Prashanti Cancer Care Mission

Reaching out with excellence



NEWSLETTER

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1. BreastGlobal Conference coming up in June 2021

PCCM welcomes you to its new venture: The BreastGlobal Network. BreastGlobal is established in association with like-minded individuals who believe that access to specialist breast training should be universal, regardless of geographical location. This online portal has been created to bridge the gaps in knowledge by providing a single platform where experts, trainees, and industry can have access to a plethora of global learning and training opportunities.

To kick start this initiative, we, BreastGlobal in association with iBreastBook, UK, bring you one-of-a-kind *Interactive Webinar *.

Here it's the delegates who decide the cases for discussion and participate in MDT decision-making through live online polls. This will be a great learning experience for trainees and an update for breast surgeons on patient-centered decision-making within a functional MDT comprising of global experts. We have representation from all sub-specialties including a breast care nurse, a clinical geneticist, and a fertility expert.

May 29, 2021, 07:30 PM IST

Register Here: https://lnkd.in/gwnAv-F

Website: www.breastglobal.org

CPD accreditation

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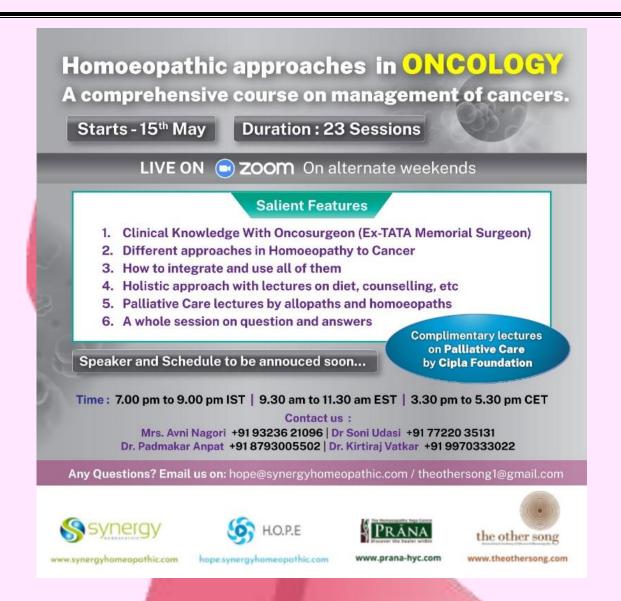
Through this unique webinar, the delegates will have the opportunity to participate in the decision making process through live interactive polls.

Click here to Register



2. Dr. Koppiker invited as a speaker in a comprehensive course on management of cancers

Dr. Koppiker was invited as a speaker to talk about Introduction to Breast Cancer, diagnostic symptoms, Investigations and Allopathic treatment modalities on May 30, 2021. The course of management of cancers focuses on the homeopathic approach in oncology. Over 150 individuals have registered for the lecture.



3. Breast Cancer Biobank at a Single Institution in an Urban Setting in India: Tumor Characteristics and Survival Outcomes manuscript accepted for publishing in Cancer Treatment and Research Communications journal

PCCM upon its establishment has been on forefront to streamline facilities like clinical data and tissue biobank, the first of its kind in Pune city. The tissue and data biobank has been established in 2018 to build a retrospective cohort of breast cancer patients that have been diagnosed and treated at PCCM. The biobank holds clinical history, diagnostic images, treatment and follow-up information along with FFPE tissue specimens of tumour, adjacent normal and in few cases, contralateral normal breast tissue. Detailed family history and germline mutational profiles of eligible and consenting patients and their relatives are deposited in the biobank.

The biobank has aided initiation of Centre for Translational Research (CTCR); a joint initiative of PCCM with IISER Pune, one of the eminent academic institutes on the country. The biobank proves as a valuable resource to evaluate and understand breast cancer aetiology in an Indian cohort and to the breast cancer research community at large.

A comprehensive data and tissue biobanking task initiated by clinical and research teams at CTCR is now accepted in an international, reputed and peer reviewed journal Cancer Treatment and Research Communications of European Elsevier publications.

- 4. Freeships for Diagnostics, Surgery, Chemotherapy, Onco-Pharmacy, Clinical Procedures and Consultations at Orchids Breast Health in May 2021
 - **❖ 11 PATIENTS RECEIVED FREESHIP AND MAJOR CONCESSIONS ON BREAST SURGERY**



*** 22 PATIENTS RECEIVED FREE CHEMOTHERPAY AND 101 PATIENTS RECEIVED MAJOR CONCESSIONS AT OUR DAY CARE CENTRE FOR CHEMOTHERAPY**



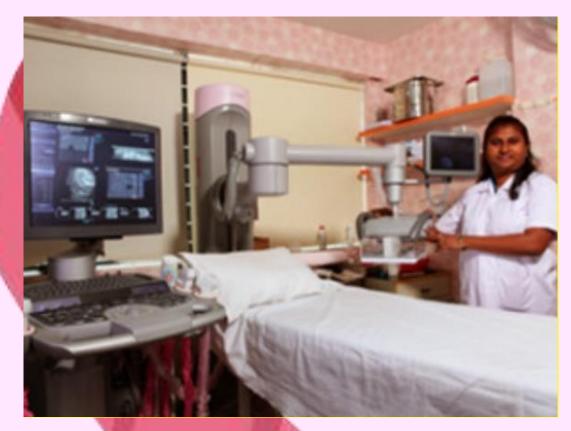
❖ 187 PATIENTS RECEIVED FREE & CONCESSIONAL MEDICINES FROM OUR ONCO-PHARMACY



* 25 PATIENTS RECEIVED FREE AND CONCESSIONAL MAMMOGRAPHY



❖ 30 PATIENTS RECEIVED FREE AND CONCESSIONAL SONOGRAPHY



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

5. 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. Through the donation page on the website:

https://www.prashanticancercare.org/donations.php

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.

