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**47<sup>th</sup>**  
*Biennial  
Conference*

**21-23 NOVEMBER 2023**  
**JABALPUR, MADHYA PRADESH**



## “First Combined National Conference: Interactive, Inclusive and a New Excitement

The National conference of CMAI held in November of 2022 was refreshing and inspiring for us as CMAI staff. For the first time, we had a combined conference of all the five sections.

This event not only garnered ownership of individual members to their respective sections, but facilitated wonderful fellowship among the CMAI membership. The response this year was so much better. It was interactive, inclusive and the members participated with a new excitement.

The Dr. Jacob Chandy Oration, Ms Aley Kuruvilla Oration, Dr D W Mategaonkar Award, Young Medical Missionary Award and

Best Teacher Winners added richness and meaning to the conference. The theme of the healing ministry 2022, "Fear not. Hope." was explained with a great deal of insight from God's word by our devotional speakers, Prof Jaganathan and Pastor Joytish Singh.



Concerns of the young professionals working in mission hospitals needs strategic intervention and addressing. **Human resource crunch is an ongoing challenge with inadequate solutions.**

There is commitment from our membership to their respective calling despite the challenges. They want to give more than their 100% to sustain and grow their hospitals.





Investment in people and relationships will definitely add to the growth. Government policies add value and restrictions in equal measure for healthcare service delivery. Finances for capital expenditure is becoming harder to get and project funding requires a keen understanding of community needs.

This followed by alignment of services both to the need as well as the mission of the hospital. The region specific epidemiology of diseases and therefore, effective interventions, is not easy. It is time, staff and cost intensive. **However, the importance of a community based service, is becoming clearer and clearer in the post pandemic phase.** Supporting our hospitals to take on these services which include mentalhealth, palliative care, geriatric care, counselling, and basic preventive medicine is necessary.

CMAI called for proposals from our mission hospitals to encourage this line of thinking and

we received almost 80 proposals. The process of vetting each proposal, discussing with the concerned hospital and finding donors is the next step. The church support and proactiveness will be crucial in this area. Governance of the hospitals is either a big barrier to sustainability of the hospital or a significant support. Many factors influence this aspect and this is where collective prayer support and constantly seeking His leading are the best solutions.

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This edition of our quarterly newsletter Life For All (LFA) marks the beginning of the new calendar year and I am glad to share a fresh theme for the Healing Ministry Week

2023 celebrations: **"Being to Wellbeing" – 3 John 1:2.NIV**

We look forward to insights from God's Word and wisdom in taking forward the mandate of CMAI.

# NATIONAL CONFERENCE, NABH ACCREDITATION AND THE ADMINISTRATORS

~ Elsy John | Administrators' Section

In this new year, may you find the perspective you seek in 2023. As a wise person once said, "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain". This is the perfect time to turn over a new leaf and follow your dreams. As an Administrative team, We can do it!

November 2022 was an opportunity to meet the section members attending the 18 National Conference of the Section. An opportunity to meet greet and learn from each other.

**Dr D W Mategaonkar Award 2022:** Mr. M.A. Abraham is a respected and accomplished administrator in the healthcare field. It's impressive that he was a recipient of the Dr D W Mategaonkar national award in 2022 from the Administrators Section. He is currently serving as an Administrator at Christian Fellowship Hospital in Oddanchatram. The Dr.D W Mategaonkar award is a prestigious recognition in the field of healthcare administration and it's a great achievement for Mr. Abraham and his contributions to the field.



**Progress of the section over past 5 years has been appreciated by the members**

**18th National Conference for the Administrators section:** The General Body of the section had a productive meeting in November 2022 with a variety of engaging technical sessions. The 62 participants had the opportunity to learn from experienced administrators across institutions as well as from experts on; resilient hospitals, value addition for administrators, and resource mobilization for hospitals. It's great to hear that the progress of the section over the past five years has been well appreciated by the members.

**The NABH Accreditation Training for Trinity Hospital, Tadepalligudem, West Godavari District Institution:** The section organized a successful workshop on NABH Accreditation Training in November 2022 at Trinity Hospital.

By training around 25 participants, the goal was to improve healthcare quality, patient safety, and patient satisfaction, as well as increase community confidence in the services provided by credentialed medical staff.

## LOST MARKSHEET

I, **Ms A. Rukmani**, have lost Diploma Certificate. If found, kindly contact me D/o. Ayyalusamy, D.no 164, Agrahara Street, Karisathan (post), Thiruvengadam (taluk), Tenkasi (dist), Pin 627753. Mobile no 8610944327



The training was necessary because staff had limited knowledge about the standards of healthcare quality and the new standards being implemented. However, the participants also faced some challenges in implementing the NABH standards in their institutions, such as difficulty in adopting some policies and standards, the high cost of the accreditation process, and the need for additional training for staff.

