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Telemedicine in Current ObGyn Practice

Distance means so little when someone means so much

~ Tom McNeal

Disasters and pandemics pose unique challenges to providing health care. With 500+ million smart phone users (December 2019 data) India was conveniently poised to embrace telemedicine as an important component to healthcare services. The WFH culture propped up by the COVID pandemic has undoubtedly boosted the use of digital technology in education and health care. When we shop online, bank online, pay bills online, work online and even pray online can online medical help be far behind?

Telemedicine is well suited for scenarios in which medical practitioners can evaluate and manage patients without physically attending to them. Developed initially and directed towards reaching out to rural and remote geographical areas with limited access to specialist care, telemedicine has gently crept into all aspects of health care delivery.

There are a number of benefits of telemedicine. The obvious advantage during the pandemic is restricting physical visits thus limiting exposing both health care workers and patients to contagious infections. Vulnerable population should not have to face the difficult choice between risking iatrogenic COVID-19 exposure during a clinician visit and postponing needed care. Telemedicine can provide rapid access to medical practitioners who may otherwise not be immediately available in person. In India, providing in-person healthcare is challenging, particularly given the large geographical distances and limited resources. One of the major advantages of telemedicine can be for saving of cost

and effort especially of rural patients, as they need not travel long distances for obtaining consultation and treatment. In this type of scenario, even beyond the pandemic, telemedicine can provide an optimal solution for not just providing timely and faster access. It would also reduce financial costs and inconvenience of the patient and family associated with travel.

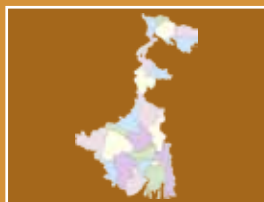
The benefits of telemedicine reaped at the health care facility are many. Less staff employment and reallocation of responsibilities for those involved in providing physical care. There is higher likelihood of maintenance of records and documentation hence minimalizing the likelihood of missing out on advice. Digital prescriptions have the advantage of a permanent record at subsequent visits and negates the doctor hand writing woes many patients face. Written documentation also increases the legal protection of both parties.

The limitation of telemedicine which most old school colleagues would point out are the dangers of diagnosing an ailment without physical examination and losing out on the touch and physical presence so essential to heal. The counter point would be the gradual drift observed over the last few decades to increasingly rely on laboratory investigations for a 'clinical' diagnosis. The video call option through teleconsultation would be considered by many to be a reasonable substitute to a physical meet. Nevertheless it needs to be highlighted that some inherent limitations of this technology will need to be accepted amidst the immense benefits.

In ObGyn practice triage is an important step in teleconsultation. If the patient complains of symptoms which need immediate treatment she should be advised first-aid, life



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measuring measures and directed to attend the emergency department of the hospital. This could include persistent heavy bleeding, acute abdominal pain or other symptoms suggestive of requiring immediate medical attention.

Some antenatal visits and many gynaecological follow up patients can comfortably be managed by teleconsultation. New patients initially may pose a challenge to some clinicians however the same clinical acumen in establishing a diagnosis, extending a treatment protocol and advising supporting laboratory investigations would apply.

The field of telemedicine got a boost when the board of governors in supersession of the Medical Council of India along with NITI AAYOG published the Indian Telemedicine Guidelines 2020 in March 2020. (<https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/Telemedicine.pdf>). The guidelines clarified India's position on the legality of teleconsultation.

The purpose of these guidelines is to give practical advice to doctors so that all services and models of care used by doctors and health workers are encouraged to consider the use of telemedicine as a part of normal practice.

The Telemedicine Guidelines require doctors to maintain the same standard of care during a teleconsultation as they would during an in-person consultation. It provides norms and protocols relating to physician-patient relationship; issues of liability and negligence; evaluation, management and treatment; informed consent; continuity of care; referrals for emergency services; medical records; privacy and security of the patient records and exchange of information; prescribing; and reimbursement; health education and counselling.

An online program will be developed and made available by the MCI. A mandatory online course needs to be completed by all registered medical practitioners (RMPs) intending to provide online consultation within three years of its notification. Till then,

principles mentioned in the guidelines need to be followed. Thereafter undergoing and qualifying such a course would be essential prior to practice of telemedicine.

There is no fixed format for issuing a prescription in a teleconsultation however a e-prescription needs to be provided to the patient at the end of every consultation. It is also to be noted that teleconsultation guidelines do not provide for consultations outside the jurisdiction of India. RMPs may use any telemedicine tool suitable for carrying out technology-based patient consultation e.g. telephone, video, devices connected over LAN, WAN, Internet, mobile or landline phones, social media forums like WhatsApp, Facebook Messenger etc. or mobile apps or internet based digital platforms for telemedicine or data transmission systems like skype/ email/ fax etc.

Telemedicine holds great promise and will continue to grow and be adopted by more healthcare practitioners and patients in a wide variety of forms. According to a McKinsey Digital India report released last year, telemedicine models possess the technical capability to handle up to half of the in-person outpatient consultations in India. Urgent action is required to transform health care delivery and scale up our systems by unleashing the power of digital technology. It is important for all clinicians to adapt and embrace this new technology in our clinical practice.

The secret of change is to focus all of your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new ~ Socrates

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President Speaks ...

Respected Teachers, Seniors, Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It's a pleasure and honor to greet you as the President of your society. Hope you and your family are well. We are maybe going through the most difficult times of our life.



A pandemic in the form of Covid, an economic disaster due to lockdown, woes of lakhs of migrant labourers and then struck by the super cyclone Amphaan. These few months seem to have changed our lives drastically, hopefully for the better. Your BOGS has extended a helping hand to our fraternity, mainly the junior doctors working in medical colleges by providing them 280 PPE kits, 900 N95 masks and 800 protective goggles.

As promised we resumed the stalled Election process and completed the elections. The Managing Committee in 13th MC meeting held on 23rd June 2020, after a detailed discussion requested the present committee to continue till the special general meeting to be held on a digital platform on 25th July 2020 from 12 noon.

On 23rd June, we had the 35th Dr Sudhir Chandra Bose Memorial Oration delivered by Dr Dhiman Ganguly, a renowned Pulmonologist of Bengal, on PULMONOLOGY OF PREGNANCY.

Doctors' Day was celebrated by garlanding Dr B. C. Roy's picture in our office. A Blood Donation Camp was organized along with Rotary Club of Calcutta Kankurgachi and we collected 40 units, 25 from our members who voluntarily donated. I take this opportunity to thank them all.

We will have the 62nd Sir Kedarnath Das Memorial Oration to be delivered by Professor Tim Draycott FRCOG, Vice President RCOG UK, on Assisted Vaginal Birth in the 21st Century.

The 84th Foundation Day will be celebrated on a Digital Platform for the first time in the history of BOGS on 25th July 2020, where this 13th edition of BOGS Times will be released. The 25th Dr Bamandas Mukherjee Memorial Foundation Day Oration will be delivered by Dr Sanjay Gupte, Past President FOGSI on Screening of Pre eclampsia: From Theory To Practice.

We will also have an Industry Symposia where Dr Asha Baxi from Indore will speak on PCOS — The Patient's Journey. Our own Dr Seetha Ramamurthy Pal will speak on Vaccination in Women.

As in previous years we will felicitate five Senior Members who have touched 80 this year. Our team wishes them all a long and healthy life.

We would like to thank Bayer Zydus Pharma and GSK for being an integral part of this Foundation Day.

