

The year gone by 2003

It is indeed pleasure to present before you the annual report of the Post Graduate Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

The Department of Plastic Surgery at Medical University, Lucknow, is one of the oldest training centre for Plastic Surgeons in India. It has been awarding M.Ch. (formerly MS) course for more than 37 years. On completion of 28 years, as a separate department we are organising a conference and an operative workshop on Burns. Our endeavor is to make it a comprehensive teaching, training and refresher course.

I would like to group the activities of the department in the following heads.

a) Academic:

We are regularly teaching undergraduates MBBS, BDS and MS students with morning lectures, clinics and demonstrations. We are running a M.Ch. program with 3 candidates each year. I am happy to inform that Dr. Mohit Goel, Dr. Upendra Sharma and Dr. Charu Sharma successfully completed their M.Ch. course this year.

Our teaching program is running as per schedule. Faculty members of other departments and Post Graduate students are welcome to attend.

(B) Hospital Services:

Our OPD attendance is steadily increasing. On any day when it crosses 100, we celebrate it with sweets. A total of 6351 were seen in OPD beside the numerous ones daily flocking in the department.

The department performed 544 (65 in other OT's) major and 311 minor. When we talk about surgeries in relation to plastic surgery, we should not forget that numbers do not matter much, since the most minor of the surgery, like closing a split ear of one side takes 45 minutes. The longest operation has stretched 11 hours.

We provide extension services to other departments, usually to surgical Oncology, Orthopaedics and Neurosurgery and even to SGPGI. We are one of the pioneer department in craniofacial surgery - in hypertelorism correction and distraction osteogenesis.

(C) Limb Replantation Services:

The department has a round the clock limb replantation service since 1995. During the year under review we have done 11 emergency revascularisations 5 major replantations and 12 minor reimplantations.

(D) Achievements:

Prof. S.K. Bhatnagar is president of National Academy of Burns. He has been elected to the governing council of association of surgeons of India (2004-06). He has been awarded Ethicon Cosmetic Surgery professorship by APSI and travelling professorship by U.P. Chapter of ASI.

Dr. K.L. Pradhan has been invited to deliver a lecture on cleft lip and palate and craniofacial anomalies conference at Chandigarh, in February. She has been elected executive member of IDA, Lucknow. She chaired session at 2nd conference of LCBA. She also attend the 28th U.P. state conference of IDA.

Dr. A.K. Singh was unanimously elected secretary of APSI during the 38th Annual Conference at Ooty. He was invited to deliver a lecture on Bat ear at Ganga Ram Hospital, on distraction osteogenesis during CME at R&R Hospital, New Delhi, on Hypertelorism at pediatric neurosurgery conference at SGPGI, on Nose in Leprosy at UP state conference at Dehradun and guest lecture on flaps for hand injuries at the all India hand surgery conference at Gorakhpur.

Dr. Rajiv Agarwal is currently pursuing in vitro autologous keratinocyte culture by intramural funding by the university. He is also involved in external mandibular distractor device development, a project funded by INSA. He is referee to J of postgraduate medicine and Ind. J. of Medical Sciences. He attended the 38th APSICON at Ooty. He has been awarded corresponding membership of Amm. Association of Plastic Surgeons.

I am happy to inform that our residents have also brought laurels to the department. Dr. Vijay Kumar received the prestigious Kilner essay and Ethicon training fellowship in microsurgery. He also received Lucknow travelling fellowship of U.P. Chapter of APSI. He delivered a lecture on chemical peel at workshop on facial rejuvenation. Dr. Neeraj Kant Agarwal was awarded the best paper award, presented at APSICON-2003 at Ooty. Dr. Sumit Malhotra received sponsorship to attend APSICON-2004. He also presented a paper in the best paper section. He is working on perforator

based flaps. Dr. Aninda Mandal, is working on modalities of adaptation of internal distraction. Dr. Suresh is working on role of stenting in micro vascular anastomosis.

(E) Research Activities:

Three papers were published in national and two in international journals. 12 papers were presented at national and state conferences.

(F) Workshop:

The department organised three workshops in the year under review. **Cleft Craft-2003** - a workshop on cleft lip and palate was organised from 4-6 March, 2003. Dr. N.B. Hart, Dr. G.M. Purdy, Annette Middleton and Jackie Dunham all from UK conducted the workshop. On 2 and 3rd September, we organised a workshop on **aesthetic surgery**. DR. K. Sridhar, President APSI graced the occasion. Dr. Mune Gowda from Detroit, USA conducted the workshop. Dr. P.K. Sharma together with local faculty conducted a workshop on **facial rejuvenation** on 22-11-03.

(G) Change of Guard:

The department bid farewell to Prof. Ramesh Chandra on 30-06-03, who was reemployed with the university since 20-08-2000. Dr. Rajiv Agarwal who was earlier working as registrar, was converted to lecturer on 27-11-03. Shri Rajan Lal and Shri Dinesh Kumar were appointed as store keeper and clerk respectively.

(H) New Initiatives:

Since last year we have started a **Late Prof. R.N. Sharma memorial oration**. It was delivered by Dr. N. Hart. Today, the 2nd in the series shall be delivered by Dr. Andrew Burd on 'Burns in Asia Pacific Region - special challenges'. Our specialty cleft lip and palate clinic, shall complete 1 year in March. This year we are starting a specialty hand clinic on 3rd Thursday of every month. The **2nd floor of the department** was inaugurated on 22nd December 2003. Wife of Late Prof. R.N. Sharma (Dr. Santosh Sharma), declared it open on 22-12-03, in the presence of our Vice Chancellor Prof. Mahendra Bhandari. Earlier a puja was done. Shawls to all employees were distributed on this occasion. We appreciate the efforts of Mr. R.N. Bansal, Project Director and his team.

We have entered into an agreement with **smile train** INC of USA to provide free treatment of the cleft lip and palate patients

(I) Interpersonal Relationship:

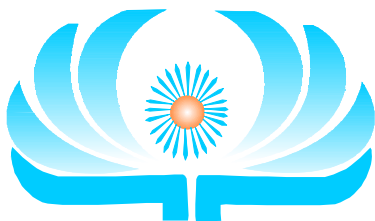
The department greets its employees on their birth day, a simple gesture to its employees. With the intention of recognizing the work of good employee last year we instituted **Shri Chotey Lal Utkrishtha Karyakarta Samman**. I am happy to inform that this year it goes to Shri Ramayan Singh.

(J) Our Requirements:

- * The post of speech therapist is lying vacant since January 2000. Rehabilitation of patients with cleft lip and palate and speech disorders is being affected in the absence of any person.
- * Lift for new block.
- * Laser suite - We would like to work towards a comprehensive laser treatment centre, wherein all specialties can come and share work.
- * Burn trauma unit - is a long pending demand with the government.
- * Considering the workload of the department three posts of unregistered SR are required.
- * Certificate/diploma course in cosmetology.

(K) Thanks:

- * All this has been possible due to the encouragement and benevolent attitude of the college administration and cooperation of the faculty, residents, class III and IV employees of the department on whom behalf I stand today.
- * To the Visiting Faculty - for coming all the way and that too on their own cost.
- * To the press for having a positive attitude towards the department and for their patronage.



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