

COMMUNITY ONCOLOGY CENTRE (COC)

Hariganga Dwarkadas Cancer Detection and Hospice Centre
Lion Bharat Kshatriya Community Oncology Centre, Vasna



The Community Oncology Centre is created with the help of generous donation from Late Shri Rajendrabhai Dwarkadas Thakore and Lion Bharat Kshatriya. It is a unique centre of its kind for last 20 years. Its initially area of work was hospice activity. For last 12 years its activities have increased in preventive and diagnostic work. Functioning of this centre is different from other hospitals. Its main emphasis is based on community related work: academic, research, preventive etc. We can divide the activities of this centre as under:

- Care of terminally ill patients as a part of hospice
- Cancer awareness permanent exhibition for school and college children in particular and public at large
- Lecture avenue and lecture hall for the cancer awareness functions
- Health check up scheme for early detection of cancer
- Breast cancer help-line for all the queries arising from State of Gujarat as regards early detection and treatment of breast cancer
- Social and cultural activities of the Institute and Society
- Madan Mohan Ramanlal Urban Health Centre
- Cancer Control Activities

Education and Awareness

We all know cancer is a very complicated and challenging disease. Its incidence has increased with modern life style, particularly oral cavity cancer problem has increased because of the habits like tobacco chewing and smoking. It is important to bring awareness in the community, particularly school and college going students, so they may know the hazards of tobacco and smoking. We have

a permanent exhibition of cancer that educates the society and gives scientific information of the disease and also warns against tobacco and smoking. Last year total 8416 visitors viewed our exhibition. They include medical and paramedical students, nursing students, teachers and tutors, different NGOs of the state etc.

Names of Schools, Colleges, Institutions, NGOs and other organizations who visited COC during the year 2013-2014

No.	Details of Schools
1	F.D. School
2	A One School
3	Digvijay School
4	Divanballubhai School
5	Diwine Life School
6	I.P. Mission School
7	Jay Somnath High School
8	Sri Ganesh High School

No.	Details of Schools
9	Ruth Memorial School
10	Anand Niketan School
11	Geeta High School
12	Nutan Adarsh High School
13	Shri V.K. Patel High School, Aslali
14	U.M. Bhagat School
15	S.H. High School of Comm, Dholka



No.	Details of Colleges
1	H.L. College
2	Gujarat Arts & Commerce College
3	S.L. Arts College
4	Bhavans College

No.	Details of Colleges
5	Ahmedabad Arts & Commerce College
6	C.U. Shah Arts & Commerce College
7	R.J. Shah Science College
8	G.L.S. (Smt.M.R. Parikh) Institute of Commerce

No.	Details of Medical & Para-Medical Institutes
1	AMC Met Medical College - LG
2	N.H.L. Municipal Medical College
3	Ahmedabad Homeopathic Medical College
4	Manav Nursing School - Visnagar
5	Shahjanand College of Nursing
6	Joitaba College of Nursing
7	R.R. Patel Nursing College
8	M.M. Singhi Nursing College
9	Govt. School of Nursing, Surendranagar
10	Govt. School of Nursing, Siddhpur
11	S.S. Agrawal Nursing School
12	Gen. Nursing, Himatnagar
13	Shrey Institute of Nursing
14	Management Academy For Health care
15	Mother Teresa Nursing College
16	Soham School of Nursing

No.	Details of N.G.Os
1	Sewa
2	Sanchetana-Khambhat Lioness Group
3	Ladol Group
4	Kadava Patidar Samaj
5	Ranchhodray Laughing Club
6	St. Xaviers Social Service Society

No.	Details of Medical & Para-Medical Institutes
17	Vraj Institute of Nursing
18	G.N.M. Nursing College, Junagadh
19	Gen. Hospital of Nursing, Palanpur
20	Grow More Institute of Nursing
21	J.G. School of Nursing
22	Chanchalben Mafatlal College of Nursing
23	Globe Hospital School of Nursing
24	Nursing College, Pansar
25	Nursing College Civil
26	C.M. Patel Nursing College
27	Medilink Institute of Nursing Science
28	R.G. Patel Nursing Civil
29	Nutan College of Nursing
30	Dinsha Patel College of Nursing
31	Govt. College of Nursing, Dharpur, Patan
32	Victoria Jubilee Nursing College

No.	Details of N.G.Os	
7	Agakhan Youth & Sports Board for India	
8	Vrutika Sewa Sangh	
9	C.R.P.F. Group Gandhinagar	
10	Bharat Vikas Parisad	
11	Alert Group Bhrahmi Sundari Sahili Circle	
Total Education and Awareness Exhibition		8416

Cancer related Health Check up

Several warning signals of cancer are known. They often herald presence of disease in an advanced stage. Cancer is curable or prolonged survival is possible only if the disease is detected in its early stage. Moreover, certain common cancer problems of our country are preventable or curable, e.g. oral cavity cancer, breast cancer and cancer of cervix. We are running cancer related health check up programme at this centre for last 12 years for early detection of cancer like oral cavity cancer, breast cancer, and cancer of cervix.

Daily average 30 people take advantage of this activity, especially the middle class of the society. We do it at a concessional price of Rs. 500 only. Regular Health Check-ups are carried out for early detection of cancer at this centre. Different diagnostic facilities for Cancer Screening are also available i.e. mammography, X-rays, sonography, pap smear, FNAC, biopsy etc.

Cancer related Health Check up



Reception Window



ECG



Pathology Lab



Mammography

Health Check Up : Doctors Panel

Gynaecologists	Physicians	Surgeons	Pathologists	Radiologist
Dr. Bina Patel	Dr. Mustufa Rangwala	Dr. Jayesh Patel	Dr. Rashida Rangwala	Dr. Tejal Shah
Dr. Vaishali Desai	Dr. Darshan Parikh	Dr. Darshit Dalal	Dr. Shital Shah	Resident Dr
	Dr. Sanjeev Anand	Dr. Umank Tripathi	Dr. Jayshri Joshi	
	Dr. Venil Shah	Dr. Shailesh Patel		
		Dr. Deepak Rathod		
		Dr. Hemant Shukla		
		Dr. Ashok Patel		
		Dr. Mahesh Patel		
		Fellow Surgeon:GCRI		

Hospice

At the COC, terminally ill patients with cancer are given shelter, warmth and palliative care as a part of hospice service. The patients are referred to us by cancer clinicians. Emergency services like Ryle's Tube insertion, catheterization, pain relief, IV injection treatment etc. are being provided. A beautiful environment is provided and all efforts are made to ease their suffering and make their life

comfortable in the small huts with all facilities. Their entertainment is specially looked after. We developed 1st hospice centre of its kind in India at COC in 1990 with capacity of 10 beds. Last year 114 patients were admitted and 33 patients died. Average stay of the patients at Hospice Centre is 10-12 days and average income from hospice facility is around Rs. 2500/- month.



As a part of Community Service and to serve larger section of people, Gujarat Cancer Society along with Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation and Akhand Jyot Foundation has developed Madanmohan Ramanlal Urban Health Centre. The activity of Urban Health

Centre include (1) Family Planning Services, (2) Vaccination Centre, (3) DOT Centre, (4) Anti- natal Care Centre, and (5) Leprosy Centre. Through various activities mentioned above as well as participation in the HPV vaccine trial of WHO, the Centre is active in Cancer Control Programme.