BEFORE ENDING I WISH YOU ALL BE SAFE, BE POSITIVE, BE STRONG. WE SHALL OVERCOME.

Thank you
Long Live BOGS
Jai Hind.

Dr Dibyendu Banerjee

Hony. Secretary Speaks ...

Dear Seniors, Colleagues and Friends

Hope this will find you in good spirit and health in this difficult time of Covid 19 pandemic. In this extraordinary crisis my thoughts and prayers are with all of you in the BOGSIAN family.

It's just over 14 months since the present managing committee took over and exactly one year since I wrote to you for the first time as the Honorary Secretary of the society. As in obstetric terminology this committee could be called a 'post-mature' one as it has been forced to continue past its term due to the unprecedented global health emergency. I would therefore like to look back to our journey so far and do some introspection as I am sure this is the last time I am writing to you in my current position.

With your help and active support we have been able to successfully organise many programmes in last one year, some of them were routine and some were extraordinary. If I take you back to our President Dr Dibyendu Banerjee's acceptance speech in the last Annual General Meeting on 18th May 2019 I am sure you would clearly remember '**Inclusive BOGS**' as our proposed mission. We initiated that inclusive journey for the first time in the history by inviting and felicitating the presidents of other six Obstetric & Gynaecological Societies of West Bengal on our 83rd Foundation Day. We also incorporated a new section called *District Corner* in our own mouthpiece, The BOGS Times to increase fellowship among our friends across the state. However the Final mark of inclusiveness our society created was by conceptualising and organising the first ever '**Milan**', the conference of the Obstetric & Gynaecological Societies of West Bengal in February 2020.

Encouraged by success of ENDOGYN conferences in the city the managing committee decided to showcase our in-house talents in endoscopy. I am proud today to remind you that your BOGS successfully presented an unique inclusive live endoscopy workshop of it's own called *EndoBOGS* in November 2019. Our inclusiveness was not limited to our profession only. Under the able leadership of our president we dared to go beyond the boundary and break the barrier between our profession and the community. The success of our signature event '**Health Mela 2020**' is the glaring example of our commitment.

Your BOGS has also shown its social responsibility by providing PPE kits worth Rs five lakhs to our junior doctors fighting on the frontline of Covid-19 war. We also showed our courage and compassion to the community by organising a voluntary blood donation camp in the middle of a pandemic on 1st of July 2020. On behalf of the entire managing committee I express my sincere thanks and gratitude for your whole hearted support and appreciation on all these initiatives.

Friends, amidst all these new ventures we did not forget about our routine programme for a moment. The glittering 83rd Foundation day celebration and ever so successful BOGSCON 45 are two examples among many academic programmes throughout the year.

It is said that 'Every good thing must come to an end'. it's time to say good bye, its time to hang up my boots as honorary secretary of the society. Its an extraordinary and memorable journey. Thank you once again for making me feel I was never alone in this eventful journey.

Stay safe and stay healthy.
Long live BOGS!

Dr M M Samsuzzoha



Corona in Durgapur: As the city reacts and adapts

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Durgapur, The Steel city of Eastern India is a small tier-2 city in Paschim Bardhaman with a population of around 7 lakhs. This city was the dream child of the phenomenal Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy and was planned by 2 American Architects Joseph Allen Stein and Benjamin Polk in 1955. It has picked up as an educational and medical hub and lies just 170km north-west of Kolkata.

In April 2020, when the first Covid positive patient was detected in Durgapur, it was in our hospital and the patient was from a neighbouring city. The news went viral. Public response was initially of denial but within few hours it changed to “acceptance and avoid”. This small town went to the media, started boycotting its healthcare workers. Our staff were not allowed to go home from work, not allowed to buy milk and vegetables from the vendor who had served so lovingly for so many years now. Our nurses were asked to vacate rented places and we felt like aliens among our own people. The hospital management had come to the rescue of its staff and housed them in a separate partly built new building. The workers who had come in contact with the patient were tested and quarantined. Fortunately, they were all negative. A strange feeling of depression and disgust, along with scare for our own lives and our families struck us at one go. Going to work everyday, with people watching from balconies, (wondering how come I was still alive!!!) became routine. We continued to serve.

Patients had an altogether different experience to share. One day, I saw a lady with her husband in the clinic. He was an academician at a Tokyo university. They had flown out in the last flight that left the country before lockdown, wife 18 weeks pregnant then. They had to spend 14 days in a quarantine centre in Kolkata. They had felt isolated and scared. They were refused by few other treatment centres before reaching us in Durgapur. The history of travel from abroad was the tipping point. By that time our hospital had a “Covid +” tag and hence wasn’t the first choice made by her parents. However, finally it was us she chose to stay with and has delivered a healthy baby now. Profusely grateful they were, with the acceptance and care.

After the initial scare, Durgapur was remarkably calm for few weeks. While disease and deaths soared elsewhere, people here got a sense of complacency. There were no cases being reported and people started coming out of homes, children were seen on the streets in the evenings.

In mid-May 2020, thunder struck again. This time another two covid+ patients were reported from another hospital and there was a huge uproar. The management came to rescue on media, explaining the actions and precautions taken. Shops which had gradually started opening, closed down again. The “knee-jerk” reaction of the public was stunning. Hospitals and healthcare workers became villains again. Now when unlocking is on, there are new covid cases cropping up every day in a new corner. People are confused and genuinely scared for their lives.

Social distancing, masks and sanitizers have become a part of everyday life. People go out of homes as compulsion. Socialisation has undergone a massive change with people avoiding crowded places, malls, restaurants and temples. Like big cities, work from home by private sectors, online classes by schools and private tutors, visit to doctors and hospitals only if necessary have become the norm. Online transactions which weren’t so much in vogue in Durgapur, have picked up. Entertainment is restricted to social media on phones, but it has a dangerous side too. Affected persons are being ridiculed badly in this city; people are showing their “small town” mentality. This is all out of panic and lack of a sense of security.

Finally, now it is a very insecure city with cases rising in huge numbers and there is clear lack of leadership and guidance. Life is being lived with “one day at a time concept”. Situation is grim and we doctors as a group seem powerless, the “victims” and the “vectors”, driven by their sense of duty to serve and taken aback by thoughts of tomorrow, who knows what is in store.

Up, Close and Personal DR BULBUL RAICHAUDHURI



Dr Bulbul Raichaudhuri, a wonderful clinician, a kind hearted doctor and a dynamic force of our society, has been associated with BOGS for a long time. Dr Amit Basu, Dr Basab Mukherjee and Dr Tulika Jha met in her CF block residence in Salt Lake, to get a glimpse of her professional and personal sojourn.

BT: Bulbul Di, let's begin from the beginning. Please tell us about your early days and childhood.

BRC: I was born on January 30, 1941 in Barisal, a fairly large and cultured town in undivided Bengal, which later became a part of East Pakistan. My father, Dr Sudhangshu Kumar Sengupta, was a doctor and he practiced radiology there. He had also installed an X-ray machine in our house in those days and had a roaring practice in those parts of Bengal. My mother, Mrs. Nani Rani Sengupta, was a homemaker. She was a very progressive lady and both my parents always encouraged us in our studies and all other activities as well. I had an elder sister and a younger brother who was also a doctor and retired as the head of the department of oncology from N R S Medical College. My uncles and their families lived in the same neighbourhood. We had a very nice and peaceful childhood in Barisal, which was a beautiful town surrounded by rivers on all sides. It was politically quiet too, unlike other big towns, which were by then hotbeds of political (freedom movement) activity.

