## VINAYAKA MISSION'S KIRUPANANDA VARIYAR MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL, SALEM.

Vinayaka Missions Research Foundation (DU) Student Enrichment Programme USMLE Workshop

**Date:** 14/03/19 **Time:** 2.45 pm to 4.00 pm **Venue:** Annaporna Lecture Hall – I

**Speaker:** Mrs. Geetha Devi (Manager Sales–Becker Professional Education, Chennai Branch)

Participants: II MBBS, III MBBS Part I&II Students & CRRI

**Objective:** To enlighten the students about career opportunities abroad and how to get guidance for the same.

## **Report on the program:**

The co-ordinator Dr. K.C.Shanthi Associate professor, Department of Anatomy, introduced the topic and the presenter to the participants.

Mrs. Geetha Devi the speaker, began her talk with the steps involved in appearing for the USMLE exams. The speaker elaborated, from when the students can appear for this exam and how the evaluation process is done. An eligibility criterion for taking up the exams and the advantages of being medical resident in US was explained very well in the talk.

She also briefed, students from II MBBS onwards can appear for the exam in a step wise manner and during their residentship they can appear for USMLE to become medical resident in US. The speaker explained how the EDUPRISTINE (BECKER) offers courses to the students to prepare for the exam and also guides the students regarding this through Pathway to Medical Residency in the US.

The students actively participated in the program by clarifying their doubts. The students' queries were:

- 1. How many attempts were allowed to attend the exam?

  The speaker's response was that 6 attempts per year are allowed but the students who are qualify the exam in the first attempt will get the opportunity.
- 2. Can't we practice medicine with our degree in U.S.? It is mandatory to qualify USMLE to become medical resident in U.S. India government also conducts eligibility exams for the candidates who have acquired the medical degree outside the country.
- 3. Are the rules different or same to practice medicine in U.S.? It differs from Indian setup. The drugs can't be prescribed simply; any prescription should have proper reason to prescribe the drug.
- 4. Can we write PLAB exams with this preparation given by EDUPRISTINE? The PLAB exams are comparatively easier than USMLE.

The speaker shared her mail id with students for further clarification.

**Total no. of students benefitted:** 145 Undergraduates





