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Meet stresses on maintaining medical records with help of IT

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Maintaining efficient medical records with the help of information technology should become a priority for any health care establishment today. This was the central thought at Medrecon 2010—a two-day annual national conference on health information, medico legal management and documentation organised by Aditya Birla Memorial Hospital (ABMH) in association with Health Records Association of India (Herai) last week.

Over 250 delegates from across the country were present. Chief executive officer of ABMH Dr SP Singh said, "Medrecon 2010 gave a platform to exchange knowledge and information relevant to the industry."

He added, "Health information, medico legal management and documentation are evolving areas in the industry in India and need the attention of experts."

Singh said the ABMH felt honoured to provide the conference platform for effective networking by students and professionals in the healthcare segment.

Through Medrecon, the hospital was also giving an opportunity for organisations to help

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and support the health care industry and health records education, he said.

President of Herai C Govindarajan said winds of change have swept through the Indian hospital scenario in the recent years and the medical records management is not an exception.

"The advancement in information technology, stringent quality control measures in accreditation process of the health care institutions and legal implications have made it imperative for the maintenance of medical records in each and every hospital," he said.

Impact of IT on health information management and professionals, forensic statutory documentation, forensic nursing documentation, ethical issues, policy and judiciary compliance and related issues were the highlights of the conference. Renowned speakers from the country shared information on health care documentation and health care IT.