BT: When did you come to Calcutta, Didi?

BRC: In 1950, there was a major religious riot in Barisal and almost all the Hindu families there had to flee overnight, leaving everything behind. My father had to leave behind his successful medical practice and his beloved X-ray machine as well. We came to Calcutta in March that year and started living in my uncle's (father's cousin) place with his family near the College Street and Harrison Road intersection. I have to mention the magnanimity of my uncle here, as he had a small family with a young kid but he gave shelter to our family of six and his in-laws' family during those trying times. This cannot be thought of in these days of nuclear families.

BT: And school. It must have been affected severely.

BRC: Not really. In Barisal, I started my education in Jagadish Saraswat Vidyalaya and moved later to the government school, Sadar Girls' School. I was a good student and always stood first in all subjects as well as in my class. When we moved to Kolkata, I was in the fourth standard but got admitted in the fifth standard in Victoria Institution. In November 1950, my father took up a job in the Railways in Kharagpur and we joined Inda Krishnalal Shiksha Niketan there. I had to change my school again next year when my father quit his railways job. I then joined Atulmoni Girls'



High School from where I appeared for my school final examinations in 1956. I was the first girl ever from that school to have secured first division. Thereafter, I joined Kharagpur College, a co-educational one, and passed my ISC from there in 1958. I secured first division and stood third in my college.

I would like to mention that I feel the standard of education was much better in the schools in Barisal during those times. Even the civic conditions were better there. There was no electricity in Kharagpur, other than inside the railways' colony.

BT: Why did you join medical college? Did your father inspire you to study medicine?

BRC: While studying ISC, I was really fond of chemistry and wanted to pursue it. But my father wanted me to study medicine, more so as my sister couldn't because of the trying times. It was during that period that my mother underwent a major operation in Eden Hospital under Prof Sudhir Chandra Bose. She was in severe postoperative shock and it was Prof Bose and his team's hard work and untiring efforts that she recovered. This major event really motivated me to pursue medicine so that even I could help alleviate people's sufferings. So, I joined Medical College, Bengal on August 1, 1958.

BT: How was college life? Your academic excellence must have made you a favorite of the professors?

BRC: I enjoyed college life and my hostel life in Swarnamoyee Hostel. I had received the coveted "Priyanath Datta Legacy" scholarship following my ISC results and that helped me during my college life. I also secured honours marks in Chemistry (known as Biochemistry now). I passed my final MBBS examination in 1963 and after completing the PRCA (internship) training, I joined Eden hospital as a house surgeon.

I would like to share an incident of my student life. During my fourth year in college, I suffered from severe thrombophlebitis of both legs so much so that I had to get admitted in Ezra building of Medical College. Investigations like Doppler study and venography were not easily available in the 1960s. As a result I had to go through painful procedures like milk injections etc. Prof J B Chatterjee prepared a vaccine from my throat swab that gave me temporary relief. Later, Prof Moni Chhetri diagnosed it as a case of venous insufficiency of both lower limbs and till date, I use crepe bandage in both my legs. I also use special shoes to alleviate excruciating pain in my feet.



BT: Why did you choose Obstetrics & Gynaecology?

BRC: Honestly speaking, I preferred Surgery but opted for Ob & Gyn as it seemed to be a wise and practical choice for a lady doctor then. Moreover, the O & G department had such great doctors and teachers that I decided to join house surgeonship there. I started to work first in Prof N N Roychowdhury's unit and later on in Dr Prabodh Chandra Das's (Sir K N Das's son) unit and was there for 18 months. I then completed six months of honorary HS ship in the medicine department as well. This was to facilitate my MRCOG prospects.

BT: Did you also complete your post graduation from Eden Hospital?

BRC: Oh, that's a long story! After completing my D.G.O course in Eden Hospital in 1966, I registered for the M.O. course in Calcutta University, which used to be a non-stipendiary post at that time. All postgraduates used to work elsewhere so also I decided to join some service but I made a Himalayan blunder by informing the university office about it. As a result my registration got cancelled. I was very disheartened by this and still regret following this piece of advice given by my then boss at Eden hospital.

BT: What did you do next?

BRC: I joined a small hospital in Kustore, six miles from Dhanbad, under the Raniganj Coal Association. After working there for six months, I joined the Durgapur Steel Plant Main Hospital that was under Hindustan Steel Limited (Steel Authority of India Limited now). I



worked there with Dr Madan Mohan Datta and Dr Gour Chatterjee for 5 long years and those were very fruitful years for me as I learnt a lot about all aspects of our subject from Dr Datta. He was a very efficient surgeon, a master accoucheur and I picked up lot of clinical and soft skills from him. But all through this I had one goal in my mind and that was to obtain a PG degree.

BT: When did you obtain your PG degree, Didi?

BRC: After a long struggle and perseverance, I was finally permitted to go on a study leave without pay for my MD degree, which I completed from Eden Hospital in 1975. I stood first in my batch. This opened doors for juniors working in DSP hospital to pursue post graduation courses, which till then was very difficult. I was very fortunate to work under Prof Srimanta Banerjee, who was my thesis guide. My thesis topic was about Lecithin-Sphingomyelin ratio in liquor amnii and its relation with RDS and Prof Kanai Lal Mukherjee of ICH guided me in my research work. Initially I was very puzzled as it was a completely non-clinical topic and I was spending all my hours in the lab, which at times got very frustrating but I slowly came to terms with it and tried to learn as much of the subject as possible.

BT: Eden hospital at that time had so many wonderful teachers. Is there anyone who influenced you?

BRC: Yes, all teachers including the clinical tutors in Eden at that time were wonderful. We had Prof Kripa Mitra, Prof J.K. Chatterjee, Prof N.N. Roychowdhury, Prof. Sreemanta Banerjee, Prof P.C. Das as our revered teachers and next to them were Dr Ajit Sarkar, Dr Durlav Dutta, Dr Jagabandhu Mitra, Dr Kalyani Mukherjee, Dr Sailesh Chakraborty and so many others. But I was really mesmerized by Prof Baidyanath Chakraborty's lectures. He was a fantastic teacher and I remember his classes vividly. His notes had helped me immensely in knowing the subject and in passing M.D. final exam.

BT: Why didn't you join the state health services after completion of your MD degree?

BRC: Since I was on a study leave from DSP hospital, I had to rejoin there. I worked there for three more years and then got myself transferred to another SAIL unit in Calcutta. Actually I got married in 1975 Jan in my last year of post graduation, after submitting my thesis (1974 Dec). By the time I passed my exam in August '75, my mother in law became very ill and that's why I came to Calcutta. I worked in this small unit for nine long years but these years were very difficult for me. My seniors here did not allow me to see gynaecology patients and I was compelled to treat general ailments only. I felt like I was forgetting my subject and though patients and employees liked me a lot, I resigned from the job in 1988. I started my independent private practice and it was the love of my SAIL employee patients that I had a wide circle of patients even in the initial phase. My classmate Dr Aruna Ganguly, Dr Jyoti Ghosh, Late Dr Prasanta Bakshi and Late Dr Debashish Mukherjee were of great help to me in this difficult phase. I will never forget the help and affection I had received from Late Dr Amiya Mukherjee and Dr Gopa Mukherjee.

BT: Didi, tell us about your personal life.



