The UG elective program ‘Orientation to General Practice’ of 2018 was conducted in 3 batches, with participation of total 78 students and 36 General Practitioners across the 3 batches:

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As per protocol, the students were posted in pairs to attend the private clinics of eminent general practitioners for 4 weeks, Monday to Friday. They commuted on their own to these clinics located across the city for this 20 day posting, after their regular college schedule. This was the 6th year since the program started functioning under the formal MoU signed with IMA CGP, the last year under the 2nd MoU. The MoU will be renewed for continuing the activity further.

As last year, the enrollment, pretest, post test and post OGP student feedback were all taken online through Google forms. Apart from the semi-structured feedback, the students also write and submit online a narrative about any one doctor-patient interaction they witnessed and found most impressive, memorable and enriching as a learning experience.

As usual, the actual posting was preceded by a series of lectures by some of our eminent practitioners, in order to orient the students towards nuances of General Practice and the clinical scenarios they may encounter during the posting.

Following 4 lectures were organized on Sunday, 1st April in the morning from 9 am to 1 pm.
1. Overall orientation to General Practice as a profession / career - Dr. Avinash Bhondwe
2. Doctor – Patient Communication - Dr. Anil Panse
3. Emergencies in General Practice - Dr. S. Z. Anwar
4. Techniques in General Practice - Dr. Raju Varyani

Feedback from the students is very positive and encouraging. The students acknowledge that participation in this activity has increased their confidence for interacting with the patients. The participating general practitioners were satisfied about the student participation.

Credit for the success of the activity goes to the
1. The sincere participation of students, attending the practices located as far as 15 kilometers
2. The zeal with which the general practitioners volunteer to mentor our students
3. Private patients of these practitioners who not only cooperate, but also very proudly tell the students to learn as much as they can from ‘their doctor’.

It motivates us to continue year after year despite the extensive time and effort required for smooth conduct of the activity.

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Dr. Panse – Communication skills

Dr. Anwar – Emergencies

Dr. Bhondwe – Orientation to General Practice

Dr. Raju Varyani – Techniques in General Practice