



**HIV/AIDS - Maternal, Neonatal & Child Health - TB
Symposium**

**A collaborative event between the
Commonwealth Pharmacists Association
Indian Pharmaceutical Association**

THEME:

**The Role of the Pharmacist
in the Management of HIV/AIDS, Maternal and Child Health and TB**

12 and 13 March 2010

Chennai, India

Evaluation Report and Symposium Outcomes

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Introduction

The Symposium was held on 12 and 13 March 2010 following an invitation from the Commonwealth Pharmacists Association to the Indian Pharmaceutical Association to hold an important event on the Pharmacists Role in HIV/AIDS and TB in India. The Indian Pharmaceutical Association readily agreed to help organise this Symposium which was a collaborative event between the Commonwealth Pharmacists Association (CPA) and the Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA) and was supported by the Commonwealth Foundation.

The programme for each day was divided into late morning sessions consisting of a series of presentations with discussion: the subsequent afternoon sessions were then linked to interactive workshops composed of plenary sessions and discussion groups.

On the **first day** the morning presentations began with an introduction by Dr Joseph Amazu, Health Adviser at the Commonwealth Secretariat. He gave an overview of HIV infection across the world, and explained why HIV/AIDS was still highly stigmatised,

This was followed by Dr S. P. Thyagarajan, the Pro-Chancellor for Research at Sir Ramachandra University in Chennai, who spoke about the Government Policy on the availability of anti-retroviral drugs in India and the ways to prevent Mother-to-Child Transmission. The last speaker in the morning was Mrs A. Indhu, the Team Leader from Tamil Nadu State AIDS Control Society in Chennai who set out the Indian National Plan for HIV/AIDS and underlined where the Pharmacist fitted in to patient care in this area.

The afternoon Session consisted of presentations by Dr Adepu Ramesh, Professor of Pharmacy Practice at the J.S.S. College of Pharmacy in Mysore, who spoke about the role of Community and Hospital Pharmacists in HIV/AIDS and TB, Mrs Manjiri, Vice Principal, K.M.Kundanani Pharmacy Polytechnic in Mumbai, who spoke about the role of Pharmacists in TB and finally by Ms JimitaTorasker from IPASF who spoke about the Report on the IPASF AIDS Awareness Campaign. The first day concluded with the first interactive workshop.

The presentations on the **second day** were on the theme of pharmacists preparing to face challenges in HIV/AIDS, Maternal and Child health and TB. Dr S. N. Mothi from the Asha Kirana Hospital in Mysore gave an overview of global strategies in HIV/AIDS and Maternal health. Dr Jaideep Tank from FOGSI, in New Delhi talked about the Millennium Development Goals around HIV/AIDS and MCH, whilst Dr Mini Jacob, from the Faculty of Experimental Medicine of Medical University in Chennai, talked about the continuing education for Pharmacists in order to take up roles in the care of HIV/AIDS and MCH. The second day concluded with another interactive session in order to reach some conclusions and develop the Chennai Statement.

The workshop sessions commenced on the first day with an introduction explaining the overall goal to produce "The Chennai Statement on the Role of the Pharmacist in HIV/AIDS, Maternal and Child Healthcare and TB" the procedure for group work and arrangements for feedback. The discussions on the first day focussed on identifying the challenges through review of current practice enabling participants to identify difficulties and gaps in knowledge and training, in the workplace, in policy and funding. The second day followed a similar format with an introduction which outlined the challenges identified on the first day. The groups then considered the opportunities to meet the challenges and identified actions needed to enable them to be met. Each group consisted of approximately 20 participants with a facilitator and rapporteur appointed by IPA. A briefing meeting for this group was held on the evening before the Symposium and further briefings were given immediately before each session. In the plenary session at the end of each day the rapporteurs summarised the groups' findings. Each participant received an evaluation form for completion.

The results of the workshop were used to produce the Chennai Statement which IPA will take forward in the near future following the Symposium.

Evaluation

The total number of participants registered for the Symposium over two days was approx 90, although some people only managed to attend one day or the other. IPA had encouraged students to attend. There was good representation from those working in other parts of India.

On questions relating to symposium procedure most respondents felt comfortable to contribute freely to discussion and believed the symposium format allowed all relevant issues to be raised. The respondents felt there had been enough time devoted to the sessions, although some students would have like a little longer. The respondents' assessment of the interactive sessions was very positive with over 90% finding the professional sessions professionally rewarding or very rewarding and all but a few respondents returning data on this question. The respondent's assessment of the outcomes was also very positive with the vast majority (85%) believing the issues reported back to the plenary session reflected the views and opinions of the majority of pharmacists and health professionals in India, and that as individuals they could take a more proactive role in the prevention and/or management of HIV/AIDS in Maternal and Child Health and TB.

