

# NEWSLETTER DECEMBER – 2017

## 1) ESTABLISHMENT OF GENETIC CLINIC AT ORCHIDS BREAST HEALTH CLINIC

**PRESS COVERAGE: No wedding, no funeral: 25 family members come together to identify cancer risk in Pune** - Anuradha Mascarenhas, Indian Express (November 13)

Ashok Gholap, 66, is a patient of OBHC who has been valiantly fighting breast cancer, pancreatic cancer, and recurrence of the disease in the lungs and abdomen since 2010. He is detected as a carrier of the disease causing BRCA 2 gene mutation which appears to show strong hereditary patterns. Mr. Gholap's younger sister and her daughter were also detected with breast cancer at OBHC. After detailed genetic counseling, Mr. Gholap was convinced about the need to cancer risk assessment in his extended family. On November 13, he organized a get-together at his Pune residence in which as many as 25 members of the Gholap family gathered to undergo a genetic test to identify if any of them were at the risk of HBOC. Given the rarity of Male Breast Cancers, genetic research scientist at OBHC and Strand Life Sciences-India's leading genomics company- have embarked on a research study to understand the nature of HBOC hereditary patterns in the Gholap family.



Ashok Gholap (in pink shirt) got his entire family together, from different parts of the state, to undergo a Germ Line Cancer Test. (Indian Express Photo/Sandip Daundkar)

## 2) THE 1<sup>ST</sup> PRACTICAL TRAINING WORKSHOP OF MASTERS IN BREAST ONCOPLASTY (UK)

The 1<sup>st</sup> practical training workshop of Masters in Breast Oncoplasty (UK) was conducted for 21 students on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017 in Pune. International students from Sri Lanka and Indonesia are also a part of the 1<sup>st</sup> cohort. The enrolled students underwent this intensive surgical simulations on synthetic breast models, virtual live sessions and case based discussions. Renowned faculty from UK- Dr. John Benson and Dr. Jenny Smith – along with Indian faculty conducted these sessions.



## 3) CME FOR DOCTORS IN PUNE: DR. KOPPIKER

Dr. Koppiker spoke on New Modalities in treatment of Breast Cancer for doctors in Pune.





#### 4) PRASHANTI CANCER CARE MISSION DONATED ONE OF THEIR SCREENING BUS TO AAROGYA VAHINI TRUST, KOLKATA.

Last month Prashanti Cancer Care Mission donated their screening bus to an NGO- Aarogya Vahini Trust, Kolkata. Mr. Subhajit Roy Mukharjee and Mr. Tusharkanti Roy Choudhary, trustee members of the trust visited PCCM on 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017 for the purpose and the bus was sent to Kolkata on 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017 to Kolkata.



#### 5) CLINICAL BREAST EXAMINATION CAMP AND AWARENESS TALKS

Screening women for Breast Cancer through Clinical Breast Examination Camps and Awareness Talks is creating awareness and making a change in the city. Last month we were able to help create awareness and screen women from Maher(Wagholi)- Screening mentally challenged women was a difficult task but their support was commendable, other women including the care givers were also screened at Maher. Sofosh( Sasoon Hospital) – staff of this NGO was screened. Indira group of institutes – located in different parts of the city whose teaching and non teaching staff were screened. A total of 391 women were screened this month and 35 abnormal cases were detected. Follow-up of these cases are in-process.



6) IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER WE WERE GLAD TO ASSIST 127 PATIENTS WITH FREE AND MAJOR CONCESSIONS WITH CHEMOTHERAPY IN OUR DAYCARE.





7) NOVEMBER MONTH SAW MANY PATIENTS WITH FREESHIPS AT PRASHANTI FOR SURGERIES AND RADIATION. BELOW ARE FEW OF THE PATIENTS TESTIMONIALS.

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1. Mrs. Munira Zakir



I am Munira Zakir, age 49 years, has been diagnosed with HER2 positive Breast Cancer. I have been taken treatment at Orchids Breast Health Clinic and have received 4 chemos and 12 weekly chemos with Herceptine Injections, my tumor was reduced and was operated by Dr. Koppiker in October. I will begin my radiation therapy from next month and Prashanti Cancer Care Mission will be taking care of all the expenses. I am immensely grateful to the centre for helping me and taking care of my treatment.

2. Mr. Sanjay Sirdeshpande



I am Sanjay Sirdeshpande , 61 years diagnosed of Rectum Cancer . I am very grateful to Prashanti Cancer Care Mission for helping me complete my treatment by providing the support of freeships for medicines and chemotherapy. I received 12 cycles of chemotherapy worth Rs. 60,580/- free of cost . I would like to thank Ms.Laleh and Dr. Koppiker for all of their support care and concern this would not have been possible without them. A generous thank you to Dr. Koppiker and his whole team.

### 3. Mrs. Ujwala Tikone



I am Ujwala Tikone, 57 year old housewife. I was diagnosed with 2nd stage Breast Cancer. As I belong to a middle class family it was difficult for my family to afford the treatment cost. But Laleh Maam helped me and my family cope with this. I received free chemotherapy cycles amounting to Rs. 60,000 /- . I heartly thank this organization for their help and support. I bless them abundantly and may god help them to support more patients like me.

### 4. Mrs. Kanta Zamwar



I am Mrs. Kanta Zamwar 59 year old housewife, being diagnosed with second stage breast cancer was shocking for me and my family. Everything seemed to be negative in and around me I was depressed bt Dr. Koppiker helped me understand what exactly the disease was and showed me a way out. He guided us on every step of my treatment not only this Ms.Laleh and Dr.Koppiker supported us financially too. I received my 12 cycles chemotherapy at Orchids Breast Health Clinic free of cost. I thank Dr. Koppiker, Laleh Maam and their whole team for their warmth, support and care.

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Warm Regards,  
Ms. Laleh Busheri  
CEO  
Prashanti Cancer Care mission