BRC: I got married in January '75. My husband, Mr Amalendu Raichaudhuri, was an Additional Commissioner of Sales Tax and they had an ancestral home in Kumartuli. He was a very nice person, a real gentleman and a very progressive individual. He hailed from a very educated family and he and my in laws were very supportive of my profession. Without his support, I couldn't have achieved or done so much professional and organizational work. Unfortunately, he suffered a CVA in 2000 and developed bilateral hemianopia. He also fractured both his femoral necks and later underwent bilateral hip replacements. All these ailments took a toll on his mental health as well. He finally passed away in 2015. These 15 years were a very difficult phase of my life.

I have a son Ayan who was born in 1976. He did his Post Doctoral studies from UPenn, Philadelphia, USA and is, presently an Assistant Professor in Amity University, Kolkata since 2017. He is my pillar of support now.

BT: Let's talk about your association with BOGS. When and how did it start?

BRC: Though I had heard the name of BOGS during my HSShip, but I became a member in 1967. I was working in DSP hospital at that time and it was Dr Madan Datta who persuaded me to become a member. It was Dr Datta's endeavor because of which BOGS held its first clinical meeting outside Calcutta, in Durgapur.

And it was on Gitadi's (Prof Gita Ganguly Mukherjee) insistence that I participated in the executive body election for the first time. I have been an EC member

almost continuously since then and have also been a part of several sub committees, especially the Perinatology and the Public Awareness committees. It's like my extended family now.

I have been a part of innumerable programmes, conferences, BOGSCONs, AICOGs and specially the AICOG 2007 which was held in Calcutta. I was the convenor of the Registration Committee then and we had worked really hard to make the conference a grand success.

BT: Didi, please share with us the story behind acquiring the plot number AQ 10/3 of BOGS.

BRC: When Dr Shobha Ghosh was our president, she had requested the then CM, Mr. Jyoti Basu, for a plot of land for BOGS and we had been allotted this particular plot and another one in Kankurgachhi under the CIT scheme. I was entrusted to pursue the matter regarding the Salt lake plot. It was a long struggle as the then Deputy Secretary just brushed away the matter saying that it was more than 10 years since the plot was allotted and our society had not paid any money to the government to seal the deal. I then approached the Chief Secretary, Mr Anish Majumdar directly and finally after several meetings and tenures of three presidents, we could register the plot in our society's name. During these three long years, I was pursuing the matter continuously. The plot was finally handed over to BOGS during the presidency of Dr Ashoke Ghosh.

BT: We all thank you for your hard work and perseverance, the fruits of which are being enjoyed by all of us. AMWI is also an association, which is as close to your heart. Please tell us about it.

BRC: AMWI (Association of Medical Women in India) is a voluntary organization established in Bombay in the year 1907. It is affiliated to the international organization MWIA (Medical Women's International Association). The WB branch runs a charitable hospital at 47, AJC Bose Road called Mission Hospital where I work as a consultant gynaecologist. I was its Secretary and President for six years each.

The association organizes academic programmes apart from running a hospital. I was the organizing chairperson of an international conference held in Kolkata in 2015, which was a grand success. It also organises a lot of public awareness programmes and health check up camps in schools, urban slums and remote villages. Training for "Nursing Assistant" course is also imparted to young women from the lower economic strata of society and from destitute homes. The society gave me an opportunity to meet doctors from other disciplines and work with legends like Dr M Catchatoor. Dr Arati Roy and Dr Sobha Ghosh were my inspiration both in AMWI and BOGS. Dr Urmila Khanna, the renowned surgeon was also very close to me in AMWI.

BT: Didi, share with us your work with other organisations namely IMA (Cal Br), ISOPARB, R N Ganguly Foundation and Calcutta Medical Club.

BRC: I have been an active member of all the above organisations for the past several years. I was an

executive committee member of all these bodies and am still working with the latter two organisations.

Gita Di (Prof Gita Ganguly Mukherjee) persuaded me to join ISOPARB. She has always inspired, encouraged and often compelled me to be more enthusiastic about academics and also in organizational activities. I have contributed chapters in several books published by Jaypee Brothers and also written articles for some journals. I have also delivered nine orations in various forums. Gitadi persuaded me for all these academic works.

BT: You have had a busy and tough life, Didi. How do you unwind? What are your other likes?

BRC: I am very fond of recitation and am passionate about acting and drama. I have organized and acted in many plays during my school life, college life, in Durgapur, SAIL Retired Officers' Association and Durga Puja celebrations of CF Block Residents' Association. But haven't participated in such activities of late.

I have been associated with public awareness and health camps for thirty long years and want to continue as long as I can.

BT: You have been associated with BOGS for a long time now. Do you see any difference between then and now?

BRC: One prominent difference is the financial aspect. As we are more secure financially, we are now able to help needy medical students with scholarships. Our programs are on a larger scale and more glamorous now. The soul and spirit are the same, though.

Another welcome change is the nice and friendly relation between the seniors specially the President, VPs, Secretary and the juniors.

BT: Before we end, are there any words of advice you would like to give fellow BOGSians and your juniors?

BRC: My message is that you are very very intelligent and masters in academics. But I feel that for the juniors the clinical part is not given as much importance as it should be. It could be because of the short MBBS tenure or the overemphasis on gadgets and investigations. I would request you all to hone your clinical skills and immerse yourself in this profession with all your heart. I wish you all the success in your lives. Thank you.



Team BOGS FOGSI Prizes



It is our proud privilege to announce that Team BOGS 2018-19 under the leadership of Prof Sudhir Adhikari has received an unprecedented number of awards at the FOGSI national level.

In the Category A societies (membership strength more than 200) Bengal Society has bagged four of the five awards we had applied for.

- FOGSI - Dr. D K Tank Reproductive Health Care Promotion Trophy
- FOGSI - Dr. Sadhana Desai Population Stabilization Promotion Prize
- Dr. Chitrathara and Dr. Gangadharan Preventive & Research Oncology Award
- FOGSI - President's Rotating Trophy

Members of Bengal Society can feel proud visiting the link below on the FOGSI website
<https://www.fogsi.org/wp-content/uploads/awards/result/result-society-awards-updated-2019.pdf>





BOGSCON 45

45th Annual Conference of
The Bengal Obstetric & Gynaecological Society

The Westin, Kolkata | December 13-15, 2019

The 45th Annual Conference of BOGS, "BOGSCON 45" was held from December 13th to 15th 2019 at The Westin, New Town, Kolkata. 621 delegates from in and around Kolkata attended the conference, of which 245 were esteemed faculty. The notable National Faculties were, Dr Nandita Palshetkar, President, FOGSI, Dr Jaydeep Tank, Secretary General FOGSI, Dr Girija Wagh and Dr Sudarshan Suresh. Dr Rashmi Yadav (Nepal) attended the conference as International faculty.

Three parallel Master classes were held on "Fetal Medicine", "Critical Care in Obstetrics" and "Male Infertility & IUI" on Friday December 13th 2019. Apart from this the academia included 10 Symposiums, 10 Industry Sessions, 1 Keynote Lecture, 2 Capsules, 2 Panel Discussions, 2 Panposiums, the Dr D C Dutta Memorial Oration, the Dr Subodh Sur Roy CME and an Open Forum on Medicolegal Issues in Obstetrics & Gynaecology. For our aspiring young gynaecologists there were 9 Free Paper Sessions and 1 Poster Session where 39 free papers and 21 Posters were presented.





