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**The 2nd International Conference on Advances in Healthcare Management Services 2016 was held at IIMA**

**13 December 2016, Ahmedabad:** The 2nd IIMA International Conference on Advances in Healthcare Management Services (ICAHMS-2016) was held on Dec 10-11, 2016 at IIM Ahmedabad campus. Inaugurating the conference Prof. Ashish Nanda, Director, IIMA identified “Healthcare” to be one of the top three areas of improvement for India with the other two being infrastructure and education. Prof. Arnab Kumar Laha, Chairperson CMHS identified rural-urban divide, spiraling costs of healthcare, patient safety, enhancing capability of doctor entrepreneurs and capability building for tackling the emerging tsunami of chronic diseases as areas where urgent action is needed. The two daylong conference saw eight eminent scientists and thinkers speak on different aspects of healthcare management. Dr. Narottam Puri, past chairman of NABH spoke on quality management and patient safety, Prof. Kanti Mardia, Distinguished Research Professor University of Leeds and University of Oxford spoke on some novel statistical applications for solving complex medico-legal problems, Dr. Gautam Sen- Founder Healthspring Community Medical Centre spoke on the need for developing a holistic approach to healthcare with primary care at the centre and Mr. Pradeep Jaisingh founder of Healthstart spoke on healthcare entrepreneurship.

Dr. Amar Jesani is one of the founders of the Forum for Medical Ethics Society; he spoke about the ethical imperative of transparency in clinical research obligations of research regulators, scientists and journals. A workshop on data analysis for healthcare management was also held. More than 40 papers presented their papers during the two days of the conference.

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