



Report of the 5th Annual Conference of The Telemedicine Society of India, Odisha Chapter (Oditelecon 2016) held at Baripada, Odisha on 16-17 April, 2016

The 5th Annual Conference of The Telemedicine Society of India (TSI), Odisha Chapter (Oditelecon 2016) was organized by the TSI, Odisha Chapter jointly with Dist. Hqrs. Hospital, Baripada. on 16th & 17th April 2016 at Prayas (Skill Up-gradation Training Center), Murgabadi, Baripada, Odisha. A total number of 157 delegates from inside & outside the State of Odisha participated in the conference. The theme of the conference was “15 years of Telehealth Practice – where have we reached”. Dr. Chandan Murmu, Chief District Medical Officer of Mayurbhanja district was the organizing chairman and Dr. Sibananda Mohanty, senior surgeon-cum-Joint Director-II from Baripada was the organizing secretary of the conference.

A workshop on “Introduction to Telemedicine” was held from 4.00pm to 6.30pm on 16th April 2016. Dr. P. K. Pradhan, ex- EC member of TSI and presently professor of nuclear medicine at SGPGIMS, Lucknow was the convener of the workshop. He talked on requirements to set up a new telemedicine platform in a health institution. Sony VC System was demonstrated by Mr. Saugat Majumdar from S-Cube Consultancy Services, Kolkata. Mr. S. S. Narwariya from CDAC, Pune spoke on telemedicine software with special emphasis on Mercury & Nimbus. Mr. Dhayanandan from DCL Software, Chennai talked on Flat A3 scanner, 12 lead ECG machine and other telemedicine hardware. Ms. Geetarani Swain, AGM, BSNL, Baripada talked on terrestrial connectivity available in Odisha to support telemedicine services. Dr. R. Kim delivered a lecture over skype from Madurai. In his talk he narrated the success story of tele-ophthalmology care offered by Aravind Eye Hospitals to people of rural India.

The conference was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Damodar Acharya, ex-Director of IIT, Kharagpur. Collector-cum-District Magistrate of Mayurbhanja Mr. Rajesh Pravakar Patil and Director of Health Services, Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar Dr. Chitta Ranjan Nayak were the guests of honor. President, TSI Odisha chapter Prof. B. N. Mohanty, presided over the meeting. Dr. Chandan Murmu as organizing chairman delivered welcome address, whereas Dr. C. R. Dash, reception committee chairman-cum-President IMA, Baripada talked about the role of IMA members in popularizing the new medical technology.

The state nodal officer of Odisha Telemedicine Network gave a brief report on “Tele-Health Practice in Odisha- a journey over 15 years”. Dr. B. S. Ratta, immediate past-president of TSI delivered a lecture over skype from Pune on “Affordable and Accessible Health Care anywhere, everywhere”. Prof. Ramnath Mishra, ex-Dean and present head of the department of clinical immunology at SGPGIMS, Lucknow delivered a lecture on “Enhancing clinical skill of medical professionals in Rheumatology Practice using Telemedicine Technology as a training tool”. Prof. P. K. Pradhan from SGPGIMS, Lucknow talked on Continuity of Care in Telehealth Practice; Prof. I. B.

Kar ,president-elect of TSI, Odisha Chapter from SCB Dental College, Cuttack; Dr.P K B Patnaik , joint director, Non Communicable Diseases, Govt. of Odisha and Dr.Luci Patnaik, Asst. Professor, Radiation Oncology from Regional Cancer Center, Cuttack were the other speakers in the conference. .

. Dr. Sibananda Mohanty, vice-president of TSI, Odisha Chapter from Baripada; Dr. Bhabagrahi Rath from Veer Surendra Sai Institute of Medical Sciences and Research(VIMSAR), Burla and Mr.Sanjay Das from HelloDoctor24x7 talked on their experiences on the use of telemedicine and e-Health facilities.

A panel discussion on “Integrating telemedicine to traditional health care delivery system” was held in the afternoon on 17th April moderated by Dr.Ramnath Mishra.The panelists were Dr. P K Pradhan, SGPGIMS, Lucknow; Dr.Prabeer Ch. Mohanty, AIIMS, Bhubaneswar; Dr.C R Dash, IMA, Baripada; Dr.C R Nayak, DHS(Odisha),Bhubaneswar and Dr.B N Mohanty, SCB MC, Cuttack.

There were 18 speakers in the conference from 17 different organizations. Medical professionals from Dist.Hqrs.hospital, Baripada ; IMA branch Baripada; Dist.Hqrs. hospital, Balasore ; All Sub Divisional and peripheral medical institutions of Mayurbhanja attended the conference in good number. Telemedicine nodal officers and telemedicine technical personnel from Govt. Medical colleges & District Hqrs. hospitals attended the conference. Govt. permission was granted to all of them with provision of TA for attending the conference. The special feature of this conference was participation by many Ayush medical officers from CHCs and PHCs of Mayurbhanja district.

The Annual General Body Meeting of The TSI, Odisha Chapter was held on 16th evening. The following members were elected as officer bearers of TSI, Odisha Chapter for the year 2016-2017.

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| President: | Dr.Indu Bhusan Kar, Cuttack |
| Immediate Past-President : | Dr.Biswa Narayan Mohanty, Cuttack |
| President-elect: | Dr.Sibananda Mohanty, Baripada |
| Vice-President: | Dr.Surendra Nath Senapati, Cuttack |
| Secretary: | Dr.Arun Kumar Mohanty, Cuttack |
| Jt.Secretary-cum-Treasurer: | Dr.Kaushik Mishra, Jagatsinghpur |
| Executive Members: | Dr.Biswajit Mohapatra, Rourkela |
| | Dr. Prabeer Chandra Mohanty, Bhubaneswar |
| | Dr.Sandeep Kumar Panigrahi, Bhubaneswar, |

Oditelecon 2016 made the following recommendations in consultation with State Nodal Officer/Telemedicine & Director of Health Services, Govt. of Odisha :

1. Allopathic and Ayush doctors will work together to enhance the utilization of telemedicine facility in the state of Odisha.

2. The private practitioners would be encouraged to use the telemedicine facilities available in the Govt. Health Institutions as and when required by them.
3. TSI, Odisha Chapter would help in establishment of telemedicine nodes in private hospitals and clinics of semi-urban and rural areas in consultation with concerned vendors.

Dr.A K Mohanty
Hony.Secretary
TSI, Odisha Chapter