Master class on Critical Care



Master Classes during BOGSCON 45: In the Master class on **Fetal Medicine** the topics discussed were: USG Evaluation of Bleeding in Early Pregnancy, 11-14th Week Scan for the Modern Obstetrician Pros & Cons, Fetal Echo Today, NIPS Current Status, Evaluation of growth in MCDA twins, Stage Based Management of FGR and Placenta Accreta Spectrum. The eminent faculties were Dr Prasanna Roy, Dr Sudarshan Suresh, Dr Pradip Goswami, Dr Seetha Ramamurthy Pal, Dr Kanchan Mukherjee and Dr Kusagrathi Ghosh. Dr Mamta Sanghamita, Dr Tulika Jha, Dr Biman Kumar Chakrabarty, Dr Narayan Jana, Dr Pushan Kundu and Dr Sajal Datta chaired the sessions.

In the Master class on **Critical Care in Obstetrics** the topics discussed were: CPR in Pregnancy: BLS Practice, Airway in Pregnant Woman, Vascular Access & Support, PPH, Recognizing Critical Illness in Pregnancy and Indication for Critical Care admission in Obstetric Patients, Fluid Management in the Critical Obstetric Patient, Acute Kidney Injury in Obstetrics and DIC in Obstetrics. The eminent faculties were Dr Jayita Chakrabarti, Dr Arindam Kar, Dr Santanu Bagchi, Dr Shakya Majumder, Dr Sudipta Mukherjee, Dr Arup Kumar Majhi, Dr Ashis Kr Mukhopadhyay, Dr Suresh Ramasubban, Dr Srabani Basu, Dr Abhijit Taraphder and Dr Subhash Chandra Biswas. The sessions were chaired by Dr Arnab Basak, Dr Hiralal Konar and Dr Sukanta Misra.

In the Master class on **Male Infertility & IUI** the topics discussed were: Ovarian Stimulation Protocols in IUI, Case Scenarios on Different Semen Analysis Results, Case Based Discussion on Azoospermia, Rational Investigation in Male Infertility, How to Increase Success Rate of IUI, How to set up an IUI Unit and Challenges in IUI Techniques. The eminent faculties were Dr Anindita Singh, Dr Sujoy Dasgupta, Dr Suparna Banerjee, Dr Siddhartha Chattopadhyay, Dr Indranil Saha, Dr Aindri Sanyal and Dr Rohit Gutgutia. Dr Abhinibesh Chatterjee, Dr Gita Ganguly Mukherjee and Dr Krishnendu Gupta chaired these sessions.

Master Class on Fetal Medicine



Master Class on Male Infertility & IUI



The **22nd Dr D C Dutta Memorial Oration** was delivered by Dr Nandita Palshetkar, President, FOGSI (2019 - 20) on "The Journey of IVF".

There was a small cultural program after this, which included a mesmerizing flute recital by Master Anirban and an exquisite Bihu dance by members of BOGS. Lively 'Baul' songs were performed by Bapi Baul & group from Santiniketan at the conference dinner held at the pool side of The Westin, New Town.

The **Inauguration Ceremony** was held on December 14, 2019. A graceful inaugural dance was performed by members of BOGS. The Chief Guest was Swami Sarvalokanandaji Maharaj, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Narendrapur while Prof Debashis Bhattacharyya, DME, West Bengal was the Guest of Honour. The program was anchored by Dr Dipanwita Banerjee and Dr Sujoy Dasgupta. The names of the four recipients of the BOGS Scholarship for needy and meritorious students were announced and the first cheques were handed over to Mr Hilton Khanra from R G Kar Medical College, Md Zoni from Burdwan Medical College, Mr Kabiruddin Shaikh from Medical College, Kolkata and Ms Selima Begam from NRS Medical College.

The **Dr Subodh Sur Roy Memorial CME** was on the topic 'Challenging Situations in Endometriosis'. The session was chaired by Dr Gita Ganguly Mukherjee, Dr Partha Kumar

Bhattacharyya and Dr Sudip Chakraborty. Dr Amit Basu discussed 'Deep Infiltrating Endometriosis - An Overview', Dr M M Samsuzzoha elaborated upon Distant Endometriosis and Dr Dibyendu Banerjee dealt with the problem of Recurrent Endometriosis.

The much anticipated banquet dinner with DJ Music was held in the evening of December 14th 2019 at the 32nd floor rooftop of The Westin, New Town, Kolkata where 101 delegates relaxed after a day of scientific deliberations.

During the Valedictory, the prizes for the free paper competition were announced by Dr Amit Basu, Hony Clinical Secretary and Dr Tulika Jha, Hony Jt Clinical Secretary. Dr Roshni Sethia (MS PGT, RGKMCH, Kolkata) won the first prize, Dr Bohnishikha Talukdar (PGT, RGKMCH, Kolkata) the second prize, Dr Tamisha Panigrahi (PGT, IPGME&R, Kolkata) the third prize and Dr Puja Chatterjee (Senior Resident, CNCI, Kolkata) won the Judge's choice prize in the Free paper competition. In the Poster competition the first prize went to Dr Roma (PGT, IPGME&R, Kolkata), the second prize to Dr Saikat Tripathy (PGT, RGKMCH, Kolkata) and third prize to Dr Manisha Mishra (2nd year MS PGT, CMC).

This was followed by a lucky draw conducted by Dr Mahua Bhattacharya and Dr Tulika Jha where the delegates won many exciting gifts.







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CME ON NOVEL MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES IN HIGH RISK PREGNANCY: The FOGSI Practical Obstetrics & FOGSI Safe Motherhood Committees and The Bengal Obstetric & Gynaecological Society (BOGS) organized a CME on "Novel

Management Strategies in High Risk Pregnancy" on 22nd December 2019 at Hotel Hindusthan International, Kolkata. A total of 79 doctors from in and around Kolkata attended the academic meet.

Dr Sajal Datta deliberated on "Prevalence, Causes & Diagnosis of Preterm Birth" and Dr Suvarna Khadilkar on "Modern Evidence in Management of Preterm Birth: The Omega Story". The session was chaired by Dr Dibyendu Banerjee. Dr S C Biswas discussed the "Management of Preterm Birth: Current treatment options" and Dr Shyamal Sett spoke on "Role of Micronutrients in Preventing Pregnancy Complications". This session was chaired by Dr M M Samsuzzoha. Thereafter there was a panel discussion: Case Studies related to Preterm Birth which was moderated by Dr Basab Mukherjee. The esteemed panelists were Dr Alok Basu, Dr Susmita Chattopadhyay, Dr Tulika Jha, Dr Sujata Datta, Dr Sarmistha Ganguli and Dr Sujoy Dasgupta.



CME ON "IMPROVING WOMEN'S HEALTH": FOGSI and The Bengal Obstetric & Gynaecological Society organized a CME on "Improving Women's Health" on Saturday, January 4, 2020 at Vivanta By Taj. A total of 101 doctors from in and around Kolkata attended the academic meet. Dr Dibyendu Banerjee spoke on "Nutrition Across different life stages of a female", Dr Arun Madhab Boruah on "Advances in Contraceptives (Low-dose OCs & LARC etc)" and Dr Basab Mukherjee on "Hormone Replacement Therapy for optimizing Menopausal Health". This session was chaired by Dr Sukanta Misra and Dr Sudhir Adhikari. A panel discussion involving Dr Alpana Chhetri, Dr Mariam Khanam and Dr Soma Basak followed on the topic 'Improving Women's Health' which was moderated by Dr Sukanta Misra and Dr Sudhir Adhikari.

