THIS MONTH AT GPH

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM GREEN PASTURES HOSPITAL

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RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY CAMP

A leprosy hand reconstruction camp was conducted in GPH from 11-15 Chaitra (25-29 March). Dr. Donald Sammut, a renowned hand surgeon from the UK, visited the hospital. Under his and Hand Physiotherapist Dr. Wim Brandsma’s supervision, hand surgery for patients and teaching sessions to staff were organized at GPH. In total 16 surgeries were performed, 7 for leprosy hand deformity and 9 non-leprosy hand reconstruction and plastic surgery cases (referred from Orthopedics and Dermatology). Doctors, occupational therapy and physiotherapy staff benefited from his leprosy related teaching.

ONE DAY EAR OUTREACH CAMP

One day free Ear Outreach was held in Jana Jyoti Adharbhut Bidhayalya at Nirmalpokhari on 11 Chaitra (25 March). 150 ear patients were seen in 5 hours. Many people took the chance for a check up, there were also a number that could benefit from hearing aids and even surgery, including at least two with serious ear disease. Many would benefit from follow up and more treatment at the Ear Centre and we hope they will take that chance.

BASIC LEPROSY TRAINING FOR MEDICAL OFFICERS

Dr. Prem Bhujel attended Basic Leprosy Training during 4-9 March at Anandaban Hospital, Kathmandu. The objectives of the training were to improve the knowledge and skills for diagnosis, management and control of leprosy.

NURSES TRAINING ON EAR CARE

The Ear Centre held a training event for nurses from GPH and other hospitals around Pokhara on 2 Chaitra (16 March). Over 40 nurses participated from at least five medical institutions. Sessions included basic ear anatomy, common ear problems, hearing loss, types of ear operation, surgical instruments and their care, post-operative care, and ear syringing.

OTOLOGY SEMINAR FOR ENT DOCTORS

On 10 Chaitra (24 March), 16 ENT surgeons and audiologists (14 from Pokhara and 2 from Kathmandu) attended a one-day Oto-Logy seminar led by Dr. Adam Master, a senior resident from the reputed House Ear Institute in Los Angeles. Dr. Adam led on topics such as specific surgical techniques and also vertigo. The Ear Centre team presented cases of patients with particular or unusual conditions for the team to discuss and learn from Dr. Master’s input.

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Dr. Adam (in red circle) with ENT doctors
TLM ANNUAL COUNTRY LEARNING

TLM Nepal’s Annual Country Learning (ACL) was organized from 27-28 Chaitra (10-11 April) at Anandaban Hospital’s Training Centre. The theme for this ACL was “Integral Mission”. The main aim of this year’s ACL was to bring churches, TLMN’s project leaders and partners together to find the opportunity to form networks, develop strategic relationships and promote the concept of integral mission alongside TLMN’s regular activities.

VISION TRIP FROM AUSTRALIA

A group of 9 visitors from Alice Springs Baptist Church, Australia visited Green Pastures Hospital on 1 Chaitra (March 15). The group had a short orientation of the hospital later followed by a tour which was led by the hospital’s Medical Superintendent, Dr. Bruce Hayes.

VISION TRIP FROM AUSTRIA AND GERMANY

Vision trip of people from Austria and Germany visited the hospital on 19 Chaitra (2 April). The team members have been long time supporters of INF’s work (over 18 years). The group had a short tour of the hospital.

PALLIATIVE CARE WORKSHOP

30 participants from different Pokhara hospitals and GPH staff attended an Introductory Palliative Care (PC) workshop held at GPH on 11-12 Chaitra (March 25-26). The 2 interactive days included improving communication skills, learning more about holistic care, pain and symptom management and increasing understanding about end-of-life care.
ENDOSCOPIC SURGERY AND LASER SURGERY IN THE EAR CENTRE

The first endoscopy surgery was successfully conducted on 4 Chaitra (18 March). This is an alternative to using a surgical microscope and it is being adopted in many international centres. This ‘keyhole’ approach is very useful for certain types of ear surgery because it provides an excellent view and avoids an incision.

Likewise, Laser Surgery started from 6 Chaitra (20 March). The portable KTP surgical laser has been used for ‘Stapes Surgery’ to restore hearing.

These are the new procedures for the Pokhara region as GPH Ear Centre is the only place to offer these modern technologies.

MOU SIGNING

A MoU has been signed between SON and the GPH Ear Centre for the project ‘Strategic plan to expand clinical services for patients with ear diseases and deafness in Nepal’ starting from July 2018-2021.

WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS TO THE TEAM:

DR. ASTHA WAGLE
Medical Officer

YUBRAJ ACHARYA
Administrative Officer

SARITA B.K
Staff Nurse

POONAM ARMAJA PUN
Staff Nurse

PRAKRITI KC
Staff Nurse

DEEPU DALAMAGAR
Staff Nurse

SITA ALEMAGAR
Staff Nurse

Farewell

We bid goodbye to our Administrative Officer, Mr. Dhyanendra Mani Tripathi. Mr. Tripathi resigned from the Health Services Department after being selected for the same role in Dang program under the Community Services Department. He served the hospital since February, 2015.
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT GPH

TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS

Warm clothes distribution for the admitted patients

Staff Celebration

To mark the auspicious occasion of Christmas, woollen shawl and fruits were distributed among inpatients. Patients were delighted to receive the gift and were thankful for the holistic care they have been receiving from the hospital.

EVENTS TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS

SERVICES STATISTICS

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