A number of individual respondents as well as groups at the Workshops made specific recommendations or comments which are summarised in the following Appendices.

Conclusion:

The Symposium was extremely successful in attracting a number of participants from Chennai and other parts of India over the two days. The attendance was fairly representative of a cross section of the profession and working environments, although Community Pharmacy was poorly represented. Particularly, rewarding was to see the large number of Pharmacy students who not only attended the Symposium but actively participated in it. The quality of the Speakers was also very high.

Individual contributions indicated a desire for Pharmacists to take an important role in supporting clients with HIV/AIDS and TB and be recognised as key players in giving advice and support.

There was a clear commitment to the outcome of the symposium and the value of the Chennai statement as a planning tool for the future. The challenges identified in the Workshop (Appendix 1) and the opportunities, changes and courses of action considered in the second workshop (Appendix 2) provided the basis for the Chennai Statement which has been presented as a separate document. Enquiries for other Interactive sessions in India were requested following this Symposium.

Appendix 1

Challenges Identified in First Session of Workshop

Specific areas were identified as being challenges which needed to be tackled to provide better care for HIV/AIDS, Maternal and Child health and TB.

For Pharmacists:

- Pharmacists not well equipped with suitable knowledge
- Specific training was required in providing the best treatments and counselling
- Training needs to be provided at undergraduate and post-graduate level
- CPD and further training requirements need to be identified
- Poor awareness levels amongst Pharmacists
- Lack of motivation and no incentives
- Need to work with other key health professionals

The Workplace:

- Facilities available at Pharmacy premises for storage, Consultation areas
- Pharmacy Practice and role in supplying medicines
- Problems with counterfeit medicines
- Effective communication with clients
- Patient illiteracy
- Rural and outreach facilities

Governmental Involvement:

- Government not aware of Pharmacists potential
- Pharmacists as key members of the healthcare team in HIV/AIDS and TB – experts in the use of medicines
- No defined role for Pharmacists in National programmes
- Little Pharmacy involvement in local/national policy decisions
- Incentives for pharmacy involvement
- Role of Pharmacists in rural/outreach areas

These issues were then considered at the Second Workshop Session

Appendix 2

Identifying the Opportunities

The Workshops in Chennai held in March 2010 reviewed the identified challenges and considered the opportunities for Pharmacists, changes at the workplace and where local or Government action was needed. Finally, courses of action were agreed by the Symposium attendees to take forward in India.

- Pharmacists have an important role in providing treatment and care for HIV/AIDS patients, TB patients and in Mother to Child care and the Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA) should lobby central and local governments to ensure that:
 - suitable training is given in these important areas on all undergraduate courses
 - all future training of Pharmacists should be through Degree courses
 - these courses should include period(s) of practical experience in suitable premises
 - Student Pharmacy Community Groups should be formed to provide practical experience
 - post-graduate courses should be made available and held at frequent intervals to update Pharmacists
 - these courses should preferably be at weekends or evenings and be "state funded"
 - better communication and counselling skills should be available for all Pharmacists
- Multi-disciplinary training should be available on HIV/AIDS and TB care and its treatments which should involve Pharmacists.
- All Pharmacy organisations in India should promote the incorporation of Pharmacists into the healthcare team
- All treatments for HIV/AIDS and TB care should involve the use of a suitably trained Pharmacist
- Manufacturers should be asked to provide better patient information and product information relating to HIV/AIDS and TB medication
- The Indian Pharmaceutical Association should discuss how Pharmacists can help/support patients on the question of stigma relating to HIV/AIDS.
- The Indian Pharmaceutical Association should encourage all Community Pharmacies to have a suitable Counselling area to provide privacy for patients
- Suitable training should be given to Pharmacists on Counselling skills
- The Indian Pharmaceutical Association should seek regulations to ensure continued education is a requirement for continuation to practice as a Pharmacist in India (re-assessment every 5 years?).
- The Indian Pharmaceutical Association should press the Government for better IT links with Pharmacies to ensure that Pharmacists are in a better position to provide total care to patients, and especially in the area of HIV/AIDS and TB.
- The Indian Pharmaceutical Association should support a professional requirement for Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) are in place in Pharmacies for key activities - especially around HIV/AIDS and TB care.
- The Indian Pharmaceutical Association should press the Government to provide a decentralised system for HIV/AIDS care and treatment through approved local Pharmacies where suitable facilities and trained staff are available.
- The Indian Pharmaceutical Association should actively consider lobbying the Government to provide harmonisation of local policies relating to the care of HIV/AIDS and TB patients by Pharmacists across India.
- Patients should ideally be registered with a particular Community Pharmacy.
- The Indian Pharmaceutical Association should strongly encourage the presence of a Pharmacist in a Community Pharmacy at all times.

