WORLD SLEEP DAY ACTIVITIES-SREE CHITRA TIRUNAL INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY,TRIVANDRUM-11,INDIA

Comprehensive Centre for Sleep disorders, Department of Neurology,Division of Sleep research, Biomedical Technology Wing and Nursing Division, Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Trivandrum celebrated World Sleep day on March 17,2023 with a public interactive program at Auditorium -2 of the hospital. The program was presided by the Director of the Institute Dr Sanjay Behari, who spoke in length about the significance of third Friday of March in relation to the ancient wisdom and Astronomy-the auspicious day of spring equinox, when day and night are of exactly same length, which marks the auspicious beginning of spring across the country and the world shifts from the slumber of winter to the bright colours and vibrancy of spring. He spoke on the recent advances in understanding of sleep and need for more research on the subject in our scenario.

Dr Kamalesh K Gulia, Scientist of the Division of Sleep research with special research interest in neurodevelopmental outcome and autonomic nervous system maturation in association with sleep in pregnancy spoke about the importance of World sleep day in the current times, with increasing use of gadgets, sleep deprivation and stressful lifestyle.

A poster competition on the theme "Sleep is essential for Health" was held for the staff and students of the Institute and the prizes were distributed on the ceremony along with display of the posters in the patient waiting areas. Dr Kamalesh K Gulia ,Scientist who had authored a book on healthy sleep for children released a copy on the occasion. Mrs Nirmala M O ,Nursing Superintendent felicitated the function. It was followed by a series of health talks covering different aspects of sleep-sleep and brain health by Dr Sapna Erat Sreedharan, Sleep as a public health problem by Dr Raviprasad Varma and Sleep and cardiac health by Dr Narayanan Namboodiri.

One of the patients of the Sleep clinic Mr Davis spoke about his long journey with obstructive sleep apnea ,how it affected his night sleep and risk factor control and how it was managed .This was followed by distribution of 2 CPAP machines to our needy patients donated by a patient, who was diagnosed with OSA and had benefitted from CPAP therapy.

The program was attended by over 60 people, which included patients, their caregivers, staff and students of Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology and concluded with a dance-skit performance by Cardiac and Neuronursing students of the Institute on the theme of World Sleep day.
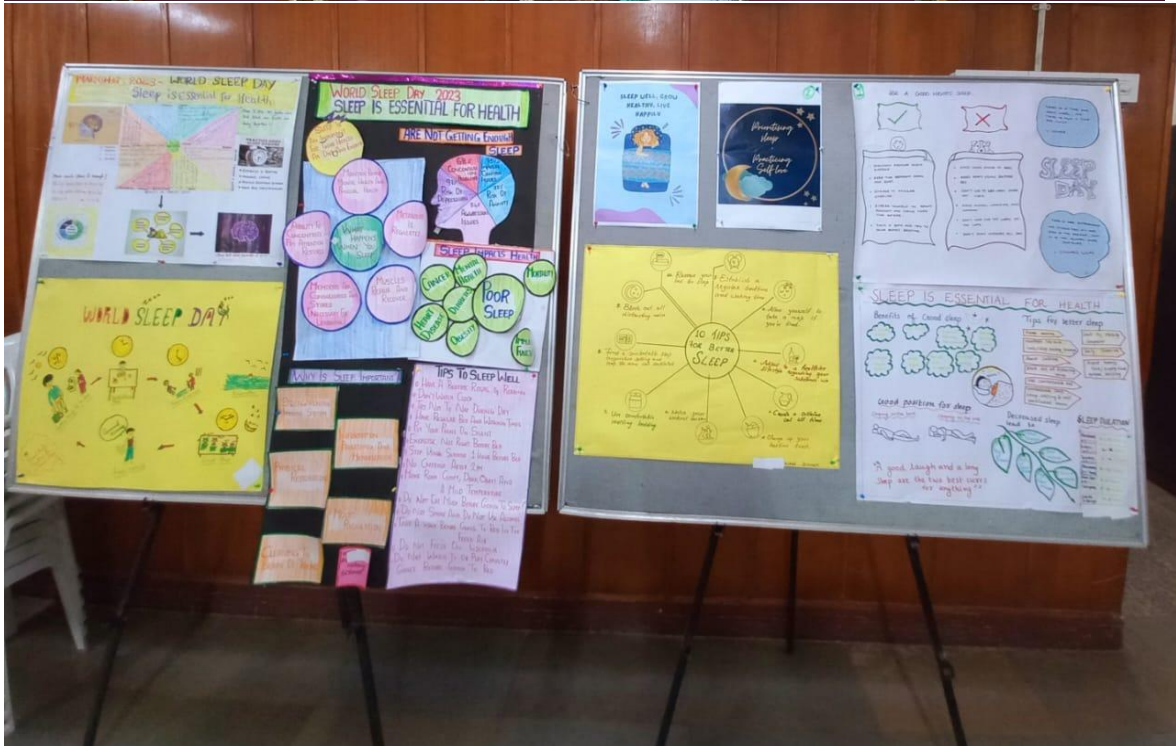
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