

HOSPITAL BASED CANCER REGISTRY

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The Hospital Based Cancer Registry was started in the institute from 1st January, 2011 with grant from National Cancer Registry Programme of ICMR. The data collection is done from different departments of the Institute, main source being the departments of Radiation Oncology and Pathology. Data are also collected from Paediatric Oncology division of Advanced Paediatric Centre, Clinical Haematology Division of Department of Internal Medicine. The patients are also enrolled from the departments of Pulmonary Medicine, Hepatology and Urology. The demographic and treatment details are collected and entered into the forms, which are transmitted online to the coordinating unit of National Cancer Registry Programme in Bengaluru. Follow-up of cancer cases is done by the respective departments and information is updated accordingly.

Over the years, HBCR has been observing a slow but steady increase in the number of cancer patients attending the hospital. While there is no documentation of any clusters of cases being reported from any particular region, most of the patients of this hospital are found to be residents of the neighbouring states. Also, as this tertiary care hospital is considered as an 'island of excellence' among all public sector hospitals of the region, large number of cancer patients are referred here for treatment. This could explain why leukaemia and brain tumours are among the top ten malignancies seen in both the sexes. Carcinoma breast is the commonest in women and head and neck cancers is the commonest among men. Unfortunately, most of the patients come to the hospital at an advanced stage, hence the chances of cure are compromised. The HBCR has already published its three years consolidated report (2011–2013).

Maintaining a registry of this magnitude and providing quality data require a dedicated team. Our team is committed to the job and with the support of various other departments of this institute, is collecting as much information as possible. Some preliminary research work has been started based on data acquired here. Taking note of the large number of cancer patients coming in late stage, the staff of the registry have voluntarily participated in cancer awareness programmes conducted by the department as part of its outreach activities. In addition to their routine work, they continue to help cancer patients as part of their social responsibility.

Staff of Registry

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