6. Testimonials of a few patients who were adopted for Freeship in May 2021

1. Sanjay Shirke

My mother noticed lumps in hre breast sometime around end of April 2021. The diagnosis of breast cancer was confirmed after some clinical tests. We consulted Dr. Koppiker as suggested by our relatives. We immediately got his appointment in the first week of May. He was kind enough to answer all our queries to our satisfaction. He also discussed the course of treatment in detail. Our discussion with him gave us a relief and confidence to get through this difficult time. My mom got operated in the second week of May and is on her way to recovery. Dr. Koppiker and his team guided us in the right direction and were supportive throughout. I would like to thank him and his team for helping us. We believe they will continue to guide us further for my mother's treatment. I would like to thank Smeeta sister for guiding us through the procedures and giving us hope. I wish the team all the best for their future.

2. Rachel Ansari

When I noticed a lump in my left breast I ignored it for some time and then something told me to go get it checked up, which I did so in Dubai sometime end July 2018. Of course after a series of check-ups and tests it was confirmed as cancer. I was advised to get it operated immediately. My cousin in Pune who is a cancer survivor told me about Dr. Koppiker. I called him and he assured me that I was in safe hands. Then I asked him an awkward question. Will I be disfigured. His answer Ma'am we are not in the business of disfiguring anyone but in curing them.

Dr. Koppiker and his team made all the necessary arrangements at Ruby Hall where the surgery would be done. After some tests/ mri etc the surgery was scheduled for 18th august 2018. Having been sedated I felt nothing and came out of it safe and sound. Dr. Koppiker taking into consideration my age recommended radiation in a very discreet manner and I opted for that.

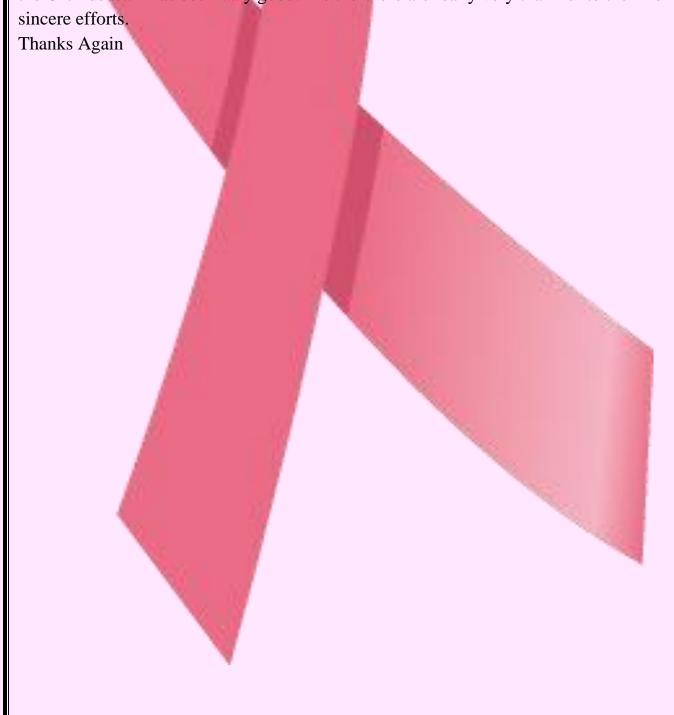
My very first visit to Orchids impressed me and gave me a sense of reassurance. The staff especially Nurse Smeeta went out of their way to make us welcome. I met the good doctor's wife and learnt from her about the charitable work they do. I believe for every paying patient they do breast cancer surgery free for a deserving lady. Ms. Laleh Busheri herself took me around their clinic and showed me their whole infrastructure. I also met another lady who told me how the Koppikers invited all their patients annually and treat them to a party/dinner at their own hone. Wow indeed.

Its two years now and Alhamdullilah I am quite fine and fit, thanks to Dr. Koppiker and his team at Orchids.

3. Mrs. Nilu Patil

Dr. Smita Shah referred Mrs. Nilu Patil, for further Breast cancer treatment to Dr. C B Koppiker, and in response Dr. Koppiker gave further directions to go through Ultra Sonomammography and Mammography with more clarity and visibility, which helped showed 2-3 new spots. Thanks to their world class diagnostics which helped my new investigation.

Further, as per his instructions, I underwent surgery with no major complications. My further follow-up was taken care of very skilfully even under the pandemic situation in the city. The course of treatment was very professional and good. So far our experience with the Orchids team has been very good. We therefore are really very thankful to them for their sincere efforts



We would like to THANK our Donors & Supporters



Warm Regards,
Ms. Laleh Busheri
CEO

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