

Pulse Polio Programme 2018

The Department of Community Medicine, East Point College of Medical Sciences and Research Centre and East Point College of Nursing, Bangalore, in collaboration with Avalahalli Community Health Centre, Bangalore conducted the Pulse Polio immunization programme 2018 as part of the National Polio Eradication Programme for all children below 5 years of age at Medahalli area, East Point Hospital and the urban health centre of East Point Medical College at Banaswadi,, Bangalore. It was conducted in 2 phases/rounds – the 1st round started on the National Immunization Day, 28th January and extended till 31st January 2018 and the 2nd round started on the National Immunization Day, 11th March and extended till 13th March 2018. Nursing students, nursing staff of East Point College of Nursing, EastPoint hospital and health inspectors from the department of Community Medicine were actively involved. We had fixed and mobile units to carry out the immunization so that no child misses the polioimmunization. Cold chain maintenance was strictly followed.

The activity was preceded by an orientation program on 25th January 2018 at the department of Community Medicine, EPCMSRC conducted by the health inspectors from Avalahalli Community Health Centre, Mr. Guruprasad and Mr. Mallikarjun and attended by the nursing students and staff, faculty and health inspectors from the department of Community Medicine. The health inspectors briefed the audience about the activities that were to be carried out such as maintenance of cold chain, vaccine vial monitor, addressing parents' concerns and reporting of any adverse events following immunization (AEFI).

Both phases were carried out with alacrity by the students under the supervision of the health inspectors and they did their best to make sure that all available children below the age of 5 years were immunized with 2 drops of polio vaccine.

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