

Dear Colleague,

Greetings from Sound Hearing 2030!

It is our pleasure to inform you that Sound Hearing 2030 under the aegis of Society for Sound Hearing in collaboration with Department of Community Medicine and Department of ENT, Maulana Azad Medical College with technical support from CBM is organizing the Symposium on 30th July 2016 at Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi. The theme of the Symposium is **“Otitis Media: Total Solutions from Primary to Tertiary”**.

Otitis Media is one of the most common infectious diseases of childhood. It is characterized by presence of persistent discharge from the ear. The prevalence of this condition varies from 1% to 46% across the world. An assessment of the disease burden attributable to otitis media reveals that this ear pathology accounts for over 2 million DALYs (disability-adjusted life year). South-East Asia and the Western Pacific regions both have highest number of DALYs from otitis media accounting for 57% of total DALYs. Multiple studies have shown high prevalence of otitis media in India with more than 5% experiencing the disorder. However, in the current era, technology is available not only for early diagnosis and management of otitis media but also rehabilitation.

Against the above background, objective of the Symposium is to address in a holistic manner i.e. from basic to advanced, the issue Otitis Media with focus on prevention, early diagnosis and management and rehabilitation of individuals suffering from Otitis Media. The Symposium will also aim to sensitize the stakeholders towards comprehensive care and management of Otitis Media and provide them a platform for sharing the best practices.

The Symposium would be attended by Ministry officials, ENT Specialists, audiologists, Public health experts, special educators, paramedical personnel, NGO representatives, paramilitary officials, Deaf Association representatives and persons with disability.

We would be honoured to invite you to be part of the symposium. We look forward towards your participation and collaboration in this endeavor.

Best Regards

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