PUBLIC AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON JANUARY 5, 2020: On the request of the organizers of "JKI" (Japan Karate India) Sundarban Cup Karate Championship 2020, a Public Awareness Program on "Women's Health" was organized at Canning Stadium (Sports Complex) by BOGS along with Rotary Club of Calcutta, Kankurgachi.

Dr Dibyendu Banerjee, President, BOGS and members of BOGS (Dr Abinash Chandra Ray, Vice President, Dr Basab Mukherjee, Immediate Past Secretary, Dr Saktirupa Chakraborty, Chairperson, Public Awareness Committee, Dr Bipasa Sen, Secretary Public Awareness Committee, Dr Suranjan Chakrabarti, Chairperson, Medical Disorder Committee) and Dr Minakshi Banerjee, President of Rotary Club of Calcutta, Kankurgachi were present and they actively interacted with the audience at the program.

The organizers welcomed and felicitated Dr Dibyendu Banerjee, President of BOGS as Guest of Honour with a trophy after which Dr Saktirupa Chakraborty welcomed the dignitaries to the dais. After a brief welcome speech by our President, there were interactive discussions moderated by Dr Basab Mukherjee and Dr Suranjan Chakrabarti on Cervical Cancer and its Prevention (Vaccination), Breast Cancer, Self-Examination of Breast, Menstrual Problems including Menstrual Hygiene, white discharge/personal hygiene, Thalassaemia prevention and many other topics including myths on spinal anaesthesia. Dr Minakshi Banerjee's active interaction with the audience helped to clear wrong ideas about anaesthesia (particularly spinal anaesthesia) among the audience and is worthy of mention.

About 35 ladies (most of them leaders from different Swanirbhar Groups) took part actively in the discussion. The organizers, on witnessing the impact of this program, requested BOGS to arrange more such events and assured us of their support.



PUBLIC AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON PPTCT: A Public Awareness Program on PPTCT was organized by SAATHI on 24.01.2020 at Green Building, Medical College, Kolkata among HIV positive mothers and their family members. Dr Abinash Chandra Ray and Dr Suranjan Chakrabarti represented BOGS at this event.

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BOGS & FOGSI CME HEALTHY WOMANHOOD:

FOGSI and BOGS organized a CME on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at JW Marriott, Kolkata. A total of 91 doctors from in and around Kolkata attended

the academic meet. The first session included talks by Dr Sarat Battina on "Use of Progesterone in Luteal Phase Support" and Dr Bhaskar Pal on "Current Trends in the Management of Miscarriage and Recurrent Pregnancy Loss". The session Chairs were Dr Basudeb Mukherjee, Dr Kalidas Bakshi and Dr Pranati Sinha. The second session was a panel discussion on 'Role of Progesterone in Miscarriage' which was discussed by panelists Dr Alpana Chhetri, Dr Biswajyoti Guha, Dr Jayita Chakrabarti, Dr Poushali Sanyal, Dr Runa Bal and Dr Sukanta Misra and was moderated by Dr Basab Mukherjee.



HEALTH CHECK UP CAMP ON JANUARY 12, 2020:

Public Awareness & Community Service Committee of BOGS, Kolkata Menopause Society & Friends of Tribal Society organized a rural health

check-up camp and community service programme at Habra, North 24 Pgs. A total 103 patients were screened for anemia, diabetes and osteoporosis.

Dr Nirmala Pipara, Dr Nupur Chakraborty, Dr Geetika and Dr Sagnik Saha gave valuable advice to the patients at the camp. Surprisingly Hb of 70% patients was normal. Four diabetic patients were diagnosed. 70% patients were found to have osteoporosis due to very poor intake of calcium in diet. All were given proper dietary advice. Calcium, iron and other medicines were distributed free to all. The program was attended by senior members of Friends of Tribal Society, Mr Surendra Bafna and Mr Madhu Bafna. It was highly appreciated by all.



BEST 2020: BEST (BOGS EXAMINEES' SPECIAL TRAINING), the flagship PG Teaching Program of our society, was held on February 15-16th, 2020 at the auditorium of CSS College of ObGyn and Child Health, Kolkata and was attended by 161 post graduate students. Case presentations and tutorial classes on different practical issues were discussed between 9 am to 5 pm on both days. The sessions were mock exam situations, sometimes involving the whole auditorium.

The attending students were from Medical College, Kolkata, NRS Medical College, R G Kar Medical College, National Medical College, Burdwan Medical College, BS Medical College, Bankura, Midnapore, Medical Colleges from Durgapur, and also DNB teaching Institutes like M R Bangur, SNP Hospital, Howrah General Hospital, Siliguri S D Hosp, B R Singh Hospital. 75 faculties were involved in the teaching sessions, acting as examiners and among them were many professors and teachers from Medical Colleges and teaching institutes also.

The subjects covered ranged from anemia in pregnancy and menstrual disorders to malignant ovarian tumors. Important clinical cases of importance for final postgraduate examination and a few important co-curricular issues were discussed e.g, Biomedical waste management, hand wash techniques, La Qshya program and thesis and research related questions. All the sessions were highly interactive and informative.



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A CME ON "UPDATES IN GYNAECOLOGICAL ONCOLOGY" was organized by Oncology Sub Committee of BOGS on Saturday, January 18th, 2020 at Auditorium of Chittaranjan Seva Sadan, College of Obstetrics, Gynaecology & Childhealth, Kolkata. The first session was a symposium on Colposcopy and Management of Cervical Pre cancers where Dr M M Samsuzzoha spoke on "Steps of Colposcopy & Colposcopy of Normal Cervix", Dr Dipanwita Banerjee spoke on "Colposcopy of Infection and Neoplasia" & Dr Ranajit Mandal on "Treatment of CIN". The session was chaired by Dr Amit Basu, Dr Hiralal Konar, Dr Kalidas Bakshi and Dr Subhash Chandra Biswas. The second session had live demonstration of Colposcopy and LEEP where the operating faculties were Dr Dipanwita Banerjee, Dr M M Samsuzzoha and Dr Ranajit Mandal. This session was chaired by Dr Ashis Kumar Mukhopadhyay, Dr Biman Kr Chakrabarty and Dr Sukanta Misra. Finally in the third session there was a Tumor Board Discussion involving experts Dr Manas Chakrabarti, Dr Ramprasad Dey, Dr Subrata Saha, Dr Srabanti Hazra, Dr Tanuka Das and Dr Tapas Maji. This was moderated by Dr Anik Ghosh and Dr Jaydip Bhaumik.



52ND DR SUBODH MITRA MEMORIAL ORATION & CLINICAL MEETING: The 52nd Dr Subodh Mitra Memorial Oration & Clinical Meeting were held at Chittaranjan Seva Sadan, Kolkata on Saturday, January 18th, 2020. The program was attended by 100 delegates. Dr Amita Maheswari, Prof & Head, Dept of Gynaecological Oncology, Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai delivered the oration on the topic: "Gynaecological Cancers: Looking Forward through the Rear View Mirror".

The cases presented in the fourth Clinical meeting were "Unusual Case reports in Gynaecological Oncology" by Dr Anirban Dasgupta from Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute, Kolkata, Dr Upasana Palo from Saroj Gupta Cancer Research Institute, Kolkata and Dr Sunaina Wadhwa from Tata Medical Centre, Kolkata.

HEALTH CHECK UP CAMP ON JANUARY 19, 2020: Public Awareness & Community Service Committee of The Bengal Obstetric & Gynaecological Society & Kolkata Menopause Society organized a rural health check-up camp and community service programme at Tenga Beria Free Primary School, East Burdwan, Jaugram.