- The Indian Pharmaceutical Association should lobby Government to ensure that Community Pharmacists receive a minimum practice salary, which should include Fees for Counselling Patients.
- Leaflet and media campaigns should be undertaken by the Indian Pharmaceutical Association in conjunction with the Government and other health agencies to inform the public about HIV/AIDS and TB treatments and services.
- Pharmacy involvement of these activities should be widely publicised throughout India by the Indian Pharmaceutical Association.



CPA – IPA HIV/AIDS CONFERENCE

PROGRAMME

Venue
Sri Ramachandra University,
Porur, Chennai

12th & 13th March 2010

BRIEF PROFILE ON CPA

The Commonwealth Pharmacists Association (CPA) is a non-government organisation inaugurated in 1970 representing professional pharmaceutical societies from over 40 Commonwealth countries. Over 1200 pharmacists from throughout the Commonwealth are personal members of CPA.

This combined membership of skilled and expert pharmacists, committed to serving their communities, enables CPA to work continually towards improving health outcomes for almost one third of the world's population.

Objectives of CPA

- High professional standards
- Dissemination of pharmaceutical knowledge
- Improved access to the highest possible level of health care in all communities,

CPA strategies focus on communication and collaboration at the international, national and regional level.

BRIEF PROFILE ON IPA

Indian Pharmaceutical Association (IPA) is the premier professional association of pharmacists in India, with a member base of over 10,000, spread across the length & breadth of the nation. IPA operates in India through 17 state branches & more than 33 local branches. The members represent various facets of pharmaceutical profession viz. Industry, regulatory, community pharmacy, hospital pharmacy & education. IPA is also actively associated in managing several academic programmes. IPA is affiliated with international pharma associations like FIP, FAPA, CPA, AAPS, AAiPS, IPSF & WHO, for carrying out various collaborative professional activities which include organizing training programmes for professionals from industry, academics, regulatory & practice, making representations to the authorities on matters of professional interest & working towards constantly upgrading the standards of professional services offered by the pharmacists. To promote the sciences and arts of Pharmacy in all aspects.

Objectives of IPA

- To impart suitable education and training to the members preparing for the profession of pharmacy or to those already engaged in the profession.
- To undertake, carry on or promote scientific and technical research, experiments and tests of all kinds in pharmaceutical and allied sciences.
- To edit and publish, journals, books, magazines, documents and other publications for promoting the causes of the profession of Pharmacy.
- To hold seminars, symposia, conferences and exhibitions for promoting the causes of profession of Pharmacy.

Objectives of the CPA IPA HIV / AIDS Conference

- Advocacy through pharmacists. Therefore it requires training inputs for pharmacists.
- Quality improvement by preparing Pharmacist to face the challenges in HIV/AIDS, TB & MCH and thereby creating measureable yard stick and monitoring.

Program Coordinator: Ms. Betty Falcon bridge, CPA; Mr. Raj Vaidya, Chairman, CPD, IPA
12th March 2010
Hall No: 1, Main Auditorium

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Inauguration CPA-IPA HIV/AIDS Conference
11.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.	Tea Break

Hall No: 2, Harvard Hall

CPA – IPA HIV/AIDS CONFERENCE – PROGRAMME	
Theme: Pharmacists preparing to face challenges in HIV/AIDS, TB & MCH	
1.30pm-3.00pm	Session III (Focus on HIV and MCH)
1.30pm-2.00pm	Topic: View of Global strategies in HIV & MCH care – And the Role of the Pharmacists Speaker: Dr Mothi , Asha Kirana Hospital, Mysore
2.00pm-2.30pm	Topic: Management & leadership role of Pharmacists in HIV & MCH care – towards achieving Millennium Development Goals 4, 5 &6. Speaker: Dr. Jaideep Tank, FOGSI, New Delhi.
2.30pm-3.00pm	Topic: Continuing Education of Pharmacists to take leadership in care of HIV/AIDS & MCH (Quality Improvement, Advocacy) Speaker: Dr. Mini Jacob , Faculty, Experimental Medicine The Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University, Chennai.
3.00pm-3.15pm	Interaction Session
3.15pm-4.10pm	Session IV Group Discussions (College of Pharmacy Block Hall No. 8,9,10,11,&12) Working towards Strategies for improving pharmacists role in HIV & MCH Care (Divide into working groups – hospital & community)
4.10pm –5.10 pm	Presentation of Work done by Groups & Discussion
5.10 pm – 5.40pm	Formulating National Plan & strategies for effective role of pharmacists (hospital and community) in Public hospitals, PHCs, CHCs etc. in HIV/AIDS as well as HIV/AIDS & MCH
5.40pm – 6.10 pm	Concluding session of CPA IPA Conference with concluding remarks & Summary

