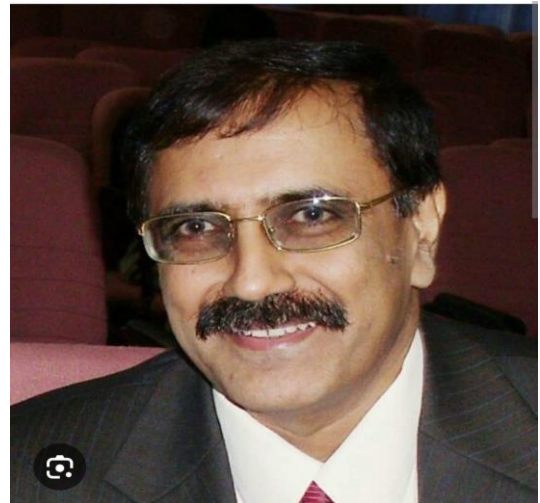


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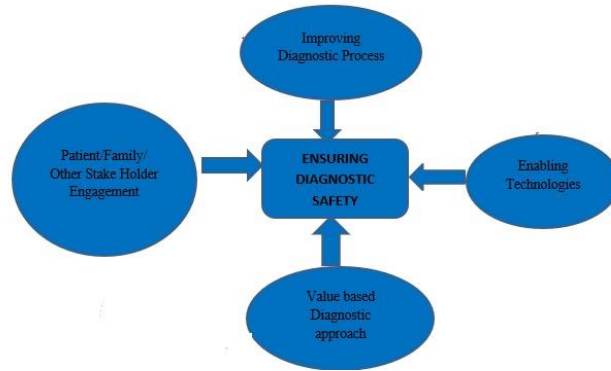


Providing timely, correct diagnosis and appropriate treatment while mitigating suffering are among the key objectives of patient safety. Further, we may inadvertently increase the suffering due to a diagnostic error, leading to wrong treatment or inappropriate medical care. Correct and timely diagnosis relies on many factors: knowledge, experience, skill of care providers and the resources available to them. Errors potentially occur during the diagnostic process that commonly spans different locations, multiple providers and time duration. Further, clear guidelines are lacking for timely diagnosis for the majority of conditions. Diagnosis errors lead also to patient harm from wrong or delayed testing, as well as incorrect treatment, emphasizing the emergence of diagnostic safety as a priority area. Until recently, Diagnostic safety has not received its deserved attention in the realm of patient safety, even though Diagnostic errors is a global concern and contributes to the burden of unsafe care, both in high income countries & developing nations.

The **Executive Director Prof. (Dr). M. Hanumantha Rao** has invited **Prof. (Dr).T.S.Ravikumar** , **Visiting Professor /Chair of Research Advisory Council of AIIMS Madurai** , to lead the effort in **Quality/Patient Safety at AIIMS Madurai** . Dr. Ravikumar has served on the **WHO Interprofessional Patient Safety Curriculum Working Group**, and has contributed to the **chapter on Diagnostic Safety**, including the state-of-the-art information, case studies for learning and teaching- learning methods.

“While the clinical operations at our AIIMS is in very early stages, I feel that the concepts of healthcare quality & patient safety have to be inculcated right from day one, not only for medicos but also for nursing and other allied health professionals. In this regard, I plan to work with the Executive Director to develop patient safety component in every integrated teaching module. I shall engage all faculty through the Faculty I/C Dr. Ganesh Babu and other HODs such as Dr. Sarah R, who have shown a keen interest in this innovative approach” opined Dr. **T.S.Ravikumar**.

A Framework for Comprehensive Curriculum & Training Program in Diagnostic Safety can be found in AIIMS Madurai Website



The framework comprises four domains in “Ensuring Diagnostic Safety “while addressing misuse, overuse & underuse of scarce resources in healthcare: 1. Improving diagnostic process; 2. Enabling technologies; 3. Patient/ family/ other stakeholders engagement; & 4. Value based diagnostic approach. - **Dr.T.S.Ravikumar**

“This innovation of implementing the concepts of Patient safety integrating in curriculum will keep AIIMS Madurai on the lead in Patient Safety” said the **Executive Director & CEO Dr. M. Hanumantha Rao.**