A total of 100 patients were examined. Anemia was very commonly seen. 30% patients had osteopenia and 40% had osteoporosis. One patient was diagnosed to have a lump abdomen.

Dr Kalidas Bakshi, Dr Nirmala Pipara, Dr Geetika and Dr Sarkar gave their valuable advice to the patients attending the camp.



FOURTH CLINICAL MEETING: Date: Saturday, January 18, 2020. Venue: Chittaranjan Seva Sadan, College of Obstetrics, Gynaecology & Childhealth, Kolkata. Attendance: 100. The following case was presented: a) "Unusual Case reports in Gynaecological Oncology" by Dr Anirban Dasgupta from Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute, Kolkata; b) "Unusual Case Reports in Gynaecological Oncology" by Dr Upasana Palo from Saroj Gupta Cancer Research Institute, Kolkata; c) "Unusual Case Reports in Gynaecological Oncology" by Dr Sunaina Wadhwa from Tata Medical Centre, Kolkata.

Milan

MILAN - THE CONFERENCE OF THE OBSTETRIC AND GYNAECOLOGICAL SOCIETIES OF WEST BENGAL:

The 1st Inaugural Conference "Milan"- The Conference of the Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of West Bengal was organized on February 22-23rd, 2020 at Biswa Bangla Convention Centre, New Town, Kolkata. The theme of the Conference was "Controversies to Consensus". 208 delegates from all over the state attended the conference and it was graced by national Faculties, Dr Hitesh Bhatt, Dr Manish Machave, Dr Geetendra Sharma, Dr Neeraj Nagpal, Dr Jagadeesh Narayana Reddy, Dr Krishnendu Mukherjee and Dr Arun Kumar Manglik.

The academic activities included 5 Symposiums, 1 Industry session, 2 Debates, 3 Panel Discussions and 1 Mixed Bag session. A whole day Medicolegal Workshop was held on February 23, 2020. For the encouragement of our junior colleagues there were 2 free paper sessions with 9 participants and a Quiz with 7 teams.

The Inauguration Ceremony was held on February 22, 2020. A beautiful inaugural song was performed by members of BOGS. The dignitaries were Dr Dibyendu Banerjee, Organizing Chairperson & President, BOGS, Dr Susanta Kumar Das, President, Bardhaman Society, Dr Subhendu Dasgupta, President, Durgapur Society, Dr Indranil Dutta, President, Kalyani Society, Dr Bhaskar Pal, Chairperson, Reception Committee & President Elect, BOGS and Dr M M Samsuzzoha, Organizing Secretary & Hony Secretary, BOGS. The program was anchored by Dr Debasmita Mandal and Dr Ranita Roychowdhury.

A banquet dinner with Music by the delegates was held on February 22, 2020 at our own "Pratishruti", Kolkata. Sixty delegates attended the gala party.

During the valedictory, the prizes for the free paper competition and quiz were announced by Dr Biswajyoti Guha, Chairperson, Scientific Committee & Dr Tulika Jha, Secretary, Scientific Committee. Dr Sneha Gond (MS PGT, Midnapur MCH) won the first prize, Dr Anumita Chandra (PGT, RGKMCH, Kolkata) won the second prize and Dr Saheli Kapat (PGT, Sambhunath Pandit Hospital, Kolkata) won the third prize. The quiz winners were Dr Dipanjan Bandhyapadhyay & Dr Paromita Roy (PGT, RG Kar, Kolkata), while the runners up were Dr Radhika Bharadwaj & Dr Sana Khan (PGT, North Bengal MCH). This was followed by a lucky draw conducted by Dr Mahua Bhattacharya and Dr Dipanwita Banerjee where there were many exciting gifts. At the end it was decided that the next Milan will be held at Bardhaman.



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FOGSI WOMENS DAY CANCER SCREENING PROGRAM: THE BOGS STORY: On 8th March, 2020 (International Women's Day), BOGS participated in a Pan India breast and cervical cancer screening program organized by FOGSI, for women police and CRPF personnel and their lady family members. This program of BOGS was conducted with the co-operation of the Director General of Police (West Bengal) and CRPF (West Bengal). It was supported by Society of Midwives India and Rotary Club of Calcutta Kankurgachi and was organized at five locations in and around Kolkata, namely: Alipore Bodyguard Lines Auditorium, Bidhannagar Suresh Neotia Centre for Excellence, Bidhannagar CRPF Signal Battalion Mens Club, Barrackpore Womens P.S. Auditorium and Khardah P.S. Auditorium.

There were about 32 BOGS volunteers along with PGTs who were allocated to the five centres. After an initial brief inauguration by the Police/CRPF dignitaries of each respective centre, the clients were divided into 2 groups of a) 30-45 years and b) >45 years. They were counseled about the need for screening and their queries were answered by the senior BOGS members present. Thereafter individual examination was done. This included breast examination for all, VIA in the younger group and Pap smear in the older group. Post procedure counseling was done where necessary and appropriate referral centres were suggested. Various pertinent health related discussions continued while the screening ensued. At the completion of the program the slides were delivered to pathology department of IPGME&R and SSKM Hospital for reporting. The total number of women screened by BOGS was 354 (Alipore: 90, Bidhannagar - Suresh Neotia: 99, CRPF Bidhannagar: 48, Barrackpore: 76 & Khardah: 41).

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DAY TO DAY OBSTETRIC & GYNAECOLOGICAL PROBLEMS IN COVID 19 PANDEMIC

BOGS Goes Live

On Monday
27th April 2020, 4 pm Onwards

SPEAKERS

Topic: Precautions to be taken in Hospitals, Private Clinics & ANC by HCWs during COVID-19 situation in India

Topic: ANC during Lockdown period: Telephonic Advice, Rescheduling visits, Investigations

Topic: Intranatal care - decision, procedures and precautions

Topic: Tackling Gynaecological Emergencies: Procedures & Precautions

Followed by Question and Answer Session

Moderators

Organized by: The Bengal Obstetric & Gynaecological Society

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WEBINAR ON DAY TO DAY OBSTETRIC & GYNAECOLOGICAL PROBLEMS IN COVID 19 PANDEMIC: In this period of social distancing and national lockdown a webinar was organized by BOGS in association with AICC RCOG East Zone on 27th April 2020 at 4.00 pm to discuss the effect of COVID 19 pandemic on day to day Obstetrics & Gynaecology.

Dr Ashis Kumar Mukhopadhyay spoke on “Precautions to be taken in Hospitals, Private Clinics and also by HCWs keeping Covid -19 situation in mind”, Dr Seetha Ramamurthy Pal talked on “ANC during lockdown period, telephonic advice, rescheduling visits, investigations”; Dr Basab Mukherjee spoke on “Intranatal care - decision, procedures and precautions” and Dr M M Samsuzzoha talked on “Tackling Gynaecological Emergencies- Procedures & Precautions”. Thereafter Dr Amit Basu & Dr Tulika Jha moderated a Question & Answer session.

