

Palliative Care Course by KMC Hospital



MANGALURU: "How do you convey to someone that his/her father/mother or wife is going to die?" asked Dr. Jochen Becker, CEO, MediAction Germany during a Palliative Care Course for Medical Professionals organised by KMC Hospital recently.

He was explaining how sorrowful news conveyed to the concerned, how family and friends of the patient are taken into confidence, how to disclose insights regarding the disease and making the people involved, including the doctors comfortable was the purpose of this course.

A batch of 22 medical professionals as diverse as Allopathy, Ayurveda, Polyclinic owner, Dental Surgeon, Nursing Superintendents, attended the five-day course.

"Pallium" is a Latin word which means 'Cloak', that involves care all round the clock. Also it addresses the human aspect not just the medical part of it.

The course was initiated by Dr. Prabha Adhikari of KMC Hospital last year, a first in India for Geriatrics. She encouraged Dr. Sheetal Raj from the hospital to organize it this year too and it was a grand success.

Jerardin D'Souza, Founder, Mangalore Alzheimer's Association (MAA), who certified himself in the first course, was all praise for the humane aspect of the Palliative Course. Also other participants had very valuable insights which they shared with Dr. Becker on the day of presentation of certificates.

Dr. M.V. Prabhu, Dean, KMC Hospital, attended the concluding session and presented the certificates.