

Minutes of Meeting

A meeting was held regarding "Government Efforts for Cancer Treatment" with reference to a letter from Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Govt. of India regarding strengthening of Tertiary cancer Centres in GMCs, Punjab (PUC) under the Chairmanship of Sh Satish Chandra IAS, PSHFW in his office on 06/10/10 at 3 pm.

Participants:

1. Dr J. P. Singh, Director Health Services
2. DR Jai Kishan, Director Research & Medical Education, Punjab.
3. Dr Kamaljit kaur, Head of the Department, Radiotherapy, GMCH, Amritsar.
4. Dr Bagga, Head of the Department, Radiotherapy, GMCH, Patiala.
5. Dr Hanuman Yadav, Head of the Department, Radiotherapy GMCH, Faridkot.
6. Dr M S Bal Head of the Department, Pathology, GMCH, Patiala.
7. Dr Manjit Kaur, Director Operation, Roko Cancer Society.
8. Dr Binod Patro, Assistant Professor, Department of Community Medicine, PGI Chandigarh.\
9. Dr. (Mrs) Sushmita, Professor, Department of Radiotherapy, PGI Chandigarh.
10. Dr Rakesh K Gupta, Programme Officer, Cancer Control Cell Punjab.

1. Diagnostic/Treatment Facilities Available & Required in GMC Hospitals:

Head of the Radiotherapy Departments of all Government Medical Colleges told about the Diagnostic/Treatment Facilities Required & Available in their respective Government Medical College Hospitals. Head of the Radiotherapy Department, GMC Patiala told that there is an acute shortage of consultants and other staff in the department (Annexure- A). **(DRME PB)**

2. Funds Available/Utilized & Required:- Head of the Radiotherapy Department, GMCs also submitted the detail of funds available/ Utilized & Required. (Annexure- B) **The Projected requirement of funds for diagnostic & treatment facilities in all GMCs put together is Rs.213.54 Crores. (DRME PB)**

National Cancer Control Programme is 100% centrally sponsored Scheme. According to the annual plan in year 2009-10, the revised outlay was 80.00 lakh. The Scheme for the year 2010-11 has already been sent to GOI and **funds are still awaited.**

3. Funds available under NPCDCS:-

a) Proposal for Strengthening of Tertiary Cancer Centers of GMC Hospitals:-Funds upto Rs 6.00 crore will be made available by GOI in the ratio of 80:20 (Rs 4.80 Crores by GOI & Rs. 1.20 Crore by Govt of Punjab). PSHFW advised all the HODs attending the meeting to submit their proposals

to Govt. of India through proper channel. He also asked DRME Punjab to coordinate regarding this matter. **(DRME PB)**

- b) **Proposal of Setting up of District Cancer Care Facility :-**Rs 166.42 Lakh will be made available by GOI in 80:20 at selected districts
- c) **District NCD Cell (Funded Under Cancer Component):-** Rs 21.44 lakh will be provided by GOI for establishing district NCD Cells in selected distts. (Assistance for this cell will be 100% by GOI).
- d) **State NCD Cell (Funded Under Cancer Component):-** Rs 23.48 lakh will be provided by GOI for establishing State NCD Cell.(Assistance for this cell will be 100% by GOI).

4. **MMUs to be Utilized For Early Detection:-** PSHFW proposed to involve MMUs in preparing PAP/FNAC Smears. Special training of Medical Officers (F) Posted in MMU, to be arranged for this purpose. Dr Sushmita, Department of Radiotherapy, PGI Chandigarh suggested that Dr Radhika, Pathology deptt, PGI can be involved in Planning to equip MMUs for PAP Smear & FNAC Camps. **(PO, Cancer Control Cell/MD, PHSC)**

5. **Training of Medical Officers:-** PSHFW advised DRME, Punjab to start some short terms courses in X-ray/USG Training which meets the legal requirements for MBBS Medical Officers. He also told him to revive DGO/DMRD in GMCs. **(DRME PB)**

6. **Up-Gradation of Labs in Civil Hospitals :-** PSHFW told that necessary instructions will also be issued to all Civil Surgeons to start PAP/FNAC Smear examination in Civil Hospitals, where Pathologists are available after Providing them Short term Training at GMCs Punjab/PGI Chandigarh. **(PO, Cancer Control Cell/MD, PHSC)**

7. **National Cancer Registry Programme:-** Dr M S Bal told that Population Based Cancer Registry Programme will start in Government Medical College, Patiala and Hospital Based Cancer Registry Programme will start in PGI Chandigarh on 1st January, 2011. He also told that shortly a workshop will be held by National Cancer Registry Programme, Bangalore. PSHFW advised DRME Punjab to involve all the Private Medical Colleges also in the Programme. He also that the necessary infrastructure will be provided by the Punjab Government in GMCs for this purpose (e.g Computer, Computer Furniture, Internet Connection, Computer Operators etc). Necessary instructions will be issued to all Civil Surgeons to instruct all private Pathologists to report all positive cancer cases to them on regular basis. **(PO, Cancer Control Cell/MD, PHSC)**

8. **Involvement of NGOs in Early Detection of Breast Cancer:-** Dr (Mrs) Manjit Kaur from "Roko Cancer Society" told about the efforts by their NGO for screening of Breast Cancer Cases and their IEC Activities. She also said that

they propose to start PAP Smear Camps for detection of cervical cancer in Women.

Dated:

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For information & necessary action.