BOGS GOES LIVE

ORGANIZED BY SAFE MOTHERHOOD COMMITTEE OF BOGS

Topic: SAFE MOTHERHOOD AND CRITICAL CARE OBSTETRICS

RE-SCHEDULED

Date: On 19th May 2020
Time: 6:00 pm onwards

Speakers:

Placenta Accreta Spectrum: A nightmare

RAADP (Routine Antenatal Anti D Prophylaxis)

Critical Care in Obstetrics

Moderators:

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WEBINAR ON SAFE MOTHERHOOD AND CRITICAL CARE IN OBSTETRICS:

A webinar was organized by Safe Motherhood Committee of BOGS on Safe Motherhood and Critical Care in Obstetrics on May 19, 2020 at 6.00 pm. Dr Arup Kumar Majhi spoke on “Placenta Accreta Spectrum: A nightmare”, Dr Sebnati Goswami talked on “RAADP (Routine Antenatal Anti D Prophylaxis)”. Dr Biswajyoti Guha then moderated a Panel discussion on “Critical Care in Obstetrics”. The panelists were Dr Susmita Chattopadhyay, Dr Mandira Dasgupta, Dr Sujata Datta, Dr Sharmishtha Ganguly and Dr Chayan Bhattacharyya.

Infertility & Endometriosis

BOGS GOES LIVE

Block your date: 10-05-2020
Time: 4:00 pm onwards

Speakers

Topic: GnRH, The Gold Standard for Medical Management of Endometriosis

Topic: Dienogest - A pearl of Wisdom

Topic: Management of Recurrent Endometriosis

Topic: Healing of Ailing Ovary with DHEA

Followed by Question and Answer Session

Moderators

Organized by: The Bengal Obstetric & Gynaecological Society

Viewers Link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Phnma100020>

Academic Partner: LUPRIDE, FREEDOM 30, EMERA, OVARIS PLUS



WEBINAR ON INFERTILITY & ENDOMETRIOSIS: A webinar was organized by BOGS on May 10, 2020 at 4.00 pm on Infertility & Endometriosis. Dr Abhinibesh Chatterjee spoke on “GnRH, the gold standard for medical management of endometriosis”, Dr Sebnati Goswami talked on “Dienogest – A pearl of wisdom”; Dr M M Samsuzzoha spoke on “Management of Recurrent Endometriosis” and Dr Siddhartha Chattopadhyay talked on “Healing of Ailing Ovary with DHEA”. Following this Dr Amit Basu and Dr Tulika Jha moderated a Question & Answer session.

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WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL DAY CELEBRATION: On June 5, 2020, BOGS celebrated World Environmental Day. On this occasion trees were planted in the back garden of “Pratishruti” building and in many other places, with the symbolic idea of making the world green.



THE 35TH DR SUDHIR CHANDRA BOSE MEMORIAL ORATION was held at “Pratishruti”, Salt Lake, Kolkata, on Tuesday, June 23rd, 2020 through a webinar. Dr Dhiman Ganguly, eminent Consultant Pulmonologist - Calcutta Heart Clinic & Hospital and G D Diabetic Institute spoke on “Pulmonology of Pregnancy”. Ten BOGS office members attended the oration at ‘Pratishruti’ maintaining strict social distancing while 67 BOGSians attended online.

FOGSI MTP COMMITTEE
CME On -SAFE AND LEGAL ABORTION IN CLINICAL PRACTICE
DATE-2nd July 2020 ⌚ **Time:5pm-7pm**
BENGAL OBS & GYNÆ SOCIETY (KOLKATA)

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PC PNDD Act: A Discussion	Dr. Seetha Ramamurthy Pal	
Post Abortal Contraception-	Dr Jayita Chakrabarti	
Panel on-Safe & Legal Abortion Practice Moderator- Dr. Basab Mukherjee	Dr. Abhishek Bhadra, Dr. Bipasha Sen, Dr. Mahua Bhattacharya, Dr. Mariam Khanam Dr. Saktirupa Chakraborty	
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WEBINAR ON “SAFE AND LEGAL ABORTION IN CLINICAL PRACTICE”:

A webinar on “Safe and Legal Abortion in Clinical Practice” was organized by the FOGSI MTP Committee and BOGS on Thursday July 2, 2020 at 5.00 pm.

Dr Bharti Maheshwari spoke on “MTP Act, Documentation & Clinical Protocols”, Dr Seetha Ramamurthy Pal talked on “PC PNDD Act: A Discussion” and Dr Jayita Chakrabarti on “Post Abortal Contraception”. Following this Dr Basab Mukherjee moderated a panel discussion on “Safe & Legal Abortion Practice”. The panelists were Dr Avishek Bhadra, Dr Bipasa Sen, Dr Mahua Bhattacharyya, Dr Mariam Khanam and Dr Saktirupa Chakraborty.

Activities

DOCTORS' DAY CELEBRATION: BOGS celebrated Doctors' Day on 1st July by garlanding Dr B C Roy's photo at our office "Pratishruti", Salt Lake, Kolkata. On this occasion, BOGS organized a "BLOOD DONATION CAMP" in association with Life Care Blood Bank & Rotary Club of Calcutta Kankurgachi. Forty volunteers (25 doctors and 15 staff members and members of Rotary Club of Calcutta, Kankurgachi) donated blood.



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40 चिकित्सकों ने किये रक्तदान

कोलकाता: ग्रेटरी कोलकाता काकुरगुची व बंगलूर ऑन्कोलॉजिकल एंड माइक्रोबायोलॉजिकल सोसाइटी (बीओडीएस) के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में डॉ विधान खंड राय की जयंती व पुण्यतीर्थ के अवसर पर रक्तदान शिबिर का आयोजन किया गया, जहां चिकित्सकों ने रक्तदान किया।

वैद्यक महामारी कोविड-19 के खिलाफ लड़ाई में चिकित्सकों ने कोरोना वायरस की भांति अपनी संरक्षण दी है। इसी बीच, महानगर में खून की कमी भी देखी जा रही है, खून की कमी को दूर करने के लिए 40 चिकित्सकों (कोरोना खोदाओं) ने रक्तदान किया। इस शिबिर पर बीओडीएस की ओर से डॉ विवेक बनर्जी, डॉ जितेंद्र, डॉ नीलेशी बनर्जी व ग्रेटरी काकुरगुची के सचिव श्रीरामचंद्र मिश्र व सुब्रह्मण्य लोच व ड्रग कैरिटेन तारस राय सहित अन्य गणपतम् शामिल रहे। इस मौके पर कोरोना का इलाज कर रहे दो थरोथ्रड चिकित्सक डॉ विमान चक्रवर्ती व डॉ कर्णोदास शर्मा भी सम्मानित किया गया।

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Obituary



Prof Amiya Kumar
Mukherjee



Prof K M Gun



Prof Sunit Mukherjee



Dr Biswanath Das



Dr Purvita Dam



Dr Sourendra Kanta
(Partha) Goswami

**“Death has nothing to do with going away.
The sun sets. The moon sets. But they are not gone”**
Anonymous

The year 2020 has been very cruel. It has so far claimed several hundreds of thousands of lives worldwide several of whom were Covid warriors from our own fraternity. We don't even know when the pandemic will finally subside.

Amidst this disturbing phase, we lost six of our dear BOGSians to fate. In the past few months, stalwarts and former past Presidents namely Prof K M Gun, Prof Amiya Mukherjee and Prof Biswanath Das left us for their heavenly abode. We also lost the very respected Prof Sunit Mukherjee who had recently become a part of the BOGS family. Dr Sourendra Kanti (Partha) Goswami also left us suddenly. But perhaps the most shocking was the passing on of Dr Purvita Dam, a dynamic and bright gynaecologist, who left us too prematurely.

We deeply mourn their demise and convey our sincere condolences to their bereaved families. They may have left us but they will always dwell in our hearts.

“We all die. The goal isn't to live forever, the goal is to create something that will”
Chuck Palahniuk