



REPORT ON CME – CRITICAL APPRAISAL OF JOURNALS ORGANISED BY DEPT OF COMMUNITY MEDICINE, AL-AZHAR MEDICAL COLLEGE ON

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On 22/2/2016, Monday at 8am a seminar on CRITICAL APPRAISAL OF JOURNALS was conducted by the Dept of COMMUNITY MEDICINE, AL AZHAR MEDICAL COLLEGE, Thodupuzha. The seminar started with a welcome speech by Dr.Sandhya GI Prof & HOD , Community Medicine. It was presided over by our respected Principal Dr. Syamalakumari & Inaugurated by Dr.K P Shiyas, Director of the Medical College.Vot of thanks was given by Dr.Vivek S ,Assistant Professor,Dept of Community Medicine. Faculties from various clinical and non-clinical departments of Al-Azhar Medical College, Kottayam & Idukki Medical College Participated in the seminar.

The topic on clinical appraisal of journals was presented by HOD of Community Medicine Dept, Dr. SANDHYA G.I. It was a very informative presentation regarding the various journals that come out in national and international magazines, the truth behind them, how to approach a study result and its prospective and consequences.

Dr. Syamalakumari, Prof of Community Medicine presented the topic Understanding study methodology after the tea break. She emphasized the importance of selection of study designs & about the ethical issues regarding research. Dr. Prakash, Assistant Professor, Dept of Pharmacology, Al Azhar Medical College, presented the topic GOOD CLINICAL PRACTISES. It was an interesting presentation which included the various steps to be gone through



while releasing a new drug or new medical innovation to the common man. From the no ethics era of human experimentation by the Nazis to the today's ethics that govern us, he described the journey quite interestingly with lots of illustrations. Mrs. Neethumol KS, Statistician of Community Medicine presented the importance of understanding statistical analysis in a simple & interesting way. The talk was informative to all the medical faculties.

After the lunch break the sessions started with the talk by Dr,Vivek S , Assistant Professor of Community Medicine. He presented the topic " Article selection". How to differentiate good article from bad article discussed in detail.

A model Critical Appraisal was done by Dr.Sandhya GI .She critically appraised an article using a check list. Active discussion from participants was one of the highlighting feature of the CME. The CME wind up at 4 .30pm after the certificate Distribution By Prof Dr.G Syamalakumari.