

Prashanti Cancer Care Mission
Reaching out with excellence



NEWSLETTER
September
2020

1. PCCM appeals for support and donations to help save breast cancer patients

We are ever grateful for your generosity and donations over the years that have helped save the lives of over 1000 young girls & women annually.

Many of them are alive with their families & loved one because of your generosity and big heart. Last year, because of your contributions we have been able to successfully treat over 3000 unaffording women with breast cancer through full freeships and major concessions in surgery, chemotherapy , radiation, free biopsies, diagnostics and much more, enabling them through the bewildering maze of challenges the disease brings through its wake & hand holding them to lead a normal life after cancer.

This year the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic has presented challenges to the cancer patients and their families. Prashanti Cancer Care Mission has made every effort that no unaffording patient seeking our help is turned away.

This pandemic period has posed a huge challenge to needy patients, their care givers and Prashanti. We are striving to be able to take care of each and every woman coming for freeships and treatments.

We are now appealing to you for your support and generous donations, to help these young women battling with breast cancer to be able to get free treatment from us, so that no patient is turned away without help.

Every small amount from you would help save the lives of these women and allow them to live a healthy life with their loved ones.

Following are the details through which you can donate to Prashnati
You may donate via either of the two options:

1. Bank Transfer to the account given below

Name of Account Holder	Prashanti Cancer Care Mission
Bank Account Number	50100088296788
Name of the Bank	HDFC BANK
IFSC Code	HDFC0000223
MICR Code	411240006
Branch Code	0223

or

2. Send us a cheque in favour of “Prashanti Cancer Care Mission”

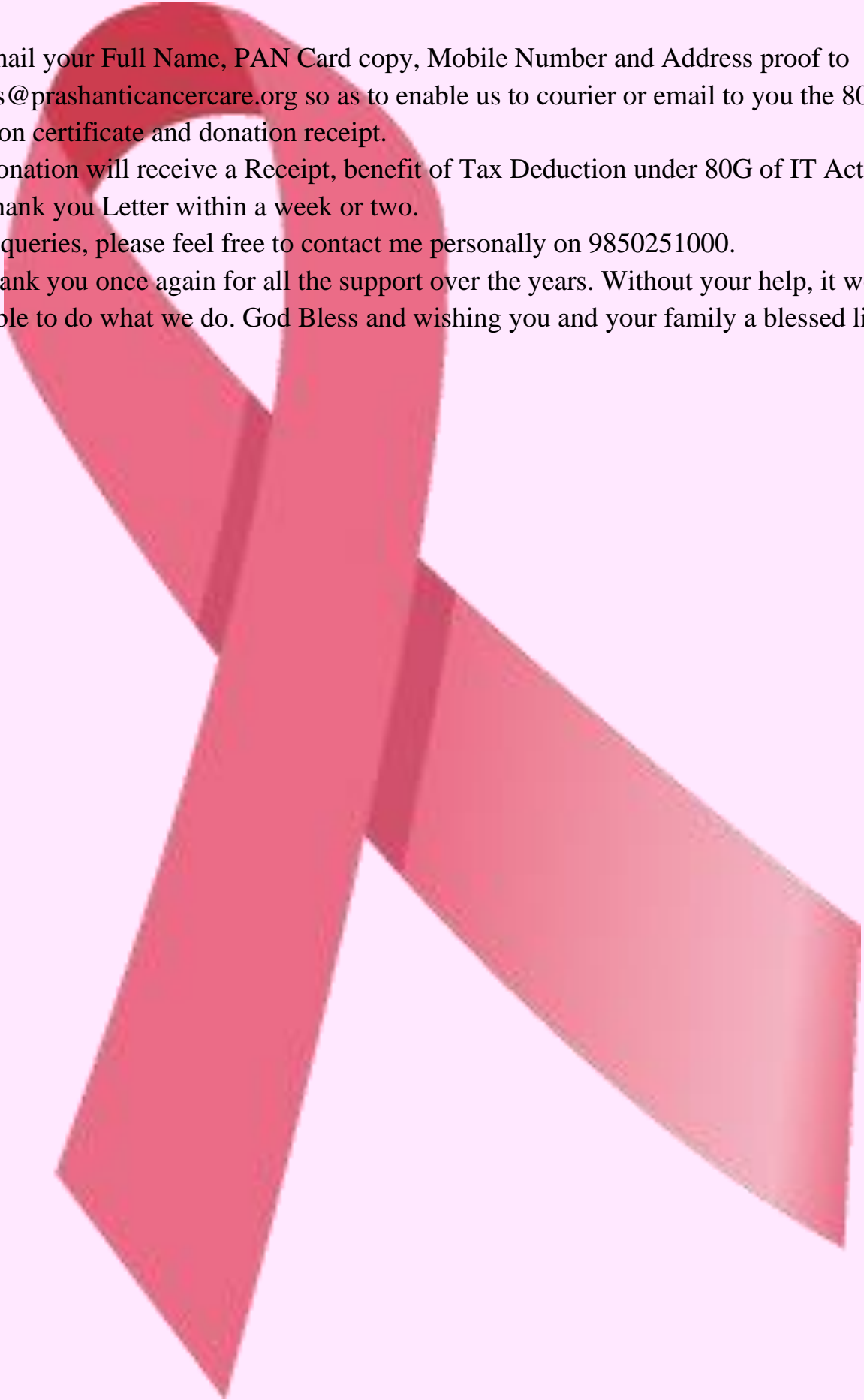
Address: 1,2 Kapilvastu, Senapati Bapat Road, Pune, Maharashtra 411016

