CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE HEALTH SYSTEMS RESEARCH ON ROAD TRAFFIC INJURIES

Road traffic injuries (RTI) are the ninth leading cause of deaths globally and most important cause of deaths among the persons aged 15-29 years. In India, more than 2 lac persons lost their live due to road accidents during 2013. This WHO estimate is based on the data received through police network with a possible underestimation. It is further noted that improving post-crash care can help to reduce deaths and the severity of injuries.

Hence, the provision of medical care within the ‘golden hour’ (early rescue) is expected to save large number of lives. Hence, the response to post-crash emergencies is to be increased. The ability of the health system to provide appropriate emergency treatment is to be improved. Some of the recommendations of the WHO are to integrate injury prevention and safety promotion activities into public health programmes and policies. One of the pillars of action for road safety is to develop appropriate post-crash response that is affordable, available and accessible considering societal equity issues.

The purpose of this research is to review the health systems responsiveness and availability of facilities for emergency treatment of RTI at various level of health system, and to develop appropriate and feasible interventions and test them.

Objectives

- Review the availability and utilization pattern of existing facilities for post-crash emergency care at various levels of health system (in both urban and rural areas)
- Document the existing system of RTI surveillance at various levels (national and sub-national levels)
- Understand the facilitators and barriers in providing post-crash emergency treatment within the ‘golden hour’ (early rescue).
- Develop appropriate interventions to improve the post-crash care.

To address the above issues critically, ICMR invites proposals in the form of preproposals. Both community-based and facility-based studies are invited. Multi-disciplinary teams are encouraged.

Instructions for submission of preproposal

- Interested researchers should avail the “Online Submission of Extramural Research Projects” facility available at the ICMR website (http://icmrextramural.in/ICMR/). They would need to register themselves with the online submission system. Complete guidelines for the same have been provided in the website (http://icmrextramural.in/ICMR/).
- Only preproposals should be submitted as per the “Pre-Proposal Submission Format” available on http://icmrextramural.in/.
- Investigators should select “Health Systems Research” as Broad Area as well as Major Discipline for submission of preproposals.
- The last date for submission of preproposals is 20th December 2016 (Extended to 30th December 2016).
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