Dr Sandeep Sahu & Dr Kamal Kishore, Assistant Professor, Department of Anaesthesiology, Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical sciences, Lucknow, UP, India were at SUNY Downstate Medical center, University of Brooklyn, New York, USA as an observer in Emergency Medicine under Dr Bonnie Arquilla, Associate Professor during 19-21 Dec 2012

Our observer ship program was based at several New York City hospitals; State University of New York (SUNY) Downstate Medical Center, University of Brooklyn and State University of New York Downstate Medical Center, Long Island College Hospital, Kings County Hospital Center and Columbia Presbyterian Hospital. Our main mentor was Dr Bonnie Arquilla, Associate Professor Emergency Medicine and Director Emergency Preparedness of at SUNY Downstate Medical Center, Long island college hospital, Kings County Hospital center and New York Institute all Hazard Preparedness. At SUNY Downstate Medical Center we met Dr. Stephen Rennert, MD, Associate professor in clinical emergency medicine and Vice chairman of education and faculty development at Kings County Medical Hospital Center. We interacted and discussed the various aspects of emergency medicine education and development of faculty in this discipline.

We also met Dr. Roger P Holt, MD, Medical Director of emergency services at University hospital of Brooklyn. Both of them took us around the department discussed the functioning of various segments of emergency medicine department. Mr. Eddie Antoine who is administrative director of department of emergency medicine at Kings County Medical Hospital Center discussed the various administrative aspects like financial planning, rotations of various paramedical staff and interaction to government officials for smooth functioning of Emergency Medicine department. At Kings County Hospital Center, Dr. Eric Legome, MD, FACEP Professor and chief of Clinical Emergency Medicine Department discussed about the various aspects of smooth functioning of department and about the interaction and co-ordination of various cadres of the department.

We had an opportunity to visit Long Island College Hospital where we met Dr. Caitlin Jones, MD, Director of Department of Emergency Medicine. She showed us the pre hospital Emergency medical services, Triage area, various procedure rooms where procedures are done according to the need of the patient, and they are stabilized and send to the concerned department.

We were also rotated to the Columbia Presbyterian hospital one of the most prestigious hospitals of the USA where Dr Robert Bristow, Associate Professor, Emergency Medicine department took us around the 150 bedded Emergency department which is divided to various parts like Adult care, pediatric care, psychiatric care, chronic illness care and outpatient care.

This observership by both of us in various hospitals in USA helped us to learn how the emergency medicine department function, role of every cadre of the department and became familiar with US health care system. The experience gained from various hospitals related to the emergency medicine enriched our knowledge. This experience will help us to assist in developing the emergency medicine department in our institute.

EM OBSERVERSHIP at State University of New York (SUNY) Downstate Medical Center

Dr Sandeep Sahu
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Dear friends and colleagues,

I am sure the expectations are high from you all as what is in the platter for this INDUSEM at Trissur. This year seems to be a better take from the medics and paramedics for Emergency medicine and nursing which is reflected by the number of registrations so far as we cross 2500 as on date. The academics goes beyond Emergency medicine in addressing other issues like healthcare safety both the workers as well as the patients, training the common man in what they are suppose to do in time of need especially aside the victims. The Regional meetings like EM-Pradesh in Lucknow and EM-KAP in Davangare showed the interest of the medics in building this specialty in our nation.

The ACEE and ACEN body expands with more members being inducted into the academia and the training as well. I am sure this year more medical colleges are already into Residency programme and many more to join now and in the future breaking all the barriers and mindsets. This year as we introduce new concept every year we shall be focusing on safety in the Emergency room for the patients and the health care providers and move forward towards accreditation process of the Emergency Medicine departments which paves the way for uniformity in patient care across the nation.

Meet you all in Trissur

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SUNDARAKUMAR
The Department of Emergency Medicine, SS Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre organized a two-day course on AIIMS Ultrasound Trauma Life Support on 18th and 19th May 2013 in association with All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi and INDO-US Emergency and Trauma Collaborative.

About 40 participants attended the course to enhance their skills in use of ultrasound in Emergency and Trauma.

Dr. Sanjeev Bhoi, Program Director, Associate Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine from AIIMS, New Delhi conducted the course successfully and effectively to the best satisfaction of the participants and faculty with the assistance of the members of his team Dr. Sagar Galwankar, Dr. Kapil Dev Soni, Dr. Jayaraj.

Dr. P. Nagaraj, Principal of SSIMS & RC and Dr. Narendra S.S. Professor and Head of the Dept. of Emergency Medicine, SSIMS & RC extended their assistance and guidance in the organisation of the event.

The 2nd Annual Regional Academic Emergency Medicine Summit representing the states of Karnataka and Andhra pradesh (EM-KAP) was held on May 18, 2013 to strengthen the academics in the Department of Emergency Medicine in association with INDUS-US Emergency and Trauma Collaborative.

Dr. Sagar Galwankar, Board Certified Emergency Physician, University of South Florida, Tampa U.S.A., on the occasion of EM-KAP, delivered a speech on developing an academic department of Emergency Medicine and Trauma Centre. His speech dispelled several doubts and apprehensions about the Emergency Medicine in the existing scenario.

Dr. Dhindsa received his Bachelor of Science and Doctorate of Medicine degrees from the University of Maryland and completed his Emergency Medicine residency at Georgetown and George Washington Universities. In addition, he received an MPH degree from George Washington and an MBA degree from Virginia Commonwealth University. Since joining VCU as a faculty member in 1996, he has completed Executive Fellowships in Physician Leadership and Patient Safety and currently serves as the Medical Director for LifeEvac and the Medical Director for the health system’s Transfer Center. He is a member of the MCV Board and serves on the Finance and Property as well as Audit and Compliance subcommittees of the VCU Health System Board of Directors.

Dr. Dhindsa has been an integral part and academic supporter of the INDO-US Emergency & Trauma Collaborative.

The Inaugural Regional Academic Meeting for the States of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh was held on 11-12th May, 2013.

In view of the fact that in addition to providing immediate care for life-threatening situations such as injuries and poisoning, emergency departments are under increasing pressure to provide non-urgent, non-emergency care for more patients who need to be referred to other healthcare providers for follow up care. Emergency department physicians and other healthcare professionals must be prepared for the challenges to children as children are not mini adults. It’s our pleasure to inform that Emergency Medicine & Trauma Center, King George’s Medical University, Lucknow, India organized first KGMU Paediatric Trauma & Emergency Medicine Pradesh Academic Regional Meet 2013 on 11-12th May, 2013 at Convention Center, K.G. Medical University, Lucknow, India. It was not just another emergency medicine conference but an amazing learning experience, designed specifically for all those who were involved in emergency care whether in a hospital setting or out of hospital setting (pediatric office or community).

This pediatric emergency conference provided insights for most critical areas. This forum empowered the delegates with the knowledge necessary to translate science into practice and enhance the ability to treat not only common but most bizarre pediatric emergencies as well. This Pediatric Trauma & Emergency Medicine Conference provided current, evidence-based practice information to boost even the most knowledgeable physician’s approach to the emergency care of children. A galaxy of national faculty and experts, including Prof. D. K. Gupta, Vice Chancellor, K.G. Medical University, Lucknow; Prof. V. Ravi Kumar, Coimbatore; Prof. M. Rama Krishnan, Chennai; Dr. Sagar Galwankar, Mumbai; Dr. Sanjeev Bhoi, New Delhi had their words of wisdom and expert comments on various contentious and contemporary topics. Nearly 334 delegates attended this convention.

It was a holistic learning experience of emergency care especially pediatrics. We thank the INDUS EM collaborative for their input in training us.