Please mail your Full Name, PAN Card copy, Mobile Number and Address proof to accounts@prashanticancercare.org so as to enable us to courier or email to you the 80G tax exemption certificate and donation receipt.

Every donation will receive a Receipt, benefit of Tax Deduction under 80G of IT Act 1961 and a Thank you Letter within a week or two.

For any queries, please feel free to contact me personally on 9850251000.

A big thank you once again for all the support over the years. Without your help, it would be impossible to do what we do. God Bless and wishing you and your family a blessed life.



2. Webinars in the month of August 2020

- a. Dr. C.B. Koppiker and Dr. Beenu Varghese, Head of Radiology, Orchids Breast Health Clinic were the speakers at a webinar on Breast Pathology, on August 28, 2020

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**BREAST ONCOPLASTY
WEBINAR
SERIES SESSION 5
BREAST PATHOLOGY
WORKSHOP**

**Friday
August 28th
6pm to 8pm**

REGISTRATION MANDATORY

Time	Topic	Speaker	Affiliation
6-6.45 pm	Breast Cancer and Pathology Updates	Prof. Sunil Badve	Joshua Edwards Professor of Laboratory Medicine, Indiana University, USA
6.45–7.10 pm	Practical Aspects of Grossing Technique, Frozen and Margin Assessment	Dr Nutan Jumle	Consultant Onco-Pathologist, Jehangir Hospital, Pune
7.10-7.35 pm	Breast Radiology-Pathology correlation	Dr Beenu Varghese	Consultant Radiologist Orchids Breast Health Clinic, Pune
7.35 – 8 pm	Q and A (Panel discussion)	Dr CB Koppiker (Moderator) , All Faculty	Medical Director, Orchids Breast Health Clinic, Pune

ZOOM LINK TO REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS ONLY

Dr. C.B. Koppiker conducted a panel discussion after the talks by National and International speakers. The opening speaker was Dr. Sunil Badve from Indiana University followed by Dr. Nutan Jumle, Jehangir Hospital and Dr. Beenu Varghese, Orchids Breast Health Clinic. Dr. Beenu Varghese, a consultant radiologist addressed the topic “Breast Radiology-Pathology” correlation.

b. Dr. Koppiker was a speaker at a webinar - Onco Expert Union Meeting Webex on August 21, 2020

The webinar addressed the topic “Pedicled perforator flaps in reconstruction of large breast cavities”. Dr. Koppiker was one of the speakers in the webinar. It was attended by national and international participants.

