



The Department of Infection Control of Sree Gokulam Medical College and Research Foundation celebrated the International Prevention and Control Week, which is observed on the third week of October every year. - October 16th - 22nd.

The program, ever since its inception over three decades ago, has themes that revolve around infection prevention which are set by the Association of Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (A.P.I.C.) Presentations and publications about the set theme are made to keep everyone abreast of the latest trends in preventing infections.

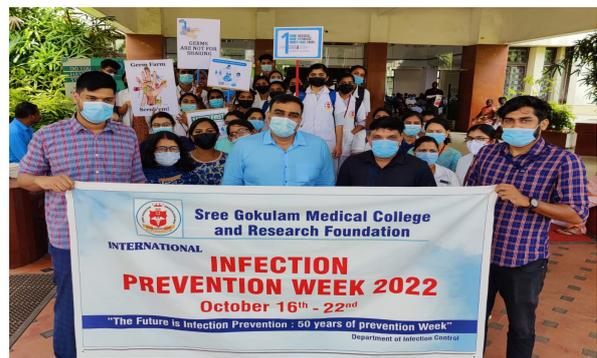
The theme for this year is *“The Future is Infection Prevention: 50 Years of Infection Prevention.”*

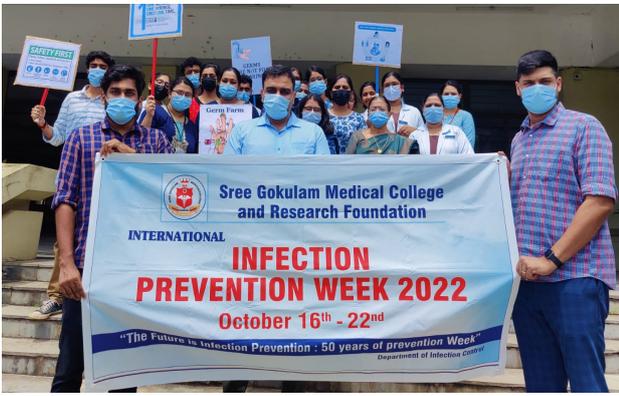
The Department of Infection Control held various educational events and competitions to highlight this week.

- Our consultants pledged an oath to adhere to good hand hygiene practices and volunteered in demonstrating the various steps of hand hygiene.



- There was an awareness walk conducted as part of the weekly events, which was attended by faculties of various departments, medical students and nursing students.
- At the end point, a short talk to raise awareness about the necessity for proper infection control practices was given by Dr. Ashish Jitendranath.
- The students were addressed with regards to implementing infection control practices in their day to day practices, especially in the hospital setup.





- A written quiz competition was conducted on Infection Control Practices for MBBS students, Nursing students and House Surgeons.



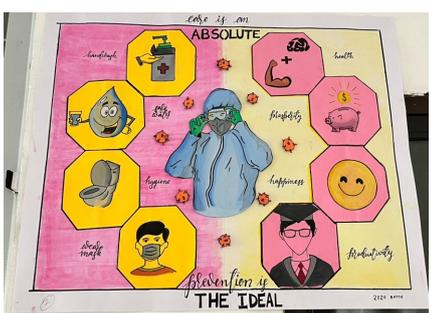
- An update on our Hospital Infection Control Policies was given by our Senior Infection Control Nurse, Mrs. Madanapriya, to our staff nurses. Queries regarding biomedical waste segregation and disinfection practices were discussed. A brief dialogue about device care bundles was carried out.



- There was an outreach programme conducted by Dr. Ashish Jitendranath, Chairperson, and Dr. Kiran Subhash, Infection Control Officer, in various clinical departments. Importance of hand hygiene, with special emphasis on the instances where hand wash was required, was discussed. Precautions, both standard and transmission based were revised, and the adequate PPE for each were recommended.



- To wind up the week's events, there was a poster competition held for the students and staff of the hospital. Various MBBS students, DMLT students, nursing students and staff put up their creation in our hospital lobby.





The Infection Control Department expresses its gratitude in the cooperation and participation of faculty, staff and students in marking the events of Infection Prevention and Control Week.



**Hospital Infection Control
Committee**