

Dr. Vatsal Shah from SIRO Clinpharm takes a session at the prestigious PHARMATECH conference

Dr. Vatsal Shah, global head, medical writing and pharmacovigilance, SIRO Clinpharm, was on the expert panel on the recently concluded PHARMATECH-2013. PHARMATECH is a one-of-its-kind bi-annual national conference and workshop on clinical research for postgraduate students and researchers, organized by the Department of Pharmacology & Therapeutics of the prestigious Seth GSMC & KEM Hospital in Mumbai. It is a unique workshop that gives an insight into the skills and attitudes that participants need to acquire to be successful clinical researchers in future. The 10-day long PHARMATECH-2013 was divided into 3 modules, viz. pre-clinical drug development, clinical drug development, and specialty domains in drug development. The day on scientific and medical communication under the specialty domain stream culminated with Dr. Vatsal highlighting his experience in clinical research in general and medical writing in particular.

Dr. Vatsal Shah, a physician by education, leads the medical writing and pharmacovigilance teams for SIRO Clinpharm, a leading global clinical research organization (CRO). He brings to board over 17 years of varied experience encompassing all phases of clinical research & all document types for medical writing from academia as well as all perspectives of industry (pharmaceuticals, CROs & BPO).

In his session, 'Meet the Expert', he took the audience through his journey (*'natural evolution' as he put it*) from a post-graduate physician through an academician through a research officer through a clinical researcher to a domain specialist in medical writing, document publishing and pharmacovigilance. He answered a volley of questions and convinced the audience about the ample opportunities in clinical research and a niche, but booming, field like medical writing. He explained how a non-existent field like medical writing could be elevated to such a level by sheer grit, determination and an entrepreneurial mindset. He enumerated all the challenges he faced in this 'roller-coaster' ride of a career and how he enjoyed every bit of this strenuous, but successful, ride. The audience was literally taken through a virtual industry galaxy, and some of them took lessons how to 'star' in this galaxy.

With an excellent feedback from his audience (*with the quality and content rated as excellent to very good, and overall utility immense by 86% participants*), Dr. Vatsal is extremely proud to be a regular part of this conference. "I have been associated with KEM Hospital and PHARMATECH for the last 15 years (*initially as an organizing secretary and later as faculty*) and it is my pleasure to contribute to the future of clinical research in India" expressed Dr. Vatsal.

About SIRO Clinpharm

SIRO Clinpharm, winner of Frost & Sullivan 'Clinical Research Organization of the year' India Healthcare Award 2012 & 2011, is a drug development solutions provider to the global healthcare industry. Our subject expertise gives us an edge in clinical trial management, clinical data management, medical writing, biostatistics and statistical programming, pharmacovigilance and clinical trial supplies management. We offer flexible business models across service verticals based on client needs.