

# **WORLD ANTIMICROBIAL AWARENESS WEEK 2023 WRITEUP**

World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW) is a global campaign that is celebrated annually from 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> November to improve awareness and understanding of AMR and encourage best practices among the public, Health care workers and policymakers, who all play a critical role in reducing the further emergence and spread of AMR.

World antimicrobial awareness week was celebrated in Sri Chamundeshwari Medical College, Hospital & Research Institute from November 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> 2023, under the theme “Preventing the antimicrobial resistance together” organized by Department of Microbiology.

Organizing Chairperson: Dr. Yashaswini MK, Prof and Head.  
Organizing Secretary: Dr. Megha S, Infection Control Officer.  
Organizing committee: Dr. Shilpa A, Dr. Rashmi and Dr. Pallavi.

On Day 1 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023 of World Antimicrobial Awareness Week – Posters competition was organized for 1st year MBBS students. Around 10 students participated and 4

posters were made by them related to the theme and emphasizing on the need of awareness. The posters were judged by Dr. Vasanth Kumar, Prof & Head, Dep of OBG and the winners was announced.

On Day 3 20<sup>th</sup> Nov, Community awareness in collaboration with community medicine department was done. Adarsha government high school at Matigere was visited by Dr. Megha S and Dr. Pallavi G.S, Dept of Microbiology and Dr. Harsha, Community medicine dept. Awareness on Antimicrobials, Antimicrobial resistance and what are the steps to be taken to prevent future development of AMR was done in local language. Handouts regarding AMR development and prevention were issued to the students and faculty of school. We would like to thank Dept of Community Medicine Dr. Sheetal, Prof and Head for collaboration and Dr. Harsha, Assistant Professor, accompanying for the awareness Programme.

On Day 4 21<sup>st</sup> Nov, World Antimicrobial Awareness Week – Doctors quiz competition was organized. Around 30 doctors participated in the quiz. The 2 toppers were announced

On Day 5 (22<sup>nd</sup> Nov) of World Antimicrobial Awareness Week program, 1<sup>st</sup> year UG students quiz competition was organized. Around 60 students participated in the quiz. The topper was announced.

On Day 6, AMR awareness Programme for General public (Patients and attenders) was done at patient waiting area in OP block and IP block. Dr Shilpa. A along with Dr. Megha S and Dr. Rashmi explained about misuse of antibiotics and importance of appropriate use of antibiotics such as completing the duration of treatment course, avoiding sharing of antibiotics and to avoid unnecessary use of the same if it's not indicated etc., in the local language for their better understanding. Pamphlets regarding the same was distributed among them to spread the awareness.

On Day 7 last day of the program, all the staff were told to "GO BLUE for AMR" in support for world AMR awareness, by wearing blue attire and photos were taken. All Doctors were told to take the pledge - "I will be an Antibiotic Guardian and stop its misuse/overuse", by signing on the pledge board which was kept in OP block lobby on 24th Nov 2023.

Following this certificates & prize distribution for the quiz & poster competition winners was done by Dr. Prabhudev B, KPSC member, Dr. Pravin GU, Principal & Dr. Roshan Kumar, Medical superintendent, SCMCH & RI.

- 1st year UG students quiz competition topper was:  
Rajath M M  
Dr. Santhosh. Professor, Dept of Pharmacology.

- Top 2 winners of doctors quiz competition: Dr. Vinay RB, Assistant Professor. Dept of Medicine.
- Poster competition: 1<sup>st</sup> prize = Disha M, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize = Dhanya S, Khushi Pujari, Preeti Vijayakumar & Shweta Biradar.