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Name & Designation

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* Name of the International Conference! : Digestive Disease Week-2014

Seminar/Symposium/ Workshop

Title of the abstract accepted

: Differential prediction of early and late mortality by dynamic

outcome determination and scoring in acute

pancreatitis(ODSAP)

❖ Venue & Date

: Chicago, USA, 3-6th May 2014.

Money sanctioned

: ₹ 80,644/-

❖ Money reimbursed

: ₹89,747/- (Due to hike the fare of air travel an

additional ₹ 9,103/- were sanctioned)

Participation Report

My contribution to DDW 2014

My work was presented as 2 posters during the conference:

- 1) Differential Prediction of Early and Late mortality by Dynamic Outcome Determination and Scoring in Acute Pancreatitis (ODSAP) (presenting as first author)
- 2) Time Trends Depicting a Reduction in Organ Failure Adjusted Mortality due to Acute Pancreatitis Despite Increasing severity of illness. (presented as second author)

Of these, my poster received the poster of distinction award at the conference, selected as one of the top 8% posters among 6000 posters presented over there. These would be published in the May 2014 edition of Gastroenterology.

Academic Highlights of DDW 2014

While the topics presented at DDW 2014 had an extremely wide range, the conference specifically focused on new treatments for Pancreatic Cancer, Hepatitis C, Inflammatory bowel disease and new developments in the field of esophageal varices prediction and functional bowel disease.

The benefit obtained by attending the DDW 2014 was a lot more than expected previously. I attended a lot of sessions, which gave an overview of the pathbreaking research being conducted in different fields related to Gastroenterology. A lot of helpful critical comments were received at the poster presentation, which is likely to provide important directions for future research in the field. Also, I was able to compare my work with those from other nations, and important differences in approach to similar problems provided me a lot of insight into the field of Gastroenterology in general and Pancreatitis in particular

Organization of DDW 2014

The DDW 2014, held at McCormick Place, Chicago, had a footfall of about 14000 participants from about 150 countries, representing the biggest conference of its kind in the field of Gastroenterology. About 1050 Sessions were conducted on the most pressing problems faced by gastroenterologists, with additional 1000 special sessions conducted for specialists in different fields. About 6000 posters were presented during this conference.