3. CTCR- a joint initiative by PCCM and IISER Pune is the first Indian member of an International CIMBA Consortium

CTCR – a joint initiative between PCCM and IISER Pune is now the first Indian member of an International Consortium of Investigators of Modifiers of BRCA1/2 (CIMBA). This consortium undertakes BRCA related clinical genetics projects which now gives us access to network and fund some similar studies.

<http://cimba.ccge.medschl.cam.ac.uk/>

4. Publications in the month of August 2020

a. A pre-print of “Association of therapy response with high infiltration of TILs in TNBC patients” at MedRxiv



The screenshot shows the MedRxiv preprint server interface. At the top, there are logos for medRxiv, CSH Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, and BMJ Yale. The page title is "Stromal Tumor Infiltrating Lymphocytes (sTILs) as a putative prognostic marker to identify a responsive subset of TNBC in an Indian Breast Cancer Cohort." The authors listed are Pooja Vaid, Anirudha Puntambekar, Rituja Banale, Ruhi Reddy, Rohini Unde, Namrata Namewar, Devaki A Kelkar, L S Shashidhara, Chaitanyanand B Koppiker, and Madhura Kulkarni. A disclaimer states: "This article is a preprint and has not been certified by peer review [what does this mean?]. It reports new medical research that has yet to be evaluated and so should not be used to guide clinical practice." Navigation tabs for Abstract, Info/History, and Metrics are visible, along with a Preview PDF button.

Prashanti Cancer Care Mission research team has been working on cost-effect markers to identify TNBC patients that may benefit from the chemotherapy from the ones who may not. Triple Negative Breast Cancer (TNBC) subtype of breast cancer and an aggressive type of breast cancer with high incidence in younger women (Kulkarni et al 2020 JCO-GO). The research to validate predictive value of infiltrating immune cells (TILs) is underway worldwide. PCCM as well has undertaken research towards understanding the importance of TILs towards prognosis of TNBC patients in India. The outcomes of the research are summarized in the snapshot below. In short, in our cohort, we do identify association of therapy response with high infiltration of TILs, especially in patients who are diagnosed with TNBC at age older than 50. The research findings of the PCCM team have been made available for wider research community worldwide at MedRxiv and can be accessed with the link. <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.08.19.20177865v1>

This work is supported DBT-Ramalingaswami Fellowship to Dr. Kulkarni and funding support by Bajaj Auto Limited.

b. Research paper “PTPN11/SHP2 negatively regulates growth in breast epithelial cells: implications on tumorigenesis” published in BioRxiv

The paper published by the team at the centre for translational cancer research, a joint initiative of Prashanti Cancer Care Mission and IISER Pune. This paper is an initial report on the investigation of the role of high expression of PTPN11 gene in cancer-like changes in breast cells. Cell line studies and analysis of breast cancer datasets METABRIC and BRCA TCGA instead suggest a role of low PTPN11 expression and activity in increased growth of breast cells and breast cancers with aggressive features.

The article is open for reading and can be accessed with the following weblink.

<https://doi.org/10.1101/2020.07.30.228445>



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PTPN11/SHP2 negatively regulates growth in breast epithelial cells: implications on tumorigenesis

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Freeships for Diagnostics, Surgery, Chemotherapy, Onco-Pharmacy, Clinical Procedures and Consultations at Orchids Breast Health in the Month of August 2020

❖ 3 PATIENTS RECEIVED FREESHIP AND MAJOR CONCESSIONS ON BREAST SURGERY



❖ 14 PATIENTS RECEIVED FREE CHEMOTHERAPY AND 48 PATIENTS RECEIVED MAJOR CONCESSIONS AT OUR DAY CARE CENTRE FOR CHEMOTHERAPY



