

## Ujala Cygnus launches dialysis centre at Varanasi unit

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**There is a huge dearth of affordable dialysis services in the city**



As the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has thrown challenges for the patients suffering from the Chronic Kidney Diseases (CKD) in tier II and tier III cities, leading healthcare provider Ujala Cygnus Hospitals have launched a five-bedded dedicated dialysis care centre in its Varanasi unit so that the CKD patients don't miss their scheduled dialysis in such unprecedented times.

Chronic kidney disease has slow, insidious progress and is caused by diabetes, hypertension, periodic urinary tract infections, among others. Therefore, people should make sure that diabetes and hypertension are controlled. The centre was inaugurated by Bank of Baroda's branch manager Mr Ram Arya in the presence of Ujala Cygnus Healthcare's zonal manager Dr Prasun Kumar, Urologist Dr Tarun Gupta, Surgeon Dr Vinita Shrivastav and Unit Head Dr Ankur Rajoriya.

The hospital has been taking many steps to ensure the patient doesn't catch any infection. Dialysis personnel, attendants and caregivers all wear a three-layer surgical facemask while they are inside the dialysis unit. All patients with suspected COVID-19 are dialyzed in isolation, in a physically separate area. Staff caring for suspected cases doesn't look after other patients during the same shift. Dialysis staff uses all personal protective equipment (PPE) for strongly suspected patients of COVID-19.

They have been separating equipment like stethoscopes, thermometers, Oxygen saturation probes and blood pressure cuffs between patients with appropriate cleaning and disinfection done in between shifts.