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Holistic approach advocated for children with DMD

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The two-day event the Molecular Diagnostics Counselling, Care and Research Centre (MDCRC) conducted for children with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) underscored the need for a holistic approach.

A release from MDCRC said that the event was conducted in Black Thunder, Mettupalayam, on January 22 and 23. The organisations had organised parallel sessions that included physiotherapy training sessions by internationally renowned rehabilitation expert for DMD by Tina Duong of Children's National Medical Centre, Washington, for parents care-givers and physiotherapists.

A multidisciplinary gathering of experts enlightened students, clinicians and parents alike.

Eric Hoffman, Director, Children's National Medical Centre, also addressed the gathering. He was the scientist who identified and discovered the Dystrophin gene, which caused DMD. T.S. Rao, Advisor, Department of Biotechnology, Government of India, and Nalini, Additional Professor, Neurology, NIMHANS, also addressed the gathering.

B.R. Lakshmi, Director and Managing Trustee, MDCRC, introduced the gathering and spoke on the services the MDCRC offered. Dr. Rao spoke on the urgent need for support for prevention and cure for the genetic disorder.

He appreciated the efforts the MDCRC had taken to identify and prevent DMD in Tamil Nadu under a project supported by the National Rural Health Mission and Department of Public Health.

Dr. Hoffman spoke about the scope and efforts taken towards drug discovery and the future of Duchenne therapeutics. Close to 40 children attended the programme.