

PSG FAIMER REGIONAL INSTITUTE
2016 Fellows Brief Bio-sketch

Dr. Amrit Virk



She is presently Professor of Community Medicine in Maharishi Markandeshwar Institute of Medical Sciences & Research, Mullana, Ambala (Haryana). She has completed Fellowship in Medical Education (FIME) from CMC Ludhiana in Feb 2016. She is an active member of the Institution's MEU & has the additional responsibility of being faculty In-charge Post-graduate teaching and the Rural health training centre in her home institution. She is also Resource faculty for capacity building of staff of TI NGOs for HIV/AIDS for the states of Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, J & K and Himachal Pradesh. From this fellowship, she wishes to learn the 'Art & science' of medical education and better her teaching skills.

Dr. Anjali Kelkar



She is Associate Professor in the Department of Pathology, Bharati Vidyapeeth University Medical College and Hospital, Pune. (BVUMC). She is in-charge of the Haematology Labs and an active member of national and international haematology / pathology professional bodies. Apart from this she is a Technical Assessor for NABL and is also the Quality Manager and Coordinator for NABL accreditation of the hospital laboratories. She is actively involved as a faculty member in the MEU. As a self initiative, she implemented newer ways of post graduate teaching-learning in the Department of Pathology, in order to improve the active participation of the PG students in these activities. She is involved in the undergraduate medical curriculum review program of the institute.

Dr. Aswini Dutt. R



He is Associate Professor at Yenepoya Medical College, Mangalore. He is a member of NAAC steering committee, E-Learning educational portal, Board of studies of Physiology, Stem cell Research committee, Curricular reforms and implementation committee, Student mentor, Assistant Editor for University magazine, Organizing member and Resource person for a course on Scientific writing and for PhD course work. He has completed MCI Basic Workshop in MET at Govt. Medical College, Calicut, attended workshops on WPBAs, Curriculum Design, Assessment in Higher education, OSCE, OSPE and PBL. His special areas of interest include Metabolic disorders, Neurophysiology, Medical Ethics and Medical education and is passionate about bringing out innovativeness in these fields. He is the Editorial board member of 5 Journals, Peer reviewer for 10 Journals, published 30 articles and won the Best Paper and Poster awards in Conferences.

Dr Foong Chan Choong



He is Senior Lecturer at the Medical Education and Research Development Unit (MERDU), Faculty of Medicine, University of Malaya, Malaysia since 3 years ago. He had been involved in developing the University's new medical curriculum and currently manages evaluation of the new curriculum. He has additional responsibilities such as developing the Master of Medical Education, supporting "weak" medical students and managing Continual Improvement Projects of the new curriculum. His education background at the Faculty of Education drives his passion about educating the next generation. Recently, he received the University's Excellent Service Award.

Dr. Ganesan Chinnasamy



He is Professor in the Department of Anesthesia at PSG institute of Medical Sciences and Research, Coimbatore. Apart from this he has specialised in cardio-thoracic, vascular and neuro-anesthesia. He had attended three days workshop on teaching methodology organized by Medical Education Technology (MET) department of his institute and MCI. For the past fifteen years he is teaching anesthesia for undergraduate and postgraduate students. He is interested in bedside, problem oriented teaching for anesthesia postgraduate students.

Dr Hari Shanker Joshi



He is Professor and Head in the department of Community Medicine, Rohilkhand Medical College and Hospital, Bareilly, UP, India since the past two years. He has additional responsibilities like Coordinator in Medical Education Unit, Division head or Secretary of Institutional Ethical Committee and Deputy Superintendent of Examination in home institution. He has undergone three days Basic and four days Revised Basic Course workshop including AT-COM and attended both contact sessions (4 days first and 3 days second) of Advance Course (FIME) in Medical Education. His special area of interest include MCH including Immunization, Nutrition and Adolescent Health, HIV/AIDS and is passionate about successful completing the FAIMER Fellowship and meeting other Fellows.

Dr. Jeyachandran Ganesan



He is the Professor and HOD of Biochemistry department of PSG Institute of Medical Science and Research, Coimbatore. He did his MBBS from Tirunelveli Medical College and MD Biochemistry from Madras Medical College. Initial 11 years of his career was with Dr.Somervel Medical College, Karakonam Thiruvananthapuram. He has undergone medical education trainings in JIPMER (NTTC) and MCI regional centers. Teaching biochemistry and mentoring students are his passions. He is also in charge of Allied Health Sciences training technicians and nursing staff, general practice, research in G6PD, pre-eclampsia, and laboratory quality management are his other activities. He is an NABL assessor. Mathematics, physics, instruments, volleyball, football, films and travel are his areas of special interest.

Dr. Krishna Moorthi Adhikari



He is Professor in the Department of Pediatrics, Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC), Pune. He is also the Faculty in the Department of Medical Education and mentor guardian for a group of medical students throughout their college stay. In his administrative stint, he has commanded two Navy hospitals during his previous postings. He is an alumnus of the prestigious National Teachers Training Centre, JIPMER, Puducherry. He has completed the recently introduced Attitude and Communication (ATCOM) workshop and revised basic medical education workshop as prescribed by MCI during September 2015. His special area of interest is teaching undergraduates with innovative methods. He was selected to head the student delegation on an international exchange program to Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences (USUHS), USA during 2007. He has strived hard to deliver quality medical care to the most needy by conducting many multispecialty medical camps that include 15 locations at remote regions of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. He believes in doing his best to impart and assess medical education to enhance the competency and soft skills of students under him.

