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### Guest Lecture on

### 'Future Pharma Career Opportunities and the Role of QA and RA in the industry'

**Speaker:** Mr Kumar Chandrashekar Associate Director, Merck Group, Bengaluru, India.

**Students of Program:** 1<sup>st</sup> year M. Pharm (Regulatory Affairs and Quality Assurance) of JSS College of Pharmacy, Mysuru.

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Mr Kumar Chandrashekar, Associate Director at Merck Group, Bengaluru, India, gave a session on the topic "Future Pharma Career Opportunities and the Role of QA (Quality Assurance) and RA (Regulatory Affairs) in the industry." The session aimed to provide insights into the evolving landscape of the pharmaceutical industry, potential career paths, and the significance of QA and RA functions.



Mr Kumar Chandrashekar started the session by highlighting the current opportunities and the challenges faced by the pharmaceutical industry and gave a note on regulatory compliance. He then delved into various career opportunities available in the pharmaceutical sector, emphasizing the diverse roles and skill sets required and he clarified on the roles and responsibilities of the RA and QA professional in the industry. He emphasized on the importance of continuous learning, skill development, relevant certifications, courses, and resources available for enhancing knowledge and expertise in these domains.

The session concluded with an interactive Q&A session, during which participants had the opportunity to seek clarification on various topics discussed. Mr. Chandrashekar addressed queries related to career pathways, industry trends, skill requirements, and professional development opportunities.

