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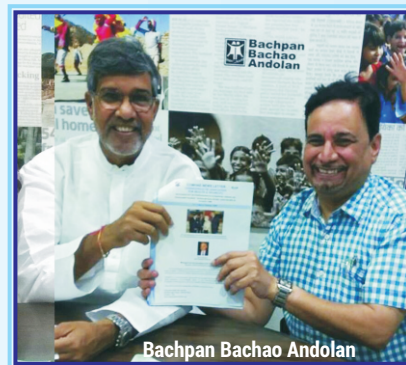


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## REPORT

### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF COMHAD, CHPA & IAP 2015

The International Conference of COMHAD, CHPA and IAP Nagpur 2015 along with UNICEF, DMER, MUHS, India & Bangladesh Chapter of COMHAD was organised at Nagpur on 5th & 6th December 2015 at Hotel Centre Point Ramdaspath Nagpur.

It has been a great success to hold the most prestigious International Conference of COMHAD, CHPA & IAP 2015 at Nagpur, India. We had a gathering of about 700 delegates from all over India and Bangladesh consisting of general practitioners, paediatricians, therapists, counsellors, parents, NGOs, lawyers, and special educators.

The theme of the conference was "Global Empowerment and Inclusion of Special Children". Following topics were discussed in the conference.

In addition to the main conference, there was pre conference workshop on "Surgical Insight in managing the Spasticity" and two parallel workshops one on "UNICEF Workshop on IYCF, SAM & F-IMNCI" and the other on "Autism: Challenges & Beyond" for the attending delegates.

About 100 parents participated in "Autism: Challenges and Beyond" workshop. About 75 therapists attended one day pre-conference workshop on "Surgical Insight in managing the Spasticity" by Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgeon Dr Viraj Shingade. Thus the total delegates exceeded 700 approximately.

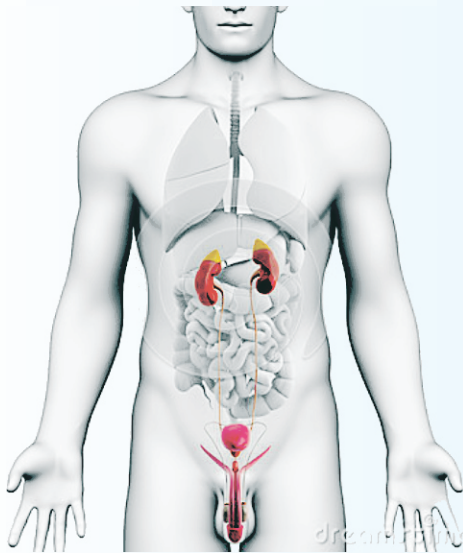
The deliberations of key International and National faculties were a rich fare for the attending delegates. Topics discussed were – Autism spectrum disorders, Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, Specific learning disability, Global developmental delay, Hearing and speech disorder, Psychopharmacology, Do's and Don't adolescent issues, Mixed bag, Surgical intervention in disability, Recent advances in rehabilitation, Ophthalmic disability, Adaptive devices, Recent advances in therapy – Gene/Stem cell therapy.

Honorable Shri Nitinji Gadkari Union Cabinet Minister of Road transport, Highways & Shipping, Govt Of India was the Chief Guest. Shri Nanasahab Badole Cabinet Minister of Govt Of Maharashtra in Social justice & Empowerment, Prof Sirajul Islam past International President COMHAD, Prof Sam Lingam President elect COMHAD (UK), Dr Milind Mane MLA were the guests of honour.

A melodious & soulful rendition of an orchestra "Swaranand" was given by 100 differently abled children from Anandwan, Warora, on the first day of conference. Hon. Dr Vikas Baba Amte is the inspiration behind this orchestra.

Dr Uday Bodhankar International President COMHAD, Dr Yashwant Patil Organizing Chairman, Dr Suchit Bagde Organizing Secretary, Dr R G Patil President IAP Nagpur, Dr Prakash Sanghavi National President COMHAD India, Dr Vasant Khalatkar National EB member IAP, Dr Jayant Upadhye Ex EBM IAP, Dr Urmila Dahake, Dr Girish Charde Secretary IAP Nagpur, Dr Umanjali Damke, Dr Sofia Azad, Dr Shailesh Pangaonkar, Dr Avinash Gawande, Dr Kush Jhunjhunwala, Dr Anil Raut, Dr Shubhada Khirwadkar, Dr Jaya Shiwalkar, Dr Manjusha Giri, & all the organising committee members worked hard for the success of the international conference.

## Urogenital infections from Chlamydia Trachomatis Azithromycin or Doxycycline



A study by Stapleton in New Eng J. Med 2015, Dec. 24 on treatment efficacy of Azithromycin v/s doxycycline in treating Chlamydia Trachomatis urogenital infections revealed that treatment failure was 0% with doxycycline and 3% with azithromycin.

A randomized non inferiority trial was done on 310 youth (12-21 years, 65% males) with urogenital infections due to Chlamydia. Doxycycline was given in 100 mgm. BD dose for 7 days in one group and Azithromycin 1 gm in a single dose in the 2nd group. Both groups showed similar success rates (0% or 3% treatment failure). Adverse events were similar between two groups and were mainly gastrointestinal.

Therefore, Azithromycin in a single dose could be used as an acceptable therapy for Chlamydia Trachomatis.



## Flu vaccine for all



Eric Blondi from Rochester Medical Center after extensive reviews have concluded on the efficacy of Flu Vaccines that its widespread public health use is debated. Neither has flu vaccines curbed mortality nor the morbidity like pneumonia following influenza. This is much against American academy of Pediatrics (AAP) & Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP) guidelines of annual influenza vaccination for all healthy persons 6 months of age or older who are without contraindications.

## Use of Xpert MTB/RIF Testing for diagnosis of TB in Pediatric population

Raizada N, Sachdeva K S, Swaminathan S in MD current India have concluded in a study on 9149 specimens from pediatric patients that Xpert MTB/RIF has advantage of improved diagnosis, rapidity and feasibility of the test and simultaneous detection of Rifampicin resistance in patients of tuberculosis.

## Antibiotic Prescribing for Pediatric Inpatients



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