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Report on International Infection Prevention Week 2024.

International Infection Prevention Week was celebrated by Department of Microbiology from 13th to 19th October 2024, during which a series of engaging and educational activities were organized for the nursing staff. The event aimed to enhance awareness and reinforce best practices in infection prevention. The activities were designed to be both informative and enjoyable, fostering a spirit of teamwork and learning among the participants.

Activities Conducted were,

1. **Hand Hygiene Challenge:** Participants were tasked to arrange the steps of hand hygiene techniques in proper order. The challenge emphasized the importance of thorough handwashing to prevent the spread of infections.
2. **Germ Blaster Relay:** The relay included stations where staff had to arrange steps of don and doff personal protective equipment (PPE) correctly. This activity highlighted the critical steps in breaking the chain of infection.
3. **Word Search:** A word search puzzle featuring key terms related to infection prevention and control. Participants worked to find and highlight important infection control terminology.
4. **Waste Sorting Quest:** An educational game focused on proper waste segregation and disposal. Participants sorted different types of waste into appropriate categories using respective color sketch pens and dropping the waste by following the Maze.
5. **Safety Scenario Challenge:** Participants were presented with various infection control scenarios and had to identify the correct safety measures to implement. This challenge encouraged critical thinking and application of infection prevention knowledge in real-world situations.
6. **Precautionary Pairs:** A matching game where participants paired different types of infections with the appropriate precautionary measures. This activity reinforced the understanding of standard, contact, droplet, and airborne precautions.

Overall, the activities were well-received by the nursing staff, who actively participated and

demonstrated a strong commitment to infection prevention. The event successfully reinforced key infection control practices and fostered a collaborative learning environment. Feedback from participants indicated that the activities were both enjoyable and educational, providing valuable insights into effective infection prevention strategies.

The top 2 winners of each game were awarded certificates and a token of appreciation for their efforts, by Dr. Roshan Kumar, Medical Superintendent.

Following were the winners-

Hand hygiene challenge - 1st Chaithanya R C, 2nd ROJA T S

Gem blaster Relay - 1st Ambika K G, 2nd Chaithanya R C

World Search - 1st ROJA T S, 2nd Ambika K G

Waste Storing quest - 1st Mosarof Hussain, 2nd Sumithra N L

Precautionary Pairs - 1st Chaithanya R C, 2nd SUNIL K M

Safety Scenario Quiz - 1st Chaithanya R C, 2nd Ambika K G

Along with this Phase 2 MBBS students Spurthi A V, Harshitha S, Abhishek annappa dharigoudar, Neha Duggireddy Surakkagari Reddy and Spandana Prakash Masanagi performed hand hygiene dance to spread the importance of the hand hygiene. They were given certificates and appreciated for their efforts.

The International Infection Prevention Week activities were a resounding success, contributing to the ongoing efforts to maintain a safe and healthy healthcare environment.

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