Revised Basic Course Workshop on Medical Education Technology & Sensitization program for AETCOM
27th – 30th August

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A three day revised Basic Course Workshop in Medical Education Technology was organized on 27th – 29th August 2019, followed by 1 day Sensitization Program on Attitude, Ethics and Communication Module on 30th August 2019, in the ME Hall, at BVDU Medical College, Pune, under the aegis of MCI Regional Centre, AFMC, Pune. This was the 3rd Revised Basic Course workshop and the 2nd sensitization Program on AETCOM organized at this institute.

Total 30 participants across the departments (10 Phase 1, 8 Phase 2 and 12 Phase 3 subjects) and across the hierarchy of seniority (11 Assistant Professors, 10 Associate Professors and 9 Professors including 3 heads of departments) actively participated in the workshop, making the sessions fruitful and interactive.

Lt Col Dr. Sushil Sharma, Professor of Pharmacology, Armed Forces Medical College, Pune, was the MCI observer for this workshop. His valuable inputs, added value to the sessions, especially for the Blueprinting for assessment and Sensitization program for AETCOM Module. His contribution was highly appreciated by resource persons as well as participants. Sessions have also evolved over time with collaborative contribution from all MEU resource persons.

Keeping in mind that there were many senior faculty members enrolled as participants for the WS, focus of the sessions was maintained on sensitizing the participants to re-look at and re-mold all the T-L sessions they were involved in, towards development of the minimum competencies expected of the UG students as they progress through the Competency based Curriculum.

The logical sequence of sessions starting from Goal, roles and associated competencies expected of a graduate, through appropriate the right T-L method, to choosing the right assessment methods helped achieve the workshop objectives. The participants got ‘hands on’ experience through group / individual tasks linked with the sessions, taking them towards actual implementation of these concepts.

The AETCOM module was discussed at length, with emphasis on feasibility of implementation in the existing curriculum and on formative assessment across the course to propel the learning in the right direction and outcome. This was the second AETCOM Sensitization program conducted at this institute and stimulated a lot of learning and reflection on the part of MEU faculty as well as the participants. Having a mix of participants across subjects and professional hierarchy goes a long way in helping to implement any desired changes in the curriculum.
Participant Feedback about the entire workshop was very positive. However, some felt that four days of a packed program at a stretch was a little difficult to digest. They suggest splitting the WS into 2 two day components with a gap of a few days in between, to provide more time for assimilation and implementation.

The need to sensitize all the faculty members in the departments in order to enable implementation of any reforms, changes required to navigate the curriculum towards integration and CBME was also expressed. There are many faculty members who had registered but could not be accommodated due to constraints of numbers. If possible, we would like to hold the next revised Basic Course Workshop in Medical Education Technology and the Sensitization Program for AETCOM in next few months.

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Photograph of participants, ME Faculty and MCI Observer Lt Col Dr. Sushil Sharma