

## INS India launches new online courses on infusion therapy for nurses

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On its 6th National conference, Infusion Nurses Society (INS), India is all set to launch one of its own kind online courses on Infusion therapy for nurses. Utilizing the reach and ease of digital platform, the course will enable INS members to access the various infusion therapy modules and speaker presentations from previous conferences through INS website <http://www.insindia.org>.

The first course would be on the Peripheral IV Cannulation. “Infusion Therapy is a comprehensive method of quality care to all patients. Online courses will educate the nurses in the scientific method of delivering and maintaining infusion with the aim of cure and prevention of Infection,” says Clare D’Mello, Assistant Nursing Superintendent, Saifee Hospital.

Nine out of ten patients admitted in hospitals receive infusion therapy during the course of their stay for therapeutic or diagnostic purposes. Improper infusion practices may lead to complications, causing an increase in mortality, morbidity, duration of hospital stay and healthcare costs.

In a complex healthcare environment, with varied patient needs, ensuring the quality of infusion calls for best nursing practices, explains Havovi Fouzdar, GM-Nursing, KDA Hospital, “To ensure a patient-centered plan of care, a nurse strives to meet the infusion needs of their patients. In doing so, they need to strictly adhere to the best practices and the comprehensive INS standards help the infusion nurses to provide excellent infusion care across all practice settings.”

Along with online infusion therapy courses for the nurses, INS India is now launching an online course for its 3000 members on peripheral IV cannulation and an annual Mastermind Quiz, where all region’s hospitals will compete for the rotating trophy. The MasterMind Quiz is in collaboration with BD India. The qualifying round was online on INS website open to all registered nurses across the country. The top scorers will represent their region and hospital for the final round on Day 1 of the conference.

“The thinking behind such initiatives is to engage healthcare professionals to intensify the best safety and quality practices in infusion management across the country. INS India is grateful to partners like BD-India and 3M in this drive that are helping us to ensure sustained efforts towards ensuring best infusion practices and will go a long way to deliver quality patient care in India,” says Col Binu Sharma, President, INS India.

In the past, INS India launched an android app for the nurses and standards to help healthcare professionals, institute gold standard and evidence based protocols into patient care practices, by minimizing medication errors, treatment related complications and healthcare associated infections. The revised standards will be instrumental in ensuring safety for patients

and healthcare professionals.

With such online courses and Android apps, INS India wants to empower nurses with digital tools in infusion standards for better patient care.