

Online Training Workshop On Ethics For Research Involving Human Participants

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Event Report

Jamia-Institutional Ethics Committee and Faculty of Dentistry organised a two-hour Online Training Workshop on Ethics For Research Involving Human Participants on 7th March 2022.

The ICMR ethical guidelines for biomedical research involving human subjects are applicable to all biomedical, social and behavioural science research for health conducted in India involving human participants, their biological material and data.

In order to understand these guidelines, both in letter and spirit, training is beneficial for faculty, research scholars and even undergraduate students interested in doing research. It is also essential for current and future members of Institutional Ethics Committees. The purpose of the workshop was to sensitise members of Institutional Ethical Committee as well as researchers across all disciplines about how to conduct research in accordance with ICMR guidelines for research on human subjects as also CDSCO Good Clinical Practice Guidelines.

At the outset, Prof Sanjay Singh, Patron for the event and Prof Keya Sircar, Organizing Chairperson and Member Secretary, Jamia - Institutional Ethics Committee thanked Padma Shree Prof. Najma Akhtar, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia for her encouragement in organizing such scientific programs. The tremendous support provided by Prof. Nazim Husain Al-Jafri, Registrar, Jamia Millia Islamia in organizing the program was gratefully acknowledged by Prof Sanjay Singh and Prof Keya Sircar in their welcome address.

The resource persons for the workshop, Prof Y K Gupta and Prof Pooja Gupta are among the best in the field of ethical training in research, having conducted such sessions in various institutes all over India. Prof Y.K. Gupta, MBBS, MD Pharmacology is currently the President, AIIMS - Bhopal and President, AIIMS - Jammu. Additionally, he is Principal Advisor, India Strategy

Development – Global Antibiotic Research and Development Partnership (GARDP) and Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative (DNDi). He was earlier Dean and Head of Pharmacology, AIIMS, New Delhi.

Prof Pooja Gupta is DM in Clinical Pharmacology and currently Additional Professor, Pharmacology at AIIMS, New Delhi. She is Member Secretary of Institute Ethics Sub-Committee for SAEs in Clinical Trials and member of National Sub-Committees for adverse events following immunization.

The training workshop included lectures on Ethics committee functions, roles and responsibilities, Good Clinical Practices, New Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules, 2019 and Informed Consent Process.

Prof Y.K. Gupta explained in a very simple and narrative way ,about the Function and Role of the Ethics committee and IEC Constitution as per ICMR guidelines 2017 . Laying emphasis on SOP's of IEC to be in place , mindful translations of informed consent in vernacular language , removal of biases in sampling population, he categorically said that ‘ Bad Science is equivalent to Bad Ethics’.

