NEWSLETTER
April
2020
1. Dr. C.B. Koppiker hosted a 3 day Workshop on Breast Oncoplasty from March 06 to March 08, 2020

The 10th Breast Oncoplasty Workshop was held, Pune and was a component of the MCh Breast Oncoplasty program run through the International School of Oncoplastic Surgery in collaboration with the University of East Anglia, UK. These workshops have trained over 500 surgeons from India and South-East Asia. Presence of National and International faculty enlightened the students and delegates with important insights in the field of oncoplastic surgery. The sessions were divided into Live surgery session, lectures, hands-on practical, panel discussions and interactions with faculty. It was organized at Jehangir Hospital and a dinner was hosted on the evening of 7th March for the staff, faculty, delegates and participants at Central Park Hotel, Pune.
2. An article by Dr. C.B. Koppiker, informing the community about the latest in breast cancer management was featured in Lokmat on Women’s Day

The article touches upon topics such as the advanced diagnostics and treatment for breast cancer and options available to the patients.
The fun filled event was hosted by Hyatt Regency to celebrate Breast Cancer Conquerors from the Pink Ribbon Support group of Prashanti Cancer Care Mission (PCCM) on the occasion of International Women’s Day. It was an evening with games and mouth watering treats.
Centre for Translational Cancer Research (CTCR, a joint initiative of PCCM and IISER Pune) is one of the clinical sites in the Government of India sponsored Genome India project.

Dr. Santosh Dixit represented CTCR at a Genome India Workshop titled “Population Identification, Field Work & Sample Collection” at the CSIR-Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (IGIB), New Delhi on March 13-15, 2020. In this workshop, tools and techniques for data collection from study participants were discussed in detail with case studies and demonstrations.
5. Dr. Santosh Dixit co-authored a publication with the Interdisciplinary School of Health Sciences, Savitribai Phule Pune University

The joint initiative CTCR, collaborates with AYUSH Centre for Excellence at the Centre for Complimentary and Integrative Health, Pune University. The theme of research collaboration is exploration of Ayurveda based Rasayana medicine for anti-cancer activity.

From this effort, a comprehensive review article titled "Withania somnifera (L.) Dunal: A potential therapeutic adjuvant in cancer” was published online in Journal of Ethnopharmacology (Elsevier Publications) on March 23, 2020. Dr. Santosh Dixit is a co-author on this publication.

6. Multiple Awareness Talks were held around the city on the occasion of Women’s Day in March 2020

i. Awareness talk by Laleh Busheri at Maria's Yoga and Pranayama Center, March 07, 2020
ii. Awareness talk at Smith & Nephew, Kharadi, March 03, 2020
iii. Awareness talk by Laleh Busheri at Buntara Bhavan, Pune on the occasion of Women’s Day, March 08, 2020
7. Multiple free Clinical Breast Examination Camps were conducted around the city on the occasion of Women’s Day in March 2020

172 women were screened through the following camps

i. Bajaj Auto took a great initiative by organising an awareness and screening camp for the underprivileged women at Ajanta Nagar, Akurdi on March 11, 2020
ii. Awareness talk and screening at Cybage, Kharadi, March 03, 2020

iii. Awareness talk and screening at Cybage, Kalyani Nagar, March 04, 2020
iv. Awareness talk and screening Camp at Chandan Nagar, March 08, 2020

v. Awareness talk and CBE camp at Don Bosco school, Yerwada.
Freeships for Diagnostics, Surgery, Chemotherapy, Onco-Pharmacy, Clinical Procedures and Consultations at Orchids Breast Health in the Month of January 2020

❖ 23 PATIENTS RECEIVED MAJOR CONCESSIONS AND FREESHIP ON BREAST SURGERY

❖ 32 PATIENTS RECEIVED FREE CHEMOTHERAPY AND 76 RECEIVED MAJOR CONCESSIONS AT OUR DAY CARE CENTRE FOR CHEMOTHERAPY
134 patients received free & concessional medicines from our onco-pharmacy

80 patients received free and concessional mammography
❖ 85 PATIENTS RECEIVED FREE AND CONCESSIONAL SONOGRAPHY

❖ 20 PATIENTS RECEIVED FREE AND CONCESSIONAL BIOPSY & VAB PROCEDURES (FOR REMOVAL OF FIBROIDS ETC.)
Testimonials of patients who were adopted for Freeship in March 2020

1. Payal Jain

I am Payal Jain, a cancer survivor. I come from a lower middle-class family and I also suffer from a hearing disability. My husband too is handicapped and it is my elder daughter who looks after our family now. Dr. Koppiker and Laleh Ma’am helped me in my fight against cancer. I look at them as my God. They gave me a lot of support and financial aid. It was a relief when he operated on me for no cost.

2. Aruna Sonigara

I am Aruna Sonigara. I am a cancer survivor. I was diagnosed with a breast cancer which led me into depression and more fear. Laleh Ma’am and Koppiker Sir helped me financially. They helped me get free medication throughout my hormone therapy which was for about five years. I am grateful for their help and support.
My name is Sadhana Badre. I am suffering from cancer, a life-threatening disease. I belong to a middle-class family. I have undergone the entire treatment once before it recurred recently. I had lost all hopes when I realised that I had depleted all my savings during my first cycle of treatment. Dr. Koppiker, helped me get free medication for my entire treatment and released me of the financial burden. Laleh Ma’am was a strong support throughout which helped me in my fight against cancer.
We would like to THANK our Donors & Supporters

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

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