Dr. Kavita Vasudevan P



She is Professor & Head of Department of Community Medicine, at IGM&RI, Puducherry. She has additional responsibilities of being the Co-ordinator of MEU; member of the curriculum committee and the academic co-ordinator for the III MBBS part I in her institute. She has undergone training in the MCI-sponsored RBCW and ATCOM module and completed her Fellowship in Medical Education (FIME) from SRMC, Chennai.

Her area of interest is Curriculum development and alignment of the medical curricula to the community needs. She is the Nodal person for establishment of Model Rural Health Research Unit under the schemes of Department of Health Research, MOHFW and also the Vice-chairperson of RNTCP State task force (OR) committee, Puducherry.

Dr Madhuri Taranikanti



She is Associate Professor in the Department of Physiology at ESIC Medical college, Hyderabad. She is a FIME fellow and is the co-ordinator of Medical Education Unit of her Institute. She has a passion for teaching and research. Her areas of research are Cardiovascular physiology, Oncology and Medical education. She has presented papers at national and international conferences and has obtained grants and awards. She has several publications to her credit.

She is currently pursuing MSc Psychology to understand human behavior in a more scientific manner which would enable better connect with her students and colleagues. Her desire is to gradually streamline the system of medical education with good exposure of students to make them competent doctors.

Dr. Praveen Kulkarni



He is Assistant Professor, in the Department of Community Medicine and member of Medical Education Unit of JSS Medical College, JSS University, Mysuru since three and a half years. He has undergone basic and revised basic course workshops in Medical Education Technologies at St John's Medical College, Bangalore. He had also been resource faculty for two basic course workshops conducted in his Institution. He has attended and coordinated workshops on Educational Research, Humanities in Medical Education, Quality

control in Medical Education, Designing of MCQs, OSPE and OSCE as well.

His areas of interest in Medical Education are, workplace based assessment, innovations in class room teaching and quality control. Currently, He is pursuing MCI Fellowship in Medical Education (FIME) and PhD on establishing sustainable health awareness models in rural areas of North Karnataka under JSS University.

Dr. Paricha Upadhyaya



She is an Additional Professor in Pathology and has been working in B.P.Koirala Institute of Health Science, (Nepal) since the past 10 years. She has additional responsibilities like PBL coordinator and member of the health professional education core group in home institution. She has undergone basic teachers training and advanced trainings in PBL, Assessment and Thesis supervision workshop organized at BPKIHS. She has been involved in planning and organizing various teachers training in BPKIHS and has also served as a resource person in many of them.

Her special areas of interest include assessment techniques and is passionate about Surgical Pathology.

Dr Radha Kumar



She is Professor and Head of Department, Paediatrics at Saveetha Medical College hospital at Chennai since the past 8 years. Her additional responsibilities are as member of Medical Education Unit , member of Academic Council and Secretary of Audit Committee in her home institution. She has attended several conferences in medical education with poster and paper presentation, undergone training in a three days workshop on Medical Education Technology (MET) cell at SRMC, Chennai. She has attended workshops on competency based medical education and OSCE/OSPE. She has been a faculty in faculty development programs at SRMC and home institution.

Her areas of special interest include developing innovative methods to facilitate teaching-learning and is passionate about conducting vertical integrated programs and inter-professional training programs at Saveetha Medical College.

Dr. Shailaja.S



She is Associate Professor in Department of Anaesthesia, Father Muller Medical College, Mangalore. She has undergone a three day Basic workshop on Medical Education technologies in Father Muller Medical College. She is also a member of skills and simulation lab at Father Muller Medical College.

Her special areas of interest include doing clinical research, systematic review and biostatistics.

Dr. Suguna E



She is Assistant Professor in the Department of Community Medicine at Sri Manakula Vinayagar Medical College and Hospital, Pondicherry. Apart from her routine teaching responsibilities, she is active in conducting workshop on communication skills and palliative care for medical interns and research orientation for post-graduates.

She is faculty in-charge for running Community Based Palliative Care program in five adopted villages and also runs Pain and Palliative Care Clinic in the hospital. She has received training in palliative care at Institute of Palliative Medicine, Kozhikode, Kerala and in medical education from Sri Ramachandra Medical College, Porur, recognised by Medical Council of India.

Dr. Sujitha Elavally



She is lecturer at Faculty of Nursing, Sri Ramachandra University, Porur, Chennai since the past 9 years. She is a member of the educational unit in home institution. She has completed her PhD in the field of 'Biofeedback and hypertension'.

Her areas of special interest include non- communicable disease nursing, tool development/ validation and palliative care and is passionate about educational research. She has been recently awarded by Palliative Care Society , UK for her research work related to Indian patients with terminal illness.