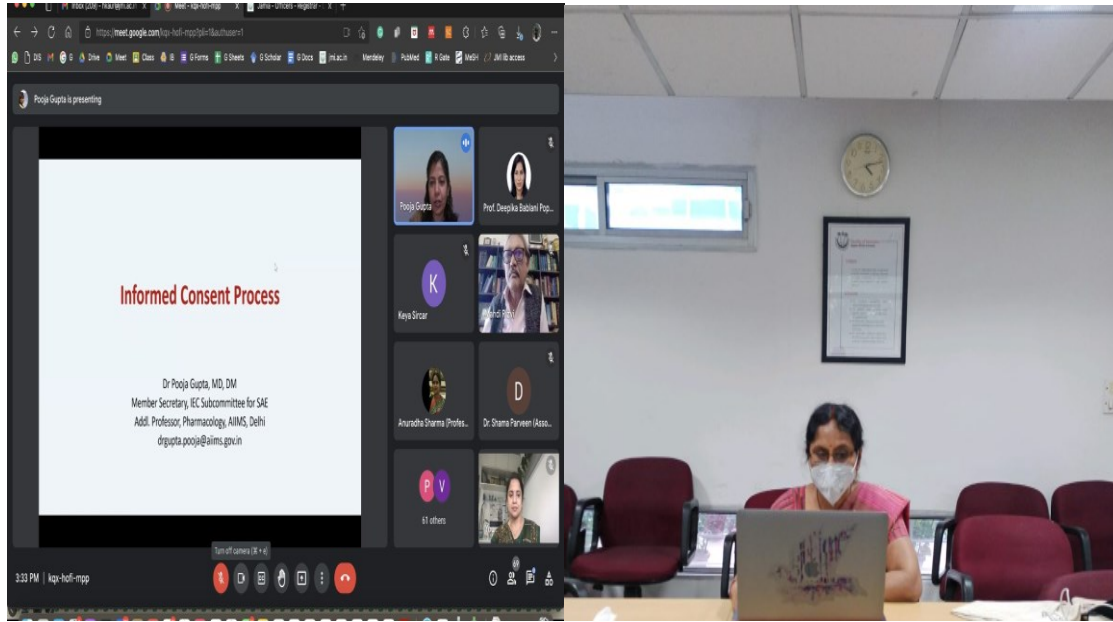
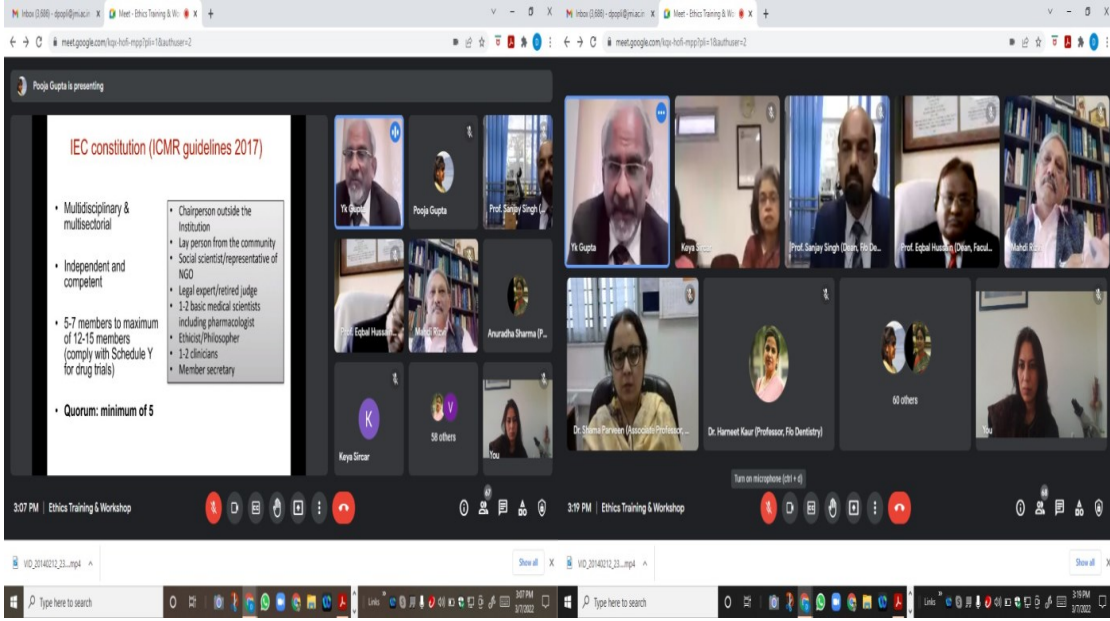
Prof Pooja Gupta elaborated on Good Clinical Practices and Informed consent process. She also highlighted that formats of proposals should be scientifically correct with good evidence behind doing a particular study and enrolling of vulnerable populations with due caution and consent process .

The lectures were followed by a very interactive Q&A session.

More than 80 people attended the online training workshop which was held on Google Meet platform. Certificates of course completion were issued to all attendees after submission of a post workshop evaluation form.

The Co-Organising Secretaries for the workshop, Prof Deepika Bablani Popli, and Prof Harneet Kaur, coordinated the technical aspects, discussion and conduct of the program in a seamless manner. The program concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Prof Anuradha Sharma, Organising Secretary for the workshop.





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