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❖ Address	: Septt. of Gastroenterology, AIIMS, New Delhi-29
❖ Name of the International Conference/ Seminar/Symposium/Workshop	: Digestive Disease Week-2014.
❖ Title of the abstract accepted	: Time Trends show a reduction in Organ failure adjusted mortality due to acute pancreatitis despite increasing severity of illness over a 16 year period.
❖ Date & Venue	: 3-6 <sup>th</sup> May, 2014. Chicago, USA.
❖ Money sanctioned	: Rs 91,044/-
❖ Money reimbursed	: Rs 88,308/-

### Participation Report

#### **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.

#### **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.

The posters I presented there would be published in the May 2014 Supplementary Edition of Gastroenterology.

### **8) My contribution to DDW 2014**

My work was presented as 2 posters during the conference:

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

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