

## **Title of the Event/Activity: Pre-Conference Workshop on "Medical Certification of Cause of Death (MCCD)" – PAFMATCON 2024-25**

**Date:** 20th March 2025

**Venue:** Department of Medical Education (DME), Swami Rama Himalayan University (SRHU), Dehradun

**Organized By:** Department of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology, Himalayan Institute of Medical Sciences (HIMS), SRHU

### **Overview**

The Department of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology, HIMS, SRHU, organized a pre-conference workshop on "**Medical Certification of Cause of Death (MCCD)**" on 20th March 2025 as part of the academic proceedings of **PAFMATCON 2024–25**. The workshop aimed to enhance the understanding and accuracy of medical professionals in issuing death certificates in compliance with legal standards and national guidelines under the Registration of Births and Deaths Act.

### **Objectives**

- To train medical professionals in accurately filling the MCCD forms (Form 4 and Form 4A).
- To understand the statutory and ethical responsibilities associated with death certification.
- To reduce errors in cause-of-death statements through practical examples and hands-on exercises.
- To familiarize participants with the classification of underlying, antecedent, and immediate causes of death as per WHO standards.

**Photographs:** enclosed

**Number of Participants:** 66 participants, including junior and senior resident doctors, faculty, and postgraduates from multiple departments.

### **Resource Persons**

- Dr. Tanuj Kanchan, Professor, Department of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology, AIIMS, Jodhpur
- Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Associate Professor, Department of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology AIIMS, Deogarh
- Dr. Raghvendra Kumar Vidua, Additional Professor, Department of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology, AIIMS, Bhopal
- Dr. Harvinder Singh Chhabra, Assistant Professor, Department of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology, HIMS, SRHU, Dehradun

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## Activities Conducted

- **Introductory Lecture** on the legal framework and importance of accurate MCCD.
- **Hands-on Training** on filling Form 4 (institutional deaths) and Form 4A (non-institutional deaths).
- **Error Analysis Session** using anonymized real-world examples of incorrectly filled MCCD forms.
- **Group Activity** on case-based MCCD writing with facilitator-guided feedback.
- **Discussion** on the medico-legal implications of improper certification and false statements.

## Outcome / Achievements

- Participants demonstrated improved ability in writing accurate and standardized cause-of-death statements.
- Clarified doubts regarding terminology like "immediate cause," "underlying cause," and "contributory factors."
- Reinforced the importance of MCCD in public health planning, epidemiology, and legal contexts.
- Strong demand was expressed for regular refresher training and integration into medical curriculum.

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