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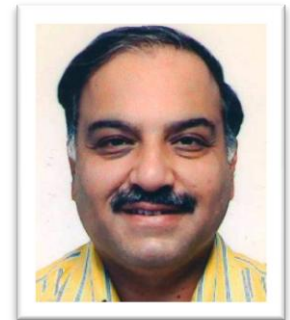
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Message from the President

Dear GISI members,

I am truly honoured to take over the role of the President of this society which in its very short period of existence has done extremely well. This has been because of the untiring efforts of all the members and executive especially my predecessor Prof. Chetana Vaishnavi. She indeed has been at the forefront right from the birth of this society and has been instrumental along with others in guiding it through its infancy. We still have to see this society through the difficult period of adolescence to adulthood so that this becomes self sustaining and is able to stand on its feet among the more renowned and older associations and organizations.



In order to achieve this above mentioned goal we as a society have to make efforts to have more members from amongst the gastroenterologists and microbiologists. This will go a long way in increasing the footprint and acceptability of our society. This is essential as a lot of fellow colleagues in these specialties are still not members of this society. We the members of the executive and all the individual members should take an active role in enrolling new members in the society. In fact we can encourage other specialists in the field like hepatologists, gastrointestinal pathologists and gastrointestinal surgeons also to become members.

Another aspect that will make this society more visible is through the organizing of more CMEs, symposia, conferences at local or regional levels. Maybe to begin with we should designate interested members to start forming local chapters which can then organize a half day conference or even a single lecture where one relevant topic gets thoroughly discussed.

I understand organizing even short talks or conferences is very labour intensive and has financial implications but I am sure that sponsors can be found considering the importance each member has in his/her local area. In this maybe a small local group can address meeting regarding gastrointestinal infections in various scientific fora of other specialties.

I would also request all the GISI members to contribute articles – reviews, brief summary of their own work or research to the GISI journal (Journal of Gastrointestinal Infections) and news about academic achievements to the GISI newsletter.

I am indeed grateful for this opportunity to serve this society as President and hope that in the coming years we are able to establish this society as a very important one in the country. I thank the outgoing executive and welcome the new executive and wish every member the very best.

Atul Sachdev



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NEWSLETTER

Dr Sandeep Dogra

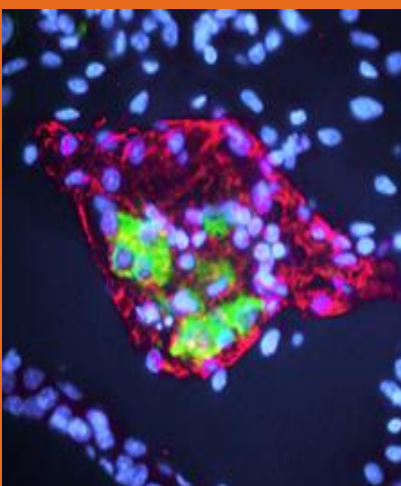
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IN NEWS

Antibiotic exposure and risk for inflammatory bowel disease

Genetic and environmental factors contribute to the risk of developing inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). A new study suggests that exposure during early childhood to antibiotics that target anaerobic bacteria increases the risk for IBD. This was shown in a large population study from the United Kingdom, in which anti-anaerobic antibiotic exposure increased the relative risk for IBD by 84 percent. The risk was greatest for exposures before one year of age as compared with later in childhood or adolescence.

Fecal microbiota transplant for *Clostridium difficile* infection

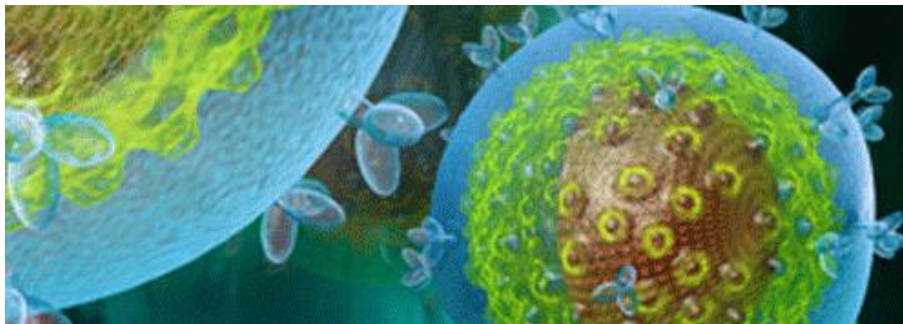
Approximately 25 percent of patients with *Clostridium difficile* (*C. difficile*)-associated diarrhea have recurrent disease after an initial course of antibiotic therapy. In an open label randomized controlled trial, 43 patients with recurrent *C. difficile* infection after at least one course of antibiotic therapy were randomly assigned to one of three treatment arms: duodenal infusion of donor feces preceded by an abbreviated regimen of vancomycin (vancomycin 500 mg QID for four days) and bowel lavage; a standard vancomycin regimen (vancomycin 500 mg QID for 14 days); or a standard vancomycin regimen with bowel lavage. A single infusion of donor feces resulted in significantly higher rates of resolution of *C. difficile*-associated diarrhea without relapse at 10 weeks as compared with a standard vancomycin regimen with or without bowel lavage (81, 23, and 31 percent, respectively)

Source: <http://www.uptodate.com>

NEW LIFE MEMBERS



ANNOUNCEMENTS



GISI team welcomes the following new life members:

Dr. Rama Chaudhry
Dr. Devinder Singh
Ms. Sneha Dadarya
Mr. Tukuram K Prabhu
Dr. Praveen Pal Balgir
Dr. Baljinder Kaur
Dr. Arun Kumar Jha
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Dr. Nitin Shanker Behl
Dr. Veenu Gupta

1. The Life Membership fees have been amended to INR 3000.00 effective 1st April 2013 and from now on payments will be received by bank draft or cheque at par in favour of "Gastrointestinal Infection Society of India" payable at Chandigarh, INDIA.
2. The IV Biennial Conference of the Gastrointestinal Infection Society of India will be held in Srinagar, J&K on September, 28-29th, 2013. The Chairman of the conference is Prof. Showkat Zargar, Director Sher-I-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences & EOSG. The Organising Secretaries are Dr. Gul Javid, Prof. & Head, Gastroenterology, Sher-I-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences and Dr. Dalip Kakru, Prof. & Head, Microbiology, Sher-I-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, Srinagar (J&K).
3. Articles for **Journal of Gastrointestinal Infections** should be submitted as soft copy to the Editor, GISI. Instructions to authors are available under GISI Journal action link.
4. All GISI members are requested to pass on any news that they desire to be published in the newsletter. This will include information of awards received, fellowships obtained or travel abroad for academic purposes and any other information that may be of interest to the members.
5. Indian Life Members desirous of receiving Certificate of Membership may send a Demand Draft of INR 250.00 in advance. Foreign Members may send USD 25.00 in favour of "Gastrointestinal Infection Society of India", payable at Chandigarh, addressed to Prof. C. Vaishnavi, Dept. of Gastroenterology, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh-160012, India. Kindly quote your Life Membership No. along with the request.

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

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2	Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)			
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		City/Town:		
		State:	PIN:	Country:
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7	Fax (with STD code)			
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9	E-mail			

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3	Declaration	I declare that the information given by me is true and correct and that I will abide by the association rules and regulations if my membership application is approved.		
4	Date			Signature:
5	Place			

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