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were treated as drug experts and given complete control to manage the patient’s medication.

Being one of the few people in India with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree and a niche business idea also contributed to Divya’s decision of moving back home. “I was hesitant as there is no role for a clinical pharmacist in hospitals here. Eventually though, in 2012 I took the leap, and then started working out of my dad’s (Dr. Vinod Chandiramani) clinic on my own a year later. A few months in, I hired two more people and we moved into a garage.”

Thus was born MedVigil Clinical Research, a company that works with other companies in the US to report the adverse effects of pharmaceutical products to the FDA. This line of work is called Pharmacovigilance (also known as drug safety) and MedVigil has grown over the last six years into a team of 25. “We promote patient safety by reporting adverse event experiences for a whole variety of drugs across the globe,” Divya explains in a nutshell.

All set to expand and offer more CRO (Contract Research Organisation) services to her clients, she adds, “Our team is already providing adverse event reporting, aggregate reporting, medical information and literature services. We see ourselves as a one stop shop for pharmaceutical clients who are looking for pharmacovigilance

and regulatory services. Our client’s growth is our growth!”

Divya is not only planning to increase the types of services they offer, but she is also looking at increasing the number of employees and focusing more on aggregate reporting and signal detection monitoring in the future. “As clients face an ever increasing challenge of staying abreast with different regulations and rules that are enforced by drug regulatory bodies across various countries, Medvigil ensures 100 percent compliance. This huge burden is lifted off our customers so they can focus on what is most important - helping patients and saving lives every single day.”

As a young mother who is now pregnant with her second child, Divya manages her personal and professional life with the help of her family. “I have been fortunate to have worked throughout both my pregnancies. I have also been blessed with a very supporting husband and in-laws who encourage me every day. My parents are my pillar of strength - I have seen them work hard while raising three kids. My dad, who is the Chairman of the company, is a constant source of inspiration and motivation. I think it is important to both have support from home, and also a great team that you can rely on at work too.”



With her team