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# Vellore News

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## Vellore Presentations Evening

**7:15 for 7:30pm start, Fri 6th May, 2011**

Rosefield Uniting Church  
2 Carlton St, Highgate

### Speakers:

- \* Dr Viji Samuel Thomson *Fellow in Interventional Cardiology, Royal Adelaide Hospital*
- \* Dr Sanita Mary Korah *Registrar in Ophthalmology, Flinders Medical Centre*
- \* Dr Prabhu Premkumar *Fellow in Vascular Surgery, The Queen Elizabeth Hospital*
- \* Dr Boopalan Ramasamy *Trauma Fellow, Dpt of Orthopaedics, Royal Adelaide Hospital*

All 4 speakers are current faculty at Vellore on study leave in Adelaide. They will give us an idea of the services of their respective departments in Vellore & their time in Adelaide, focusing on how this experience will enhance the care of patients when they return to Vellore.

The evening is not to be missed by medical students planning a visit to Vellore. It promises to be a great evening, the speakers representing a wide variety of medical specialities.

You are **all welcome** for an enjoyable and informative evening. If you've not attended one of these before, why not give it a go? Supper is provided.



*Paediatric Neurology Clinic, CMCH Vellore*

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SA FOV Annual  
Dinner 2011  
Initial Details

From the President  
SA FOV

### Upcoming Events At A Glance

#### **Fri, 6th May, 2011**

7:15 for 7:30pm start  
Vellore Presentations  
Rosefield Uniting Church,  
Highgate

#### **Sat, 20th August, 2011**

SA FOV Annual Dinner  
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#### **Sun, 23rd Oct, 2011**

SA FOV Annual General  
Meeting  
Rosefield Uniting Church,  
Highgate

Since the last newsletter in October 2010, we have had an inspiring Annual General Meeting about the work of CMCH Vellore. This was held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November at Rosefield Uniting Church. Dr Chellam Kirubakaran, a former Professor of Paediatrics at CMCH Vellore spoke on "Small Beginnings: the development of the Paediatric ICU at CMCH Vellore". Dr Mesach Kirubakaran, a former Professor of Nephrology at CMCH spoke on the development of the renal service in Vellore and his experience working in Adelaide.

The committee has met this year to plan several upcoming events. We look forward to the clinical meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup>, where four Vellore faculty will speak (further details are included in this newsletter). We also look forward to this year's FOV dinner, which has been booked for Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011. We are hoping that Professor Suranjan Bhattarji, Director CMCH Vellore will be attending.

I am very grateful to the committee for their great work and to all of you who support the work of CMCH Vellore.

### Person To Person Programme

During the financial year 2009/2010, a number of patients were selected to benefit from donations given by the South Australian Friends of Vellore to the Person To Person Programme.

A total of AU\$3254 was contributed to the programme with 36 patients selected to benefit from the donation. A summary of two such patients is included here.

#### *Ajar Kumar*

Thirty-three year old Ajar travelled 1500km by train to be treated by CMCH Vellore. Ajar is a known case of chronic renal failure on dialysis and had suffered a bilateral neck of femur (hip) fracture. Ajar underwent partial right hip joint replacement and left total hip replacement and was hospitalised for 15 days.

#### *Gayathri's Baby*

Gayathri's two month old baby had been suffering respiratory distress. The baby was ventilated and treated with appropriate medications with the diagnosis being probable cardiomyopathy. With Gayathri's husband earning little income as a manual labourer and finding it very difficult to run the family, the family were not required to pay any money towards the cost of the hospitalisation and care of their baby.

### SA FOV Annual Dinner 2011 Preliminary Details

**Sat, 20th August, 2011**

**Fogolar Furlan Hall, Felixstow**

*Keep that evening free!*

*More information and ticket purchasing details will be available soon*

### GFATM Project: Award of Excellence to College of Nursing

The Global Fund to fight against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) was set up in 2002 to support countries in their fight against these diseases.

In Round 7 (2008-2013), India has been provided with funds to train 90,000 nurses and to strengthen the institutional capacity of 55 nursing institutions in India. To achieve the goal, the Indian Nursing Council, in consultation with NACO and FUTURES Group, has been implementing a Training Programme for nurses in India in HIV/AIDS prevention, care support, and treatment in accordance with NACO guidelines.



*College of Nursing, Centenary Building*

The College of Nursing, CMC Vellore, has been identified as one of the Regional Resource Centres (Sub-Recipient) for South Zone under GFATM, and was given charge of 13 Sub Sub Recipient centers (SSR). It has conducted 8 Training of Trainers and 29 Training of Nurses programmes, for which trainers from all over India and nurses from the Tamil Nadu government hospitals respectively participated. The Indian Nursing Council and FUTURES Group conducted a Workshop on **Roles and Responsibilities of GFATM staff in Phase-II** at Visakhapatnam on 29 and 30 January 2011.

During the Workshop, the College of Nursing, CMC was presented the Award of Excellence for its role in implementing Phase-I of the Project.

*CMC Newslines, Feb 28th, 2011*

**Pastoral Care**

Underpinning CMC's commitment to health, wholeness and the culture of care in the spirit of Christ is the Chaplaincy Department, which plays a vital and integral role along with the entire health care team. Nineteen chaplains and a large number of volunteers, belonging to a variety of denominations and language affiliations, provide spiritual awareness, orientation and focus. Chapel, located in the heart of the hospital, college and peripheral units, reaffirm the Institution's witness to the healing ministry.

An important responsibility of the Chaplaincy Department is to provide pastoral care, support and counselling to patients and their families. Each chaplain is allotted wards, units and other areas to minister to. They visit and pray for patients before surgery and other procedures. Holy Communion, if requested, is administered at the bedside. Worship services - open to all, irrespective of religious affiliation - are held regularly in all the chapels. Unique to the hospital chapel is the services conducted in 11 regional languages each Sunday - English, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Oriya, Bengali, Nepali, Khasi, Mizo and Nagamese. The chaplaincy library is another important resource for communication and care.



The care and nurture of the student and faculty community is yet another aspect of pastoral care. The Chaplaincy Department conducts regular Bible study and class prayers for the students. Over the past year, 62 retreats were conducted for both staff and students. In addition, plays, musicals, concerts, and movie nights are organised for the enrichment of the community.

*CMCH Year Book 2010*

**Community Health and Development (CHAD)**

The 130 bed CHAD hospital, based in Bagayam, is the flagship of the Community Health Department, providing primary and secondary care to the surrounding areas: the entire Kaniyambadi Block, comprising 82 villages, 120 tribal hamlets in the Jawadhi Hills, and urban areas such as Kansalpet, Sreenivasanagar and Kagithapattarai. CHAD provides leadership and training to several community development projects in the villages.



The Department is a pioneer in community based education, running comprehensive undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, in addition to courses in epidemiology, family medicine and public health. It also has a Community Health Training Centre and an Epidemiology Resource Centre.

*CMCH Year Book 2010*

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- Mahatma Gandhi

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