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Dear GISI Members,

I am excited and indeed grateful for this opportunity to serve this Young Society as a President, in truly a stimulating era. World Health Organization calls it “A Post-Antibiotic era” – in which common infections and minor injuries can kill with backstop options, like bacteriophages, probiotics, quorum sensing, synbiotics on which researchers are still working on.



I hope that in the coming years we are able to achieve Aims and Objectives of GISI with greater vigor. Partnering with other organizations, both within and outside the country, with similar objectives as ours, would be given priority. Scientists, clinicians with interests in Gastrointestinal Infections would be brought together for organizing CMEs, symposia, conferences at local/regional levels. Greater attention and resources would have to be specially generated for these activities.

Accomplishments by members need to be highlighted and we will learn from each other's experience to further the objectives of the society. In addition to using Newsletter as a forum for exchange of ideas, publishing research etc., social media posts, like Facebook, Youtube, LinkedIn, in my view have the potential to vastly expand reach, sphere of influence and acceptability not only of the GISI but also of “The Journal of Gastrointestinal Infections” (JGI).

The success of our society highly depends on our members and the dedication, loyalty and active role they play in the Society. Thank you for your continuing support of our Society and do make the most of your membership. Let us all work together to achieve the objectives and raise the GISI to greater and greater glorious heights and increase in attractiveness for members, in particular for research-oriented young colleagues. Please also encourage your colleagues to join and increase the strength of the Society.

I congratulate and thank the outgoing executive for their commendable contributions and efforts and welcome the new executive and wish every member the very best.

**Bella Mahajan**

Jammu



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## NEWSLETTER

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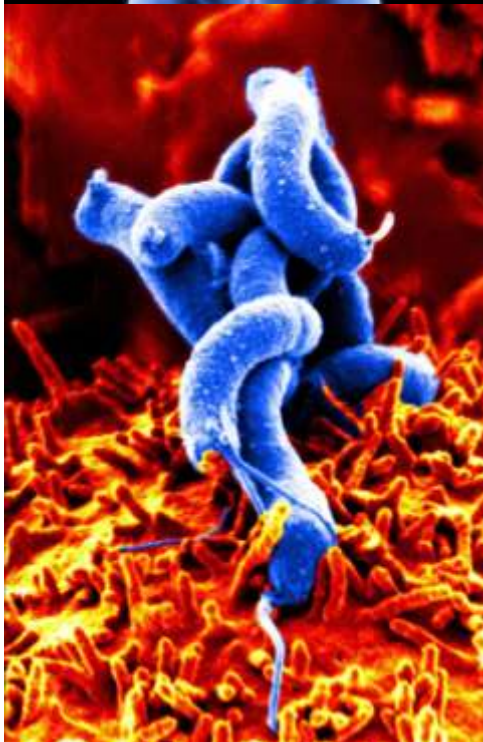
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### WHO issues first-ever HBV treatment guidelines

The World Health Organization has issued guidelines for the first time for the treatment of chronic hepatitis B virus infection, according to a news release from the organization. “Deciding who needs treatment for hepatitis B depends on a number of factors,” Stefan Wiktor, MD, leader of the WHO’s Global Hepatitis Program, said in the release. “These new guidelines, which give treatment recommendations that rely on simple, inexpensive tests, will help clinicians make the right decisions.”

The guidelines, entitled “WHO guidelines for the prevention, care and treatment of persons living with chronic hepatitis B infection,” lay out a simplified approach to the care of people living with chronic HBV, particularly in settings with limited resources, according to the release. Important recommendations mentioned in the release include: the use of a few simple non-invasive tests to assess the stage of liver disease to identify who needs treatment; prioritizing treatment for those with cirrhosis; use Viread (tenofovir disoproxil fumarate, Gilead Sciences) or Baraclude (entecavir, Teva Pharmaceutical Industries) for the treatment; and monitor patients for early detection of liver cancer to determine if treatment is working and if treatment can be stopped. Tenofovir or entecavir are the preferred drugs for treating HBV because there is a very low risk of developing drug resistance, are easy to take as one pill once a day, have few adverse events, are inexpensive and available as generics, according to the release. “Because for so many people treatment is life-long, it is important that patients can access these medicines at the lowest possible price,” Wiktor said.

For testing, WHO recommends two non-invasive tests to determine liver disease stage to help identify who may need to begin therapy; the aspartate aminotransferase-to-platelet ratio index test and transient elastography, also known as FibroScan (Echosens).

View the guidelines at: <http://www.who.int/hiv/pub/hepatitis/hepatitis-b-guidelines/en/>.

Courtesy: <http://www.healio.com/hepatology>

**SAVE THE DATE**

5th Biennial Conference of  
Gastrointestinal Infection Society of India

# GISICON 2015

Organized by  
Departments of Microbiology & Medicine  
Govt. Medical College & Hospital, Jammu

30-31 Oct 2015



## NEW MEMBERS

GISI team welcomes the following new life members:

1. **Dr. Amit Mathur**  
SMS Medical College, Jaipur
2. **Dr. Arti Kapil**  
AIIMS, New Delhi
3. **Dr. Avneet Kaur**  
GMC, Jammu
4. **Dr. Beena Jad**  
GMC, Jammu
5. **Prof. Chittaranjan Chandrakant Chaubal**. Peoples Medical College, Bhopal
6. **Prof. Gopal Nath**  
IMS BHU, Varanasi
7. **Dr. Govind K. Makharia**  
AIIMS, New Delhi
8. **Dr. Harsh Deep Sahni**  
SGPI, Lucknow
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GMC, Amritsar
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Medical University Shahbag,  
Dhaka, Bangladesh
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GMC, Jammu
12. **Dr. Sagar Khadanga**  
AIIMS, Bhopal
13. **Dr. Tadepalli Karuna**  
AIIMS, Bhopal

## ACHIEVEMENTS OF GISI MEMBERS

1. **Prof. Chetana Vaishnavi** was awarded the International Women's Day Award-2015 by Gurukul Vidyapeeth, Beti Padhao Society and S-4 Trust on 10<sup>th</sup> of March 2015 in Chandigarh.
2. **Dr. K. K. Prasad**, Additional Professor, Department of Gastroenterology awarded the "Best Faculty Poster Session Award – 2015" in International CME in Pathology – Histopathology and Cytopathology at Goa in Feb 2015
3. **Dr Sandeep Dogra** was awarded FAIMER Fellowship – (A joint venture between Christian Medical College, Ludhiana & FAIMER Institute, Philadelphia) at CMC, Ludhiana on February 2015

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Bidding for GISICON 2019 and 2021 are invited from all the GISI members and shall be accepted on first-come first-served basis.
2. Life Membership fees of GISI are INR 3000.00 payable by bank draft or cheque at par in favour of "Gastrointestinal Infection Society of India" payable at Chandigarh, INDIA.
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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1	Full Name (Prof/Dr/Mr/Ms/Mrs)	First:	Middle: Last:
2	Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY)		
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	Designation		
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REGISTRATION FEE DETAILS			
1	Life Membership Fee	1. Individuals (India): INR 3000.00 2. Individuals (Foreign): USD 200.00 3. Institutions: INR 3000.00 4. Patrons: INR 20,000.00 and above	
2	Payment Details	Cheque/Demand draft (select one)	Cheque/Draft No.
		Bank details:	Dated:
		Amount:	
		Cheques/Demand draft should be drawn in favour of "Gastrointestinal Infection Society of India" payable at Chandigarh.	
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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2	Membership No.	
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