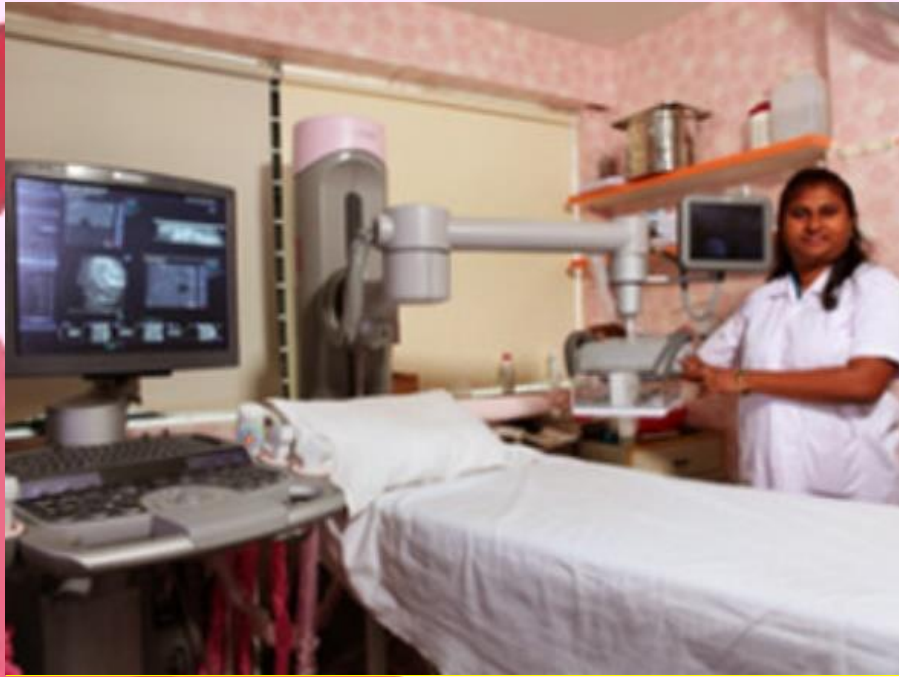
❖ **152 PATIENTS RECEIVED FREE & CONCESSIONAL MEDICINES FROM OUR ONCO-PHARMACY**



❖ **62 PATIENTS RECEIVED FREE AND CONCESSIONAL MAMMOGRAPHY**



❖ **102 PATIENTS RECEIVED FREE AND CONCESSIONAL SONOGRAPHY**



❖ **11 PATIENTS RECEIVED FREE AND CONCESSIONAL BIOPSY & VAB PROCEDURES (FOR REMOVAL OF FIBROIDS ETC.)**

Testimonials of a few patients who were adopted for Freeship in August 2020

1. Mrs. Sheetal Hole

My name is Sheetal Hole. I am thankful to Orchids specially Dr. Koppiker and the whole staff at Orchids. They have been extremely supportive and caring throughout my treatment. Laleh ma'am has not only provided my financial aid but has also been my strongest support system since my first day. I would like to thank all of them for the exceptional care they have shown. I wish them all the best for the work they are doing.

2. Mrs. Sabra Khatun

My name is Sabra. Since my breast cancer diagnosis, Orchids has been my support and go-to place as I come from an economically lower background. Laleh ma'am and Dr. Koppiker have provided me free treatment and I am grateful to have met such kind hearted people here. I would also like to thank the staff and the team who provided me the treatment and medications with so much care.

3. Mrs. Pratibha Botkulwar

I am Mrs. Pratibha Botkulwar and I have been diagnosed with breast cancer. I would like to thank Dr. Koppiker and his team for my treatment. I am grateful to Laleh Ma'am for the financial help and the moral support that she has given me since the beginning of this fight. It was a relief as the costs of the treatment are very high.

We would like to ~~THANK~~ our
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Warm Regards,
Ms. Laleh Busheri
CEO

Prashanti Cancer Care mission

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