

Sarvodaya opens daycare centre for cancer patients in Delhi

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Faridabad-based, 500-bed Sarvodaya Hospital & Research Centre has set up a unique standalone daycare centre for cancer patients in Delhi.

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The new facility is headed by Dr. Dinesh Pendharkar, one of the first practitioners in cancer chemotherapy in India who is also the President of Indian Society of Oncology and the Director of Sarvodaya Cancer Institute. It provides full nursing care and support to cancer patients in surrounding areas who need to undergo chemotherapy, immunotherapy or targeted cancer therapy, but do not wish to visit a hospital.

Dr. Dinesh Pendharkar, Director, Sarvodaya Cancer institute said, "The opening of Sarvodaya Medicentre is the beginning of a new trend in cancer care in the national capital, where patients had no option till now other than visiting a hospital for getting chemotherapy and supportive therapies. The concept of daycare centers for cancer patients is popular abroad, but is new to India. The need for such neighbourhood facilities is being acutely felt because more than one million people in the country are diagnosed with cancer each year. Cancer patients need follow-ups for many years. As many as 70% of them require chemotherapy which can help cure, control or ease cancer symptoms."

Dr. Sumant Gupta, Sr. Consultant, Hemato-oncologist, Sarvodaya Cancer Institute said, "Sarvodaya Medicentre in Delhi is staffed by full-time nursing staff and some of India's best-known cancer specialists. It offers advanced treatment procedures in a clinical environment outside of a hospital setting for patients of all types of cancer including breast cancer, lung cancer, head and neck cancer, gastro-intestinal cancer, blood cancer, and cervical cancer. Such standalone daycare centres not only ensure that patients with compromised immunity are less vulnerable to hospital-acquired infections, they also get world-class treatment nearer their home without visiting a proper hospital."

Dr. Rakesh Gupta, Chairman, Sarvodaya Hospital & Research Centre said, "The Sarvodaya Medicentre in Delhi specializes in cancer management using drugs, including prevention, early detection, treatment and rehabilitation. Before patients undergo any treatment, they are given adequate counselling on side effects, dosage and after-treatment care. We are planning to launch two more such daycare centers for cancer patients in other parts of Delhi in the coming months to meet

the growing demand for treatment of cancer. In the face of rising incidence of cancer, our objective is to ensure that a patient is never far from a medical facility.”

Sarvodaya Medicentre also provides comprehensive preventive health check-ups involving a range of screenings and exams customized for each patient under the supervision of qualified doctors.