



NPP Center 113: Update of activities

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Foreword

- **This Peripheral Center is under the Eastern Regional Center.**
- **Collaborating (primarily) with Bangur Institute of Neurology, Kolkata.**
- **Operational since December 2004.**
- **Core activities have gained an acceptable pace since June 2005.**

Center Activities

- A questionnaire based survey of the Knowledge, Attitude and Practice quotients of the clinicians of this center on ADR reporting was undertaken before initiating the Program activities.
- Survey report unearthed the grey areas in ADR monitoring at this institute.
- Report published in *Drug Safety* 2006;7: 641-2.

ADR monitoring

- **Initially general ADRs reports collected**
- **Now focused reporting from:**
 - **Neurology (Epilepsy and Movement Disorder Clinics)**
 - **Chest tuberculosis (DOTS) Clinic**
 - **Arthritis Clinic**

Data collection:

- **Reports collected: 636**
- **Reports dispatched: 602**
- **Suspected Serious ADRs: 42 (6.98%)**

Other activities:

- **Sensitization of UG and PG medical students about importance and methodology of ADR reporting & activities of the NPP.**
- **Focused data collection on safety profile of new antiepileptics - rare and interesting reports recorded.**
- **A series of Topiramate induced visual field defects reported.**

Achievements:

- 2 publications in international journals from this center pertaining to ADR monitoring:
Drug Safety 2006; 7: 641-2.
Drug Safety 2006; 10: 1001.
- Value added services provided to clinicians:
Drug safety related scientific publications
and new drug information

Problems encountered:

- **Reporting through notification slips poor**
- **Quality of reports often unsatisfactory**
- **Inadequate communication from zonal center and program head quarters**
- **Delays in fund disbursal**

Future prospects:

- **Safety monitoring of Antiretroviral drugs**
- **Focused monitoring of new drugs in the neurology segment**
- **Center activities and NPP related news in the Institute (IPGMER) website***

* Will be launched recently

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