

N. LION BHARAT KSHATRIYA COMMUNITY ONCOLOGY CENTRE (COC, VASNA)



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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 13 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



History

The Community Oncology Centre was established with the generous donation from Late Shri Rajendrabhai Dwarakadas Thakore in loving memory of his mother, Late Smt Hariganga Dwarkadas Thakore, in 1986. It started as Hospice to serve the cancer patients in advanced stage of disease. Its services have been extended in area of cancer awareness, Cancer

- 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



prevention, Cancer screening & Cancer Education, diagnosis, Research and Hospice & Palliative Care through Community outreach activities.

The center was named as 'Smt Hariganga Dwarakadas Thakore Cancer Detection & Hospice Complex' & inauguration was done by Late President Shri R. Vekatraman on 08-08-1988.

Activities at Community Oncology Center

(A) Health Check Up

Approximately, 5000 health conscious people take advantage of health checkup facilities available at Community Oncology Centre, every year. Common cancers in women are detected through Mammography Test – Technique for early detection of breast cancer & PAP test for early detection of Cervical Cancer. Other

than this, routine screening tests for various cancers done are, PSA for Prostatic cancer in male, CA-125 for ovarian cancer in female, CEA for intestinal & lung cancer etc. Basic blood tests, consultation by Physician, Cancer Surgeon & Gynecologist are part of health checkup plans.





(B) Cancer awareness

Community Oncology Centre is having 'PRAYAS' - a cancer exhibition located on 1st floor of main building. It is displayed in 10 rooms, having 120 panels with all the necessary information on cancer. Exhibition provides basic information regarding common cancer in men, women and children. Sign & symptoms of different cancers, their diagnosis, prevention & treatment etc are displayed artistically. Health messages about, healthy life style, quitting

tobacco & alcohol consumption, avoid junk food & smoking, are displayed through colorful pictures and text in Gujarati & English.

Students from schools, nursing colleges & medical colleges take educational visit of this exhibition. Dramas & Short films related to awareness are projected in Audio - visual room & kids are educated about cancer & harmful effects of tobacco, in 'learn with fun' manner. Many NGOs and social groups also visit the exhibition to get information on cancer.



(C) Hospice

20 Beds, in 5 collages are allotted to the terminally ill patients at Community Oncology Center campus. A Hospice is neither a specialized hospital, nor a home. It is, in fact, both, offering the specialized care of an institution and the love of home.

Hospice care is end-of-life **care**. A team of Doctors, nurses and volunteers provides it. They give

medical, psychological, and spiritual support to patient, caregiver & family. The goal of the **care** is to help people who are dying, have peace, comfort, and dignity. It is also aimed to empower & support a patient's family, so that they can take care of patient at home, if they wish to. It is aimed to **"Add life to days and not days to life"** of cancer patients of advanced stage of disease.





(D) Training Center

The Community Oncology Center has become a hub for various training programs in Cancer awareness, Cancer Care and Palliative Care. Community workers of number of NGOs working for cancer awareness, De-addiction and Health are given basic training in early detection of common

cancers like Breast cancer, cervical cancer & Head & Neck cancers. Trainings of caregivers, volunteers in care of Cancer patients, are organized at the center. Doctors and nurses undergoing various courses in Palliative care are given "Hands-On" training at Hospice.



Celebration through-out year

Many Days and occasions are celebrated at Community Oncology Center as part of creating awareness and reaching out to the community. Staff, patients and people from community

participate in these celebrations and spread the message of their fight against cancer. Patangotsav, World Cancer Day, International Women's Day, World No Tobacco Day, Rose Day, World Hospice & Palliative Day are few of them mentioned here.





