

Cytecare converts school hostel into 120-bed Covid treatment centre

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Cytecare Hospitals in collaboration with Cloudphysician – a health-tech company, has announced the opening of a first-of-its-kind step-down hospital in Bengaluru.

The 120-bed Covid treatment centre has been developed by converting the school hostel into a healthcare facility. While Canadian International School offered its hostel facilities for setting up the centre, city-based NGO - Humanist Centre for Medicine and the Bangalore chapter of Entrepreneurs Organisation helped with the fund raising for the initiative.

The Cytecare step-down hospital will treat moderately ill Covid patients requiring oxygen support, given that they form a substantial percentage of all hospital admissions. Each bed has a dedicated oxygen concentrator, in addition to other healthcare facilities and nursing care. There are doctors and nurses who will monitor patients every 4 hours/ 6 times a day. Through this initiative, hospital beds will be provided free to those who cannot afford it while government rates will apply to others. The centre is also equipped with a centralised clinical command room to manage its operations as well as ensure an organised channel for the allocation of oxygen beds and other accessories.

Suresh Ramu - Co-founder, CEO, Cytecare Cancer Hospitals who led this initiative, said, "With adoption of advanced process and technology, we have been able to scale this initiative in record time. All the clinical and non-clinical information will flow into a system to allow the Clinical command room - monitored round-the-clock by senior intensivists and senior nurses - to look at the data real-time and help the clinical team address treatment protocols for patients, accordingly."

Shweta Sastri, Managing Director, Canadian International School, noted, "Canadian International School is happy to be of service and have our hostel function as an oxygen treatment centre in these tough times. Together, we can overcome this adversity."