Facilitators for group Discussions

- **Dr. S. Sriram**, HOD, Pharm.Practice,SRIPMS, Coimbatore.
- **Dr. Ananda Vijayakumar**, HOD, Pharm.Practice, JSSCP, Ooty.
- **Mrs. A.S. Manjula Devi**, Asst. Prof., Pharmacy Practice,SRIPMS, Coimbatore.
- **Mr. Kannan**, Asst. Prof., Pharmacy Practice, SRMC, Chennai.
- **Mr. Sankar**, Asst.Prof, Pharm.Practice, PSG,Coimbatore.

Co facilitator (Scribes) for group Discussions

- **Mr. K.P. Arun**, Asst. Prof, Pharmacy Practice, JSSCP, Ooty.
- **Mr. Thennarasu** Lecturer, Pharmacy Practice, SRMC, Chennai.
- **Mrs. Vanitha** Lecturer, Pharmacy Practice, SRMC, Chennai.
- **Mrs. Kousalya** Lecturer, Pharmacy Practice, SRMC, Chennai.
- **Ms.Saranya**, Lecturer, Pharmacy Practice, SRMC, Chennai.

CPA – IPA HIV/AIDS CONFERENCE – PROGRAMME Theme: Pharmacists preparing to face challenges in HIV/AIDS, TB & MCH	
11.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	SESSION I HIV/AIDS, MCH SCENARIO,
11.30 a.m.-12.20 noon	Topic: Introduction to HIV/AIDS, brief of worldwide scenario, including MCH view. Speaker: Dr. Joseph Amuzu , Health Adviser at the Commonwealth Secretariat, London
12.20 noon – 01.00 p.m.	Topic: Govt. policy on availability of antiretroviral drugs in India – for general, and for stopping Mother-To-Child Transmission Speaker: Dr. S.P.Thyagarajan , Pro chancellor-Research, Sri Ramachandra Unvierstity, Porur, Chennai
01.00 p.m. to 01.30 p.m.	Topic: HIV/AIDS – India Scenario & National plan for HIV/AIDS – NACP III – and where the Pharmacist fits in patient care Speaker: Ms.Indhu ,Team Leader,Capacity Builder,Technical Support, Tamil Nadu State AIDS Control Society Chennai
1.30 p.m.-2.30 p.m.	Lunch
2 .30 p.m. – 06.00 p.m.	Session II Pharmacists in HIV/AIDS & TB Interactive Session
2.30 p.m.-03.15 p.m.	Topic: Role of Pharmacist in HIV/AIDS & TB – In Hospital & Community Pharmacy Speaker: Dr. Adepur Ramesh , Professor, Dept of Pharmacy Practice JSS College of Pharmacy, Mysore.
03.15 p.m. – 03.55 p.m.	Topic: Role of Pharmacists in TB – Public – Private – Partnership Speaker: Mrs. Manjiri Gharat , Vice Principal, KM Kundanani Polytechnic, Mumbai.
3.55 p.m. to 04.10 p.m.	Topic: A Report on IPA-SF AIDS Aawreness Campagain Speaker: Ms. Jimita Toraskar , HIV-AIDS Awareness Campaign coordinator, IPASF-IPA.
04.10 p.m. to 04.30 p.m.	Tea break College of Pharmacy Block
4.30 p.m.-06.00 p.m.	Interactive Session (College of Pharmacy Block Hall No. 8,9,10,11,&12) Participants will be divided into working groups- hospital and community Planning/Working out strategies for pharmacists to enhance their role in HIV/AIDS through hospital and community pharmacies Presentation by Groups & Finalization of strategies

13 March 2010

Hall No: 2, Harvard Hall

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Appendix 4

Survey Results

Table 1: Respondent gender and status, practitioners and students (n = 36)

Gender	Practitioners				Students	
	Pharmacy degree	Pharmacy Diploma	Other certification/practitioner	Other not specified	Pharmacy Degree Student	Total
Male	16			1	4	21
Female	13				2	15
No Gender						
Totals	29			1	6	36

