



CV of Dr. Lalitha K.

Dr. K. Lalitha, MD, DNB, MIPHA, MAMS, Professor in Community Medicine, is currently heading the Department of Community Medicine in Ramaiah Medical College, Bangalore.

She has done her graduation and post-graduation from Kempegowda Institute of Medical Sciences. Her research areas of interest are Health Care Waste Management (HCWM), Geriatrics, and Infectious disease.

She has implemented several research projects funded by Indian Council of Medical Research, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences and State TB cell. Currently she has three approved ICMR projects in the area of Tuberculosis.

She was the co-ordinator of the UNIDO- United Nations Development Organisation funded Project “Environmentally Sound Management of Medical Waste in India” in which training component was implemented in five states of the country – Punjab, Karnataka, Gujarat, Odisha, and Maharashtra. Under the project, training manuals and video on biomedical waste management; and also, handbook and video on COVID waste management has been developed. Series of trainings and workshops were conducted in the five project states.

She has about 30 publications in various peer reviewed National and International Journals. She is a recipient of Young Scientist Award 2004 and a KACH Millennium award from Karnataka Association of Community Health in 2004. She has been awarded the Member of the Academy by the National Academy of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.

She is the co-ordinator of Health care waste management cell, member of HICC committee and Programme-in-charge for the certificate course on HCWM by IGNOU. She has conducted several training programmes and workshops on biomedical waste management.

In the recent COVID pandemic, she was deputed to the state surveillance unit for COVID 19, member of SOP Committee, COVID, GOK and she is one of the co-investigators for the “Serial Cross-sectional Sentinel Survey for estimating COVID-19 Burden in Karnataka” which was completed in October 2020.

During the COVID pandemic, Ramaiah Medical College hosted the prestigious 32nd state level annual conference of Karnataka association of Community health in December 2020 where she spearheaded as organising chairperson and the theme of the conference was “*Redefining public health: COVID-19 and beyond.*”