and faculty of AIIMS Patna.





Social Media Coverage

Tweets from Dr Neeraj Kumar, AIIMS Patna



The event also garnered positive feedback from the participants:

“A very well-organized scientific program by Patna AIIMS. When will be the next?”

- **Dr S K Mishra, Medical Superintendent, Chakradharpur Railway Hospital**

“Thank you very much for excellent presentations. Thank you very much for AIIMS Patna for organizing this webinar.”

- **Dr Govindrao K, Deputy Medical Superintendent, AIIMS Bibinagar**

“Nice presentations. Thank you all”

- **Dr Chandan Dey, Head of Casualty and Triage, AIIMS Raipur**

“Excellent presentations”

- **Dr Avinash Prakash, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Anesthesia, AIIMS Nagpur**

“Thank you so much for nice presentations”

- **Dr. Alka Kapoor, Deputy Medical Superintendent, All India Institute of Ayurveda, Delhi**