



Global Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (GAPIO)

Brief

Global Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (GAPIO) was founded by Dr. Prathap C Reddy Chairman Apollo Hospitals Group; Dr. Sanku Rao Past President of American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin and Dr. Ramesh Mehta President of British Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (BAPIO) in 2009 to bring together doctors of Indian origin working all over the world under one umbrella organization.

GAPIO was launched in January 2011 to bring together 1.2 million physicians of Indian origin in the world on one professional platform. This substantial workforce of physicians is a valuable resource, which can help to mobilize significant developments in the healthcare globally. GAPIO has representation from 32 countries and from 25 States in India.

GAPIO is a nonprofit organization and its vision is "Improving Health Worldwide". GAPIO stands to empower physicians of Indian origin to achieve highest professional standards, to provide affordable good quality healthcare, to contribute to local and regional community development and thereby help to reduce health inequalities and alleviate suffering globally.

Renowned National and International faculty has addressed the delegates at past conferences of GAPIO held at Delhi, Birmingham, Hyderabad, New Jersey, Kochi, Los Angeles, Kolkata, Sydney, Chandigarh Leicester (UK), Bangalore and Moscow covering Clinical topics ranging from Cardiac Sciences, Neurosciences, Diabetes, Gastroenterology and Liver Transplantation, Robotics, Nephrology / Kidney Transplantation, Oncology. GAPIO conferences are accredited for 4 to 6 hours of CME by local medical councils.

Community Service Projects:

GAPIO is constantly and actively embarking upon following community service projects.

Free Plastic Surgery Camp was organized by GAPIO from 10th - 13th January 2013 at Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh. A record number of 105 surgeries were performed during the four days camp ranging from cleft lip, cleft palate, palatal fistula, polydactyly, hypospadias, ptosis eyes, to burn contractures of face and neck, external dermoid cyst and hand and palm contractures. All hospital services were provided free of cost to the patients like;

Hospital bed, Anesthesia, Consumables, Surgeon fees, Nursing care, Meals, Free meals to the attendants of the patients. The total cost of this project exceeded Rs. 19,25,718/-.

Total Health - Project: GAPIO has embarked upon India's First Truly Integrated Healthcare System called "Total Health" which was launched by Padma Vibhushan Shri Prathap C Reddy, Chairman Apollo Hospitals Group on 27 October 2013, at Aragonda village of Thavanampalle Mandal of Chittoor district. This will enroll and adopt a population of about 70,000 populations for 5 years in the Thavanampalle Mandal and will focus on the areas like; delivering primary care, risk screening, disease management, training of medical / paramedical staff and technicians, and community engagement.

The "Swaasth India" web portal: GAPIO has assisted in creation of a web portal "swaasthindia.gov.in" in collaboration with MOH Government of India, BAPIO and AAPI and was formally launched by Dr. Harsh Vardhan, former Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Government of India on 28th June at San Antonio Texas USA. This would provide essential healthcare services at various locations in India with the help of doctors from overseas and India. This portal would act as matchmaking site where Government of India and State Governments can post their requirements and Indian Medical Diaspora internationally can view and apply for the same. Government of India has accorded the Swaasth web portal as a Government of India official website.

GAPIO Free Charitable Clinic at Secunderabad India: GAPIO Free Charitable Clinic was inaugurated by Dr. Sanku Rao President of GAPIO at 53, Gunrock Enclave, Staff Road near Narne Estates, Secunderabad on 13th April 2014. This clinic shall cater to 2000 families living in a slum, to help the poor and the deserving to avail primary health care facilities free of cost.

Free Medical Health Check-Up camp at Jasola

Free Medical Health Check-Up camp was organised by GAPIO at Allahabad Bank Jasola Branch New Delhi. The objective of the camp was to undertake screening of population against Diabetes, Cardio-vascular risk assessment and Osteoporosis. The screening included measurement of Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar Random, ECG and Bone densitometry test followed by consultation by Physician and Physiotherapist.

61 people were screened during the camp and follow up advice was given.

Free Medical Health Check-Up camps at Halonda, Sawaimadhopur and Sherpur in Rajasthan in 2015.

Camp was inaugurated by Princess Diya Kumari, MLA – Sawaimadhopur and Shri. Sukhbir Singh Jaunapuria, MP – Sawaimadhopur.

487 people were screened (61.2% men, median age 50 years, 38.8% women, median age 45 years) for Hypertension and Diabetes and also provide counselling for smoking cessation, nutrition, and weight loss.

About 24% of these had hypertension. Majority of these were newly diagnosed as hypertensive. A large proportion of the population was either prediabetic (29%) or diabetic (12%). Only 58% people were found to have fasting glucose levels in the normal range. 74.5% of these were newly diagnosed diabetics.

17% people were found to have tachycardia while 1.9% had bradycardia.

A large proportion of the population was found to be either underweight (25% with BMI <18.5) or overweight (27% with BMI between 23 and 27.9) / obese (16% with BMI 28 +).

Free Medical Health Check-Up camps at Sawaimadhopur district in Rajasthan in 2016.

GAPIO in collaboration with Global Health and Education (GHE), USA had organised, 6 Free Health Screening Camps from 14th October to 20th October 2016 in the following areas at Sawaimadhopur, Rajasthan. These camps were second in the series of camps held in these areas last year in 2015 with the aim to follow-up those persons who were detected to be high risk patients for blood pressure and diabetes as well as other patients examined last year.

500 people were screened for Hypertension, Diabetes and Obesity.

Princess Diya Kumari of Jaipur, MLA of Sawaimadhopur, was the chief guest on this occasion to inaugurate the camps.

GAPIO and GHE will exclusively organize camps for improving women's health in Rajasthan next year under which screening for cervical cancer (Pap smear) and Breast Cancer (Mammogram) will be conducted. This camp will also screen girls and women who are suffering from Anaemia.

Alongside a free Vision screening was arranged for about 500 girls in two Senior Higher Secondary Schools and 62 pair of prescription glasses were provided to the girl students.

This is just the beginning, there is a long journey ahead for GAPIO.