

Conference

15th Annual International Conference of NATCO, October 15-16, 2022, Nagpur

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A two-day conference was organised by the Network and Alliance of Transplant Coordinators (NATCO) on October 15 - 16, 2022 at Nagpur. NATCO is a national body of transplant coordinators that is committed to professional development of transplant coordinators and advancement of organ and tissue donation in India. The theme of the conference was "Power of You" indicating that the transplant coordinators have the strength to overcome the two years of pandemic and get back to helping organ failure patients. The conference was held under the aegis of Indian Society of Organ Transplantation (ISOT) which was inaugurated by Hon. Union Minister of Roadways and Transportation Shri Nitin Gadkari.

Around 80 transplant coordinators from various corners of the country attended the conference. The conference was inaugurated in the presence of Dr. Sunil Shroff (President, ISOT) and Dr Vivek Kute (Secretary, ISOT) with the release of the proceedings of the 14th NATCO Conference.

A wide range of topics were covered at the conference including the following:

- Donation after cardiac death
- Advocacy for living donors
- Safeguarding transplant coordinators in living donation
- Reducing the time for organ transport
- Role of palliation in transplants

Padma Shree Dr Rani Bang, Founder Director, SEARCH (Society for Education, Action and Research in Community Health), Gadchiroli delivered the Swami Narayan Memorial oration. She spoke of her journey in improving the health of tribal of central India by using evidence medicine and policy changes. She spoke of the importance of integration of local belief systems and practices in her work. Her oration inspired the transplant coordinators.

Many national and international speakers of repute spoke at the conference. Some of the international speakers were Dr Gabriel Oniscu (President, European Society of Transplantation), Dr Chandra Bhati (Professor of Surgery, University of Maryland School of Medicine) and Mr Tony van de Bospoort, Hospital Art Studio, UK.

Mr Sanjay Prakash, MD and CEO of SBI Foundation graced the valedictory function and gave away the 'Swamy Narayan Best Transplant Coordinator Award'. The winners of the award were Ms Hemalata Parmar, Indore and Ms Neha Sharma, Chandigarh. The 'Dr Amalorpavanathan Best Scientific Paper' was awarded to Ms KKD Surekha, Vijayawada and the best poster was given to Ms Srividya Subramanian, Hyderabad.

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Release of the proceedings of the 14th NATCO conference: (L - R) Mrs Arati Gokhale (President, NATCO), Dr. Sunil Shroff (President, ISOT), Dr Vivek Kute (Secretary, ISOT)



'Swamy Narayan Best Transplant Coordinator Award' presentations chaired by Dr Arpita Roychowdhury (Chairperson - ROTTO, Kolkata) & Dr Archana Kumari (Consultant - Coordination, NOTTO)



Moderators of Scientific Paper Presentation (L - R) Ms Vrinda Pusalkar (Jehangir Hospital, Pune), Mrs Arati Gokhale (President, NATCO), Dr. R Krishnamoorthy (SIMS Hospital, Chennai) and Dr. Sanjeev Nair (Saveetha Medical College, Chennai)



Padma Shree Dr Rani Bang, Managing Director, SEARCH, Gadchiroli, delivering the Swami Narayan Memorial Oration



Mr. Sanjay Prakash, MD & CEO, SBI Foundation addressing at the valedictory function



Section of the audience at the conference

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