



Report
on
Review Workshop
on
Hospital Safety

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Hospitals are the first institutions to be affected after a disaster. The hospital's patient care role begins with & follows the disaster. Particularly, during the first phase of a disaster more admission & treatment capacities are required in the hospital. Special preparedness planning has to be in effect not only at the disaster area but also at the hospitalization area. Keeping in view the various preparedness aspects pertaining to the hospitals a two day's workshop on Hospital Safety, Mass Casualty Management & Hospital DM Planning was organised on 9th & 10th Nov 2012 at Delhi Secretariat.

The hospitals both Private & Govt. located across the NCT of Delhi participated in the workshop. The experts from NDMA & various other National & International Organisations acquainted the participants with the vital areas of disaster preparedness.

As Mass Admission of Patients during disasters is a very challenging task, emphasis was laid on Preparation of Disaster Management Plan of all Hospitals. A template containing 27 points was shared by the experts from NDMA. All the participants were directed to fill the given template & also document the Disaster Management Plan of their Hospitals. The review of the Hospital Disaster Management Plans of all hospitals was scheduled on 21st Nov 2012 at Delhi Secretariat.

At the onset of the review workshop Ms. Naghma Firdaus, Senior Specialist, NDMA welcomed all the participants & informed the participants about the activities to be taken up in the workshop.

Further, Shri Kuldeep Singh Gangar, Special Secretary (Revenue & DM) in his introductory speech said that " preparedness for disasters is a dynamic process. The objective of organising the workshops on Hospital Safety is to prepare the hospitals through the development of emergency response systems, staff training & purchase of equipment & materials so that it can continue caring for its present patients, protect its own staff & respond to the needs presented by the disaster. Finally, hospital preparedness can be enhanced more rapidly if standardised state & national guidelines for model hospital DMP, staff training, disaster drills & accreditation of hospitals based on DMP are developed & widely disseminated".

After the introductory speech, the plans of all hospitals were reviewed by the experts from NDMA, CBDM & National Institute of Health & Family Welfare. Five groups headed by the following experts were formed.

Group 1 : Dr. Parmeshwar Kumar & Dr. Karan Sachdeva from AIIMS.

Group 2 : Dr. Punit Bhagat & Dr. Mehraj

Group 3 : Dr. Manoj Vimal & Dr. Yuvi Das

Group 4 : Dr. Sudha Agrawal & Dr. S.K. Dutt

Group 5 : Dr. Rakesh Kumar Gupta & Dr. Mrityunjay Kumar from NIHW

As 53 hospitals participated in the review workshop. 10 plans were reviewed by each group of experts on the basis of checklist formed by NDMA. The templates & DM Plans brought by the hospitals were reviewed in detail by the experts & inputs for further improvement were also deliberated.

On completion of the review of all plans, Shri Alok Sharma, SDM (Vasant Vihar) thanked all the experts for providing their valuable guidance & all the participants for their benign presence. The workshop concluded at 3:30 P.M.

Keeping in view the above notion a review workshop on hospital safety, followed by a two day's workshop on Hospital Safety was conducted on 21st Nov 2012 at Delhi Secretariat.