



Improving Paediatric Cancer Care & Treatment

ImPaCCT Foundation – Tata Memorial Hospital

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Tata Memorial Hospital is an autonomous body under the Department of Atomic Energy. It is India's premier cancer treatment, education and research centre and among the biggest cancer centers in the whole world. It registers more than 35,000 new cancer patients every year and another 25,000 patients come in for second opinion.

Nearly 2000 children, less than 18 years of age, come to Tata Memorial Hospital for treatment every year. These patients come from all over India and more than 70% of these belong to low socio-economic strata and are given free or highly subsidized treatment based on family's income. This number is increasing every year.

We strive to give the same quality of treatment to all patients, irrespective of the category of the patients registered at the hospital (private or general). The infrastructure provided by the hospital is the same for all patients. However, 70% belong to low socio-economic strata and need immense support for treatment.



Though the word "cancer" is same, cancer in children is an entirely different disease as compared to cancer in adults. Its sociologic impact in terms of disruption of family life, loss of productive years of life and generation of sympathy for its victims is far greater than cancer in the adults. More importantly, if diagnosed early and treated properly, more than 80% of children with cancer can be completely cured. However, the treatment of childhood cancers is quite intense, prolonged and expensive, requiring a team of dedicated people of various specialties. Because of all this, the best outcome of this potentially life threatening disease can be achieved in a right institution - a specialized childhood cancer hospital with clean environment, good infrastructure, including staff trained in taking care of children and most importantly a centre that is sensitive to the needs of children. Tata Memorial Hospital is one of the foremost such centers in the country. "ImPaCCT Foundation", an acronym for "Improving Paediatric Cancer Care and Treatment Foundation", was established in October 2010 to provide holistic support to each and every child coming to the hospital.



Visit to the Honorable President of India



World Children Winners Games - Moscow 2015



In memory of our volunteer - Mr. Parikh



Festival celebration in the ward



Outings - Cricket match

OUR SUPPORTERS
Anurag Basu (Director)
Amol Gupte (Director)
Parveen & Emraan Hashmi (Actor)
Priya Dutt (Ex MP)

OUR CORPORATE SUPPORTERS
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Citius Tech Healthcare Technology Pvt. Ltd.
Deutsche Bank
HDFC Bank
Lebara Foundation
Nomura Services Pvt. Ltd.
Tata Trust
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PARTNERING NGO'S/ ORGANIZATIONS
ANJEZE
Being Human
CanKids KidsCan
Child Help Foundation
Children's Cancer Care
Cuddles Foundation
Duhita Foundation
G J Kapoor Medical Relief Charitable Foundation
Genesis Foundation
Health Minister's Fund
Indian Cancer Society
little MORE
Mahalakshmi Temple Trust
Make A Wish Foundation
Nana Palkar Trust
Prime Ministers National Relief Fund
Runners for hope initiative
Sadbhavana Kendra
Shree Sant Gadge Maharaj Dharamshala Trust
Shrimad Rajchandra Love & Care
Sir Maneck Dadyseth Trust
St. Jude India Childcare Centres
V Care

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ImPaCCT holistic support strategy

1.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The foundation helps raise funds for the treatment of poor patients without them having to approach multiple organizations. In 2015 we have supported patients to the tune of nearly Rs. 19 crores. This has been through the various government funds, private charitable trusts, NGOs and donors like you.

2.



ACCOMMODATION SUPPORT

Through various NGOs working with us, the foundation arranges for free accommodation for the children taking treatment at TMH. Additionally, this year alone we have given the families more than Rs. 18,00,000 as accommodation reimbursement. Together we have helped nearly 500 children to get accommodation (7 to 9 months). This helps the parents to stay back in Mumbai and complete treatment thus decreasing the abandonment rate.

3.



INFECTION PREVENTION SUPPORT

The foundation provides hygiene kits and items for infection control to each and every child coming to the hospital. These are all put together by certain NGOs, donors and volunteers. Additionally, ImPaCCT Foundation funds the salaries of infection control nurses and physician to help prevent infection. This helps to decrease infection related complication and death and improves chances of cure.

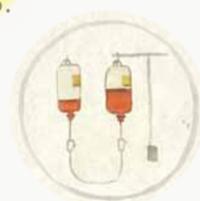
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NUTRITION SUPPORT

Nutrition support is provided to every child coming to the hospital by giving mid-day meals and healthy snacks. The foundation provides protein rich supplements like soya cookies and special high calorie food supplements. Almost 92,000 meals have been distributed in the year. Improved nutrition helps the children to tolerate therapy better and take treatment on time, thus helping improve outcomes.

5.



TRANSFUSION SUPPORT

Treatment of childhood cancers is quite intensive and requires lot of blood and platelet support. The foundation helps to organize blood and platelet donors for the patients, without which they would not be able to take intensive treatment. Through our "Save A Life" campaign till March 2016, we have been able to enroll 2300 voluntary platelet donors. From a meager 11% of voluntary donations comprising of the total need, now 71% of the requirement of platelets is being fulfilled by voluntary donors. This is a novel, highly impactful initiative and has become a model in India.

6.



PSYCHO-SOCIAL SUPPORT

A dedicated pediatric psychologist helps analyze and support the psychology of the children undergoing treatment and their parents. Enhanced counseling is provided to each and every family to minimize stress and motivate them to take treatment. This has helped reduce the rate of treatment refusal/ abandonment from 20% in 2009 to less than 5 percent in the past three years.

7.



EDUCATION SUPPORT

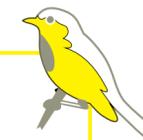
Non-formal education is provided to all the children in the OPD and the ward through Mindsprings Enrichment Centre. This is a pioneering step in integrating educational goals with quality healthcare.

8.



DATA MANAGERS/ MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKERS

If we want to help the children, we should know who requires help, what type of help is required, how much help is required. Through a team of data managers and social workers employed by ImPaCCT Foundation, this data is constantly acquired and updated because of which we can raise appropriate help and give timely assistance.



Other initiatives of ImPaCCT foundation

1. BIRTHDAYS

The foundation also organizes birthdays of every child taking treatment at the hospital. This is to give children happy memories of the hospital when they go back home after getting cured. We celebrated six birthdays in this year.

2. WORKSHOPS

Foundation organizes Art therapy/Craft/ Music/ Dance workshops to help the children forget about their disease issues and to heal them better.

3. HOPE

The foundation organizes HOPE", the celebration of "Victory over Cancer" which is the biggest Paediatric annual event of the hospital in December every year to welcome the New Year together.

4. PARENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

The Foundation organizes non-formal meetings with all the parents every month to educate them on Cancer and also to address all their queries. The children are kept entertained separately during this period so that the parents can focus on the meetings.

5. BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

In spite of our best efforts there are a few children every year who lose their battles to Cancer. "Bereavement", is a period of grief, for the loss of a loved one! The foundation supports the families to make sure that the child lost, is given last rites according to the wishes of their parents. We have supported Rs 4 lakhs towards this cause this year.

6. SUPPORT STAFF

The foundation also enhances delivery of cancer care by supporting salaries of social workers, dieticians, infection control officers, pharmacists and nurses for giving better quality care to children.

