

## **Priscilla Rupali**

Dr Priscilla Rupali is Sr. Professor & Head of the Department of Infectious Diseases at Christian Medical College Vellore in South India. She worked for 1 1/2 years as a Senior ID fellow in the Department of Adult Infectious Diseases at Auckland City Hospital and subsequently underwent a "Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene" at the Universidad Cayetano Heredia at Lima Peru which is affiliated to the University of Alabama Birmingham. She runs a very popular Clinical Tropical Medicine course at CMC Vellore annually which provides lectures, bedside sessions and laboratory sessions by internationally acclaimed faculty. She also pioneered the course "Fellowship in General Infectious Diseases" which aims to equip the physicians working in secondary/tertiary care settings to diagnose, investigate and make appropriate treatment plans for patients with various Infectious Diseases. She is also collaborated with Medecins Sans Frontiers (MSF) India and initiated the 'Global Health and Humanitarian Medicine' programme for medical doctors to provide high-quality training in tropical medicine and public health to improve patient and programmatic care in low-and-middle-income countries, including humanitarian crisis contexts. She initiated "The Fellowship in Antimicrobial Stewardship for Pharmacists" as well to provide clinical pharmacists with training and expertise to establish their position as an integral part of the infection control and antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) team.

She has also undergone formal training in "Transplant Infectious Diseases" at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan and then gone back and has been instrumental in establishing Transplant related services in her hospital and has been the founder of the Transplant Infectious Diseases Conference in Vellore, Chennai and Ludhiana which combines Infectious Disease related issues in India both in Solid organ and Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation. She has also been instrumental in setting up and antimicrobial stewardship program in her hospital and plans to diversify to implement antimicrobial stewardship at the primary, secondary and tertiary care levels through various novel training programs targeting clinical pharmacists and physicians committed to working long term at secondary care hospitals. She holds extensive knowledge and experience in the field of enteric fever leading a number of studies with emphasis on treatment and multidrug resistance of Salmonella. The Infectious Diseases Department at CMC Vellore has been a pioneer in promoting Infectious Diseases as a clinical specialty in India and now is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Department to run the DM in Infectious Diseases in the Country.