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INSTITUTIONAL DISTINCTIVENESS

Nehru College of Pharmacy, established in 2003, has emerged as a distinguished institution within the Nehru Group of Institutions due to its unique collaboration with its parent institute, P K Das Institute of Medical Sciences (PKDIMS) which is a Super speciality hospital named in fond memory of Late P K Das the founder Chairman of Nehru Group of Institutions. This partnership has fundamentally shaped the distinctiveness of Nehru College of Pharmacy, fostering a holistic and industry-aligned approach to pharmaceutical education and research. The integration of pharmacy education with comprehensive medical practices at PKDIMS creates a multifaceted learning environment where doctors actively contribute to the academic pursuits of pharmacy students, enriching their educational experience with practical insights derived from real-world clinical settings.

The academic synergy between Nehru College of Pharmacy and P K Das Institute of Medical Sciences extends beyond traditional pharmaceutical education, encompassing collaborative research initiatives that form the bedrock of a vibrant and research-rich environment. This collaboration transcends disciplinary boundaries, enabling students to engage in projects that address real-world healthcare challenges. The involvement of doctors from PKDIMS in mentoring pharmacy students adds an additional layer of distinction, providing valuable guidance in career development, research pursuits, and overall professional growth. This mentorship extends beyond clinical settings, fostering a sense of community and shared purpose within the larger healthcare domain.

A pivotal aspect of the distinctiveness of Nehru College of Pharmacy is the invaluable training opportunities facilitated by PKDIMS. PKDIMS, with its 1000+ bed capacity, is at the forefront of healthcare innovation and medical education equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, cutting-edge technology, and specialized departments spanning various medical and surgical disciplines. This comprehensive setup not only enhances the clinical exposure for pharmacy students-but also provides a unique backdrop for interdisciplinary collaboration.

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Pharmacy students actively participate in clinical rotations, gaining exposure to various medical specialties under the seasoned guidance of experienced doctors. This hands-on experience surpasses traditional classroom settings, meticulously preparing students for the interdisciplinary demands of their future careers. Internship programs, intricately designed to align with a hospital setting, ensure that students garner practical experience in pharmacy practices, instilling a sense of responsibility and professionalism essential for the healthcare sector.

The collaboration between Nehru College of Pharmacy and PKDIMS significantly contributes to the establishment of an Adverse Drug Reactions (ADRs) reporting centre at PKDIMS. This initiative reflects the commitment of both institutions to bridge the gap between academic learning and practical, industry-relevant experiences. The ADRs reporting centre provides students at NCP with valuable exposure to the intricacies of reporting adverse reactions within a hospital setting. Through this collaboration, pharmacy students gain handson training on how to identify, document, and report ADRs, a crucial aspect of ensuring patient safety and effective healthcare.

Pharmacy interns and doctors at PKDIMS review the reported ADRs, facilitating a comprehensive understanding of the entire process, from identification to assessment and intervention. This exposure not only enhances the students' understanding of pharmaceutical care but also reinforces the importance of collaboration between healthcare professionals in optimizing therapeutic outcomes.

Furthermore, the collaboration extends to the Pharmacy & Therapeutic Committee (P&T Committee) at PKDIMS, which includes members from both the medical faculty of PKDIMS and faculty from NCP. This committee plays a crucial role in formulating the Hospital Drug Formulary. Students at NCP have the unique opportunity to actively participate in this process, gaining practical insights into how a P&T Committee operates and how a drug formulary is developed within a hospital setting.

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Involvement in the P&T Committee exposes pharmacy students to the decision-making processes involved in selecting and approving medications for use in the hospital. They learn about the considerations taken into account, such as efficacy, safety, and cost-effectiveness, in building a formulary that aligns with the specific healthcare needs of the institution. This hands-on experience contributes significantly to the students' understanding of the complexities involved in healthcare decision-making and fosters a sense of responsibility in shaping pharmaceutical care practices.

This unique exposure has a tangible impact on student placements, with graduates from Nehru College of Pharmacy consistently recognized for their well-rounded education and high placement rates in pharmaceutical and healthcare industries.

The distinctive nature of Nehru College of Pharmacy is further underscored by the active participation of doctors from PKDIMS in various aspects of education, research, and mentorship. The hospital providing students with exposure to the latest advancements in medical science and technology.

Furthermore, Nehru College of Pharmacy's affiliation with PKDIMS and medical college plays a crucial role in the institution's overarching commitment to research initiatives. The hospital's state-of-the-art facilities, advanced research labs and diverse patient cases create a conducive environment for ground-breaking research projects. Pharmacy students actively engage in interdisciplinary research, with doctors from PKDIMS contributing their expertise to these endeavours. This not only provides students with hands-on research experience but also contributes to the broader scientific community.

The collaborative research initiatives between Nehru College of Pharmacy and PKDIMS span a wide spectrum, from drug development to clinical trials, addressing critical healthcare challenges. This research-oriented approach not only enhances the academic profile of the institution but also ensures that students are exposed to the latest advancements in

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pharmaceutical sciences. The mentorship provided by doctors becomes a catalyst for research pursuits, inspiring students to explore innovative solutions to healthcare problems.

CONCLUSION

Nehru College of Pharmacy is deeply rooted in its collaborative affiliation with PKDIMS, an emerging super-specialty hospital and medical college. This integration creates a singular learning environment where academic pursuits seamlessly intertwine with real-world experiences, cutting-edge research endeavours, and industry-aligned training. The active participation of doctors from PKDIMS in education, research, training, and mentorship solidifies Nehru College of Pharmacy as a beacon of excellence within the pharmaceutical education landscape. The institution's cohesive approach, coupled with the unique backdrop of PKDIMS as an emerging super-specialty hospital and medical college, positions it as a model for aspiring pharmacists seeking a comprehensive and industry-relevant learning experience in an environment that mirrors the challenges and advancements of the contemporary healthcare sector.

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