

Ensuring patient safety

 'STANDARD treatment procedures should be developed to ensure patient safety', said V K Subburaj, Principal Health Secretary, Tamilnadu, while inaugurating a conference on patient safety here on Saturday organised by Sri Ramachandra Medical Centre and the Indian Confederation for Healthcare Accreditation.

To avoid wrong medication the Tamil Nadu Government has introduced computerized prescriptions in 40 hospitals and it will be

increased to another 200 hospitals shortly. Subburaj said that the Tamilnadu Government has introduced the WHO safe injection policy where separate disposable injections are being used. Earlier in his address Prof K V Somasundaram, Dean of Faculties, Sri Ramachandra University said that the patient safety procedures introduced in Sri Ramachandra Medical Centre has brought about substantial improvement. It is also cost effective and easily measurable he said.

In his welcome address,

Dr Mahesh Vakamudi, Prof and HOD Anesthesiology and Chief Operating Officer, SRMC said lessons in patient safety learnt by major hospitals should be taken to all hospitals and even public health centers in remote villages throughout the country. Dr J Damodaran, Medical Director, SRMC proposed the vote of thanks.

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