

Early Clinical Exposure at Hamdard Institute of Medical Sciences & Research (HIMSR), Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi

- A. Since very inception HIMSR has laid great emphasis in inculcating humanistic and ethical values among medical students to help suffering people. To acquire these values we have kept initial four weeks for **foundation course** starting from 1st August to 30th August, comprising history of medicine, ethics, biostatistics, exposure to hospital functioning, medical informatics, sports and English language teaching.
- B. After closure of admissions on 30st September we organize a '**white coat ceremony**' for new batch to formally ordain them in medical profession. They are briefed about the importance of white coat and administered 'Hippocratic Oath'. The oath is administered by a medical luminary. This year (2014) the oath was administered by Prof. Ranjeet Roy Chaudhary, (Emeritus-Professor and Advisor Health Govt. of India). The philosophy behind this function is to prime young entrant to 'Clinical Medicine' and tell them about nobility of health profession.
- C. Once the full scale preclinical classes are started from 1st October, every Tuesday between 03.00 to 04.00 P.M. there is a clinical meeting which is attended by all 1st to 3rd semester students, entire faculty (SRs, JRs, Demonstrators, Asst. Professors, Assoc. Professors, Professors, Dean and MS). The case and topics are informed well in advance. It is an integrated presentation in which 1st / 3rd semester students initiate the presentation. It is then picked up by the preclinical and clinical faculty. Once the presentation is over the floor is opened for discussion. To encourage further interest among students each presentation is followed by 5-10 MCQs related to topic discussed. We strictly maintain the attendance record of faculty and students of this activity. Our feedback from 2012 batch students has prompted us to continue this activity with greater vigor.

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