NABH Accreditation is a National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers, which is a constituent board of Quality Council of India, set up to establish and operate accreditation program for healthcare organizations. Continue to Pray for the Section and the forthcoming Activities. write to us for any suggestions, guidance, and support at [administratorsection@cmal.org](mailto:administratorsection@cmal.org).

#### ADVERTISEMENT

**Baptist Christian Hospital, (A Unit of Emmanuel Hospital Association (EHA), New Delhi) Mission Chariali, P.O. Tezpur, District. Sonitpur, Assam, India-784001**

There is an urgent requirement for 130 bedded full-fledged Multispecialty Mission Hospital located in Tezpur, Assam. Tezpur is 180 kilometers from Guwahati by road. Guwahati is well connected by Air (LGBI Airport) and Railway (Guwahati station).

**Medical Officers- MBBS**

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# ALLIED HEALTH TRAINING AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

~ Lyric Abraham | Allied Health Professionals Section

With the advent of artificial intelligence and machine learning, allied health professionals have begun to experiment with how AI can be used to improve their training and clinical practice.

One approach is to use AI to identify patterns or trends in patient data that would otherwise go unnoticed. This could help clinicians make better decisions about which treatments to offer, or monitor patients more closely in order to detect early signs of illness or injury.

Another potential use of AI in allied health is in the development of personalized treatment plans. This involves using AI to learn about a patient's history, symptoms, and medical preferences.

Then, the AI can generate a tailored treatment plan that takes these factors into account. This could save time and help ensure that patients receive the most appropriate care.



**AI is allowing allied health professionals to improve their training and clinical practice**

Overall, AI is allowing allied health professionals to improve their training and clinical practice in a number of ways. By using AI to identify patterns or trends in patient data, clinicians may be able to make better decisions about treatment.

And by developing personalized treatment plans, allied health professionals may be able to provide diagnoses and services more effectively to their patients.

## LOST MARKSHEET

I, **Anthony Shuvro Mondol** student of SDA School of Nursing, SDA Hospital, Ranchi, Jharkhand have lost my Original GNM marksheet having the enrollment number 16076095 and roll number for 3rd year marksheet number 719314, 2nd year marksheet roll number 718204 and 1st-year marksheet roll number 717104, along with the certificate with the serial number 8367 and enrollment number 16076095, the course was prescribed from 2016 to 2020 and the final exam was held on November 2020. If any kindhearted person finds it please contact Anthony Mondol C/o Mr. Mohan Kujur Contact no-+918768139564.

# HEALING MINISTRY, CONSULTATIONS, COMBINED NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND A CHRISTMAS SEASON

~ Rev David Ebenezer | Chaplains' Section

The CMAI healing ministry theme 2023 will be 'Being to Wellbeing' based on III John 1: 2. Under the guidelines of the virtual HM writer's workshop, all seven have submitted their Bible studies HM material before 15th October 2022.

The printed material in English will be circulated to Churches and Institutions and the regional language materials are available on the CMAI website to celebrate the Healing Ministry on the 12th and from the 13th - 18th of February 2023 will be observed as Healing Ministry Week.

## CACSAN/CMAI Consultation:

I participated in the CACSAN/CMAI consultation & strategic planning to combat substance abuse in Northeast India at Dimapur Association of Nagaland on 28th & 29th of October 2022.

In this consultation, I learnt that substance abuse, however, there are strong pressures from social stigma and possible legal consequences that may lead to concealment. Drug and alcohol addictions are often regarded as signs of weakness. Many hesitate to admit anything for which they expect to be criticized.

**Consortium for Global Education:** I was invited by the Consortium for Global Education (CGE) forum which was held at Caleb Institution, Delhi on 2nd & 3rd November 2022. The program informed that CGE has become a gateway to support global development in education with educators and students in nations for increasing student learning and a global world view.

In future, CMAI and CGE may collaborate to provide a global footprint for the CMAI members and CMAI institutions with a network of key universities in at least 80 nations.

## Combined National Conference 2022:

The CMAI organised the combined National Conference which was held on 10 - 12 November 2022 for all sections. I coordinated the morning devotion and cultural games for the participants. For our devotional speakers, Pastor Joy Singh from Delhi Bible Fellowship and Prof Jaganathan from Hindustan Bible Institute Principal - Online College were invited who brought deep wells of knowledge, and experience, and to recommitment the lives of all CMAI sectional members who spent in joyful grateful service of God who has redeemed and entered new life from life-threatening Covid 19.







This conference was a unique opportunity to express our faith in daily practical caring for others and embodying the commands of Christ; 'whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' (Matt 25:40)

**The Christmas program:** remains a benchmark in the CMAI calendar an emotional attachment for our staff to reassure and accept one and another. An A-Z Christmas program was held on 20th December 2022 in HQ, Delhi.

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This celebration brought special moments of blessings and felt that CMAI was their second home in the deepest sense of well-being.

I conclude with special thanks to all the staff for their continuous supportive prayers. If we had no rough roads to walk, no mountains to climb and no battles to fight, we would not move forward. Divinely led and brothers/sisters-in-arms, we are not alone but strong in the face of a bright and ever-changing future. Once again, I thank you all and say it has been a privilege in what we do for another year.

# THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS IN THE PATIENT-DOCTOR RELATIONSHIP IN THE GOOGLE ERA (COL 3:13)

~ Dr Abhijeet Sangma | Doctors Section

In today's digital age, where patients have online access to a variety of information about their symptoms and treatment options, the power of forgiveness in the patient-doctor relationship assumes a new dimension. Since the introduction of search engines and online discussion boards, more and more patients are using the internet to identify and cure their problems before seeing a doctor. As a result of this trend, several patients approach their doctor with predetermined beliefs about their diagnosis and course of treatment, which can provide a variety of difficulties for the doctor-patient relationship. They might have less faith in the doctor's knowledge and therefore be more hesitant to follow his advice. If their web research makes them think that the doctor's diagnosis or treatment plan is flawed, patients may in certain situations even feel resentment against the doctor.

However, overcoming these obstacles may need a significant amount of forgiveness. The patient's trust can be restored, and a more positive and fruitful relationship can be established when a doctor acknowledges any errors they may have made and offers their sincere apologies. Additionally, the doctor can assist the patient in comprehending the limitations of online research and the significance of expert medical counsel by taking the time to comprehend the patient's worries and explaining the logic behind the diagnosis and treatment plan.

Furthermore, when people present to the doctor with a self-diagnosis, forgiveness can aid the physician in resolving any potential ethical conflicts that might develop. Forgiveness can make it easier for a doctor to act compassionately and empathetically in situations where a patient requests a certain treatment that the doctor feels may not be appropriate for the patient. The doctor can assist the patient in choosing their course of therapy by outlining their thinking and encouraging them to get a second opinion.

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In conclusion, in today's digital age, the power of forgiveness in the patient-doctor connection is more crucial than ever. It is vital for doctors to comprehend the potential difficulties that this trend can generate as patients increasingly turn to the internet for medical information, and to use forgiveness as a tool to

negotiate these difficulties. Doctors may help to restore trust and build a more rewarding and fruitful relationship with their patients by being open, sympathetic, and empathetic.

When Jesus hung on the Cross, He said 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing" - Luke 23:34. If Jesus forgave our sins - sins that we committed in ignorance or deliberately, we as disciples of Christ can pave the way in the medical world and be an example to those around us, by our gentleness and willingness to go the extra mile and help the patient in receiving the best medical care possible.



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# WARD MANAGERS TRAINING AND CHRISTIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF BANGLADESH

~ Shimy Mathew | Nurses League

Wishing you all a blessed, happy and prosperous New Year 2023. May this New year usher in new opportunities and experiences to grow and nourish in the profession and in the Lord.

I had the opportunity to visit few mission hospitals in the last three months and interact with the staff and students in each of these hospitals. It is disheartening to see some of our hospitals going down in terms of in-patient statistics and qualified personnel to manage effectively.

It is time, we as nurses brainstorm and get involved in strategic planning for our hospitals, understanding the changes in the current health care system and needs of our society.

We also had the opportunity to meet our fellow nurse leaders in Bangladesh who were part of the Christian Medical Association of Bangladesh. We

were able to share our experiences and activities of Nurses League in India. We have agreed to help them with trainings and exposure visits. We were able to establish new connections and relationships with health care professionals there. As the

new year begins, we are geared up and ready to start our 6th Batch of Ward Manager's Training. We invite the staff working in clinical areas to make use of this training to empower themselves with skills needed to manage their responsibilities efficiently.

We are also planning to start **Refresher Courses in Palliative care nursing and Cognitive Behaviour Therapy for Faculty**. Please do check our website for updates.

May I remind you to kindly update your annual subscriptions in order to avail concession in all the courses and programmes planned by CMAI.



It is time, we as nurses brainstorm a strategic plan for our mission hospitals





Dear Members and Readers, Life for All (LFA), as a quarterly newsletter of CMAI is a great opportunity to connect directly with our membership. We put together news, highlights of events, reports from the field, a notice board of future activities, important announcements and regular columns by the Secretaries of 5 Sections of CMAI.

**Being the Voice of CMAI:** I encourage you to come forward and give feedback, ideas and views, in order to further share CMAI's vision and mission in action.

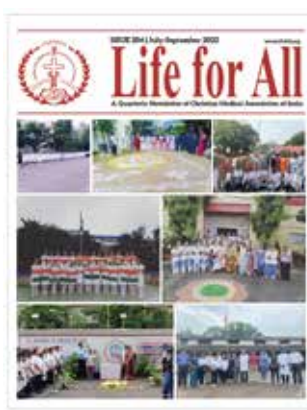
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**Write to us:** As we continue to disseminate information on behalf of CMAI, connect with us via email ([communication@cmai.org](mailto:communication@cmai.org)) to help our commitment to promote holistic healing to all.

Thank you,  
Christopher Peter, Lead - CMAI Comms



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