The following Schools, Colleges, Institutions, NGOs and other organizations who visited during the year 2016-2017.

| No | Details of Schools |
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| 1 | A One School |
| 2 | Diwan Ballubhai |
| 3 | F. D. Dariyapur |
| 4 | A. K. Patel School |

| No | Details of Schools |
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| 5 | Nootan Adarsh School |
| 6 | Aklavya School |
| 7 | Muktjivan School |
| 8 | School of Nursing Palanpur |

| No | Details of Colleges |
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| 1 | R. J. Commerce College |
| 2 | Swami Narayan Arts College |
| 3 | Gujarat Arts And Science College |
| 4 | K. K. Shah Jarodwala Maninagar Science College |
| 5 | Civil Trainer Pscologies |

| No | Details of Colleges |
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| 6 | Government Polytechnic – Gandhinagar |
| 7 | Saraspur Arts College |
| 8 | Bhavans Arts College |
| 9 | St Xavier's College |

| No | Details of Medical Colleges |
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| 1 | GCS Medical College |
| 2 | AMC Met Medical College |
| 3 | Smt. N.H.L. Medical College |

| No | Details of Medical Colleges |
|----|---------------------------------|
| 4 | Sola Civil Medical College |
| 5 | B.M. Institute of Mental Health |

| No | Details of Nursing Schools & Colleges |
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| 1 | Soham Nursing School |
| 2 | Govt. College of Nursing, Jinera |
| 3 | ESIC School of Nursing |
| 4 | Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Nursing School |
| 5 | Manav Nusing School |
| 6 | Shrey Hospital Nursing College |
| 7 | Chitrini School of Nursing |
| 8 | Globe Hospital School of Nursing |
| 9 | J. G. Nursing College |
| 10 | Manikaka Topawala Nursing College |
| 11 | Sahajanand School of Nursing |
| 12 | M. Sc. Nursing Civil Hospital |
| 13 | Shubham Nursing College |
| 14 | M. M. Singhi Institute of Nursing |

| No | Details of Nursing Schools & Colleges |
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| 15 | Student From USA Sola Civil Hospital |
| 16 | Govt. College Of Nursing – Siddhapur |
| 17 | Shantiniketan Nursing College, Gajeriya |
| 18 | AINS Nursing College |
| 19 | Vraj Nursing Institute |
| 20 | Bhagya Laxmi Medical & Education Trust |
| 21 | Mother Teresa School of Nursing |
| 22 | Kshama General Nursing College |
| 23 | Mahavir School of Nursing |
| 24 | K. D. R. C. College of Nursing |
| 25 | Victoria School of Nursing |
| 27 | V. S. Hospital Nursing College |
| 28 | Mahatma Gandhi Nursing College |
| 29 | Saroj Lalji Malhotra Global Nursing College |



| No | Details Of N.G.O. & Others |
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| 1 | Sewa Training District |
| 2 | Sewa Youth |
| 3 | Akhand Jyot Foundation |
| 4 | Sath Charitable Trust |
| 5 | Dasha Shreemali |
| 6 | Elear Group |
| 7 | Mansi Mahilamandal |
| 8 | Kacchi Patel Seva Samaj Modasa |

| No | Details Of N.G.O. & Others |
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| 9 | Sardar Patel Seva Samaj Ahmedabad |
| 10 | Max Life Insurance |
| 11 | Lok Swasthay Mandal |
| 12 | Caring Souls Foundation |
| 13 | Kovadi Ekdo Khadayata Samaj – Modasa |
| 14 | Aagakhan Health - Siddhapur |
| 15 | The Gujarat Sarvajanic Welfare Trust |

| Education & Awareness Exhibition Total Number of Visitors | |
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| School Students, Colleges, NGO, Medical and Para Medical Students, Visitors of OPD Patients | 8876 |
| Total | 8876 |

| Total Health Check – Up | | |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Test | No. of Positive Cases | Total No. of Investigations |
| Mammography | 85 | 3722 |
| X-ray | 3 | 5787 |
| Pap Smear | 1 | 3890 |
| Sonography | 26 | 5701 |
| FNAC | 0 | 0 |
| Leukaemia | 1 | 0 |
| VIA (Visual Imagination with Acetic Acid) | 34 | 1787 |

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| Exhibition Visitors | 8876 |
| Hospice Admitted Patients | 259 |
| Health Check Up | 1656 (Male), 4154 (Female) |
| Urban | 429 |