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Dr Godavari Kamalanathan, Trustee, Avinashilingam Educational Trust, Dr Saroja Prabhakaran, former VC, Dr Premavathi Vijayan, HoD, special education, ADUW and doctors from Ganga, KG, PSG and Kurinji Hospitals are also seen at the interactive session on Duchenne muscular dystrophy held at the university premises here on Sunday.

Interactive session held on Duchenne muscular dystrophy

Coimbatore, Dec.14:

An interactive session on Multi-disciplinary care in Duchenne muscular dystrophy was conducted by the Molecular Diagnostics, Counselling, Care and Research Centre (MDCRC) at the Avinashilingam University for Women here on Sunday.

The session was organised with the aim of introducing the multi-disciplinary team of clinicians to the parents whose children are affected by Duchenne. More than 50 families from Coimbatore and its surroundings attended the session.

Former Vice Chancellor Dr Saroja Prabhakaran and Dr Godavari Kamalanathan, Trustee, Avinashilingam Educational Trust, laid emphasis on

the need for such a centre and profusely thanked Dr Lakshmi, an alumnus of the university, for her initiative. She also thanked late chancellor T K Shanmugananadam who also supported the initiative.

Dr B R Lakshmi, Head, Molecular Diagnostics, Counselling, Care and Research Centre underlined that children affected by the lethal disorder cannot be overlooked for the simple fact that the number of affected are miniscule.

She also said that the need of the hour is to organise modes of clinical care for these children.

Dr Balakrishnan from PSG Hospital and Dr Visalakshi Raman, representing dR Ramakrishnan and Dr Arul Selvam from KG Hospital, in

their brief, touched upon the possible interventions under their specialised fields. Dr Venkat Das from Ganga Hospital explained the use of splints, contracture surgery and braces when they need to be used and their relevance in managing the muscular disorder.

Doctors Krishnaveni from PSG Hospital and Saradha from Kurinji Hospital besides Ms Arthi from the MDCRC also spoke while Mr Sakthivel Murugan from the centre spoke on the pros and cons of the stem cell therapy. Ms Sujatha founder president of Venkatesh Muscular Dystrophy Foundation also spoke.

The MDCRC felicitated Dr Premavathi Vijayan, HoD, special education, ADUW for her achievement.