Table 2: Respondent gender, age and qualifications (n = 36)

Gender	Age				Qualification			
	<30 yrs	30 – 50 yrs	>50 yrs	Total	Pharmacy Degree	Other	Not Specified	Total
Male	8(4)	9		17	16		1	17
Female	10(2)	3		13	13			13
No Gender								
Totals	18(6)	12		30	29		1	30

Table 3: Respondent gender, area of practice and employment section (students excluded)

Gender	Practice Area							Employment Sector				
	Hosp	Com	Ad	AC	Ind	Other	Total	Public	Private	NGO	Other	Total
Male	2	2	1	10		2	17	4	7	1	5	17
Female	2			9		2	13	1	7		5	13
No Gender												
Totals	4	2	1	19		4	30	5	14	1	10	30

Legend: Hosp=hospital; Com=Community; AD = Administration; Ac=Academic; Ind=Industry; Public=public sector; Private=private sector; NGO=non-governmental organisation;

Table 4: Respondent work locations (students excluded)

Gender	Work Location			Total
	Chennai	O/s Chennai	O/s India	
Male	3	14		17
Female	5	5		10
Missing				3
Totals				30

Work location outside Chennai those specified included Ooty, Kampur (U.P.) Kalyan (M.S.) Varasi, Mumbai, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Colmbatore, Hyderabad,

Table 5: Respondent assessment to symposium procedure (n 36)

Responses from students separately shown in shaded boxes for comparison

Question	Yes	No	Missing	Students n = 6
Did your group have enough time to discuss the issues raised	25	5		Yes 4 No 2
Did you feel comfortable to contribute freely to discussions	29	1		Yes 6 No
Do you believe the symposium format allowed all relevant issues to be Raised	24	6		Yes 4 No 2

Table 6: Respondent assessment of symposium interactive sessions (n = 36)

Responses from students separately shown in shaded box for comparison

Response Option	All	Students n = 6
No professional benefit	2	-
Little professional benefit	5	3
No particular response one way or the other	-	1
Professionally rewarding	12	3
Very professionally rewarding	9	-
No response	2	-
Unclear data	-	-
Total	30	6

Table 7: Respondent assessment of symposium outcomes (n=90)

Responses from students separately shown in shaded box for comparison

Outcome	Yes	No	Missing Data	Students n=6
Do you believe the issues reported back to the plenary session reflect the views and opinions of the majority of the pharmacists/health professionals in India	26	2	2	Yes 5 No 0 Missing 1
As an individual pharmacist/health professional, do you believe you can take a more proactive role in the role of the pharmacist in prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV/AIDS in India	28	1	1	Yes 4 No 1 Missing 1
Do you believe there are opportunities for professional associations to take a more proactive role in the prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV/AIDS –MCH-TB	24	5	1	Yes 3 No 2 Missing 2

Table 8:

Respondent recommendations for implementing the “Chennai” Statement (Participants could tick one or more options)

Responses from students separately shown in shaded box for comparison

Recommendation	All	Students n=6
IPA advocacy with its members	6	-
IPA advocacy with government, AIDS agencies and other NGOs	9	2
With the other Commonwealth Associations of Pharmacists	7	2
With consumers and wider community	4	3
Strategic planning	4	1
Benchmark document for monitoring and evaluating professional activities	5	1

Please answer the following questions about outcomes from the Workshop

Please tick Yes (Y) or NO (N) to answer the following questions:

12. Do you believe the issues reported back to the plenary session reflect the views and opinions of the majority of the pharmacists/health professionals in India **Y/N**
13. As an individual pharmacist/health professional, do you believe you can take a more proactive role in the prevention and/or management of HIV/AIDS – Maternal and Child Health and TB in India. **Y/N**
14. Do you believe there are opportunities for professional associations to take a more proactive role in the prevention and/or management of HIV/AIDS and TB in India. **Y/N**
15. Please tick one or more of the following options which you believe offer opportunities for implementing “The Chennai Statement” on the Role of the Pharmacist in the Management of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV/AIDS and in TB.

Advocacy by the Indian Pharmaceutical Association with:

- Its members
- With government, MOH, AIDS agencies, other NGOs
- With other Commonwealth Associations of Pharmacists
- With consumers and wider community
- Strategic planning
- Benchmark document for monitoring and evaluating professional activities

Other please specify:

This form will be collected immediately. Please pass the form to the end of the row where you are seated.

Thank you for completing this evaluation form and please pass to the end of the row where you are seated for collection

