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Respected Seniors, Colleagues and Friends,

"UNITY IS THE STRENGTH OF ANY SOCIETY"

This is a well known fact ; but we are lacking in it's implementation; in our day to day practice. Let's pledge that we will start this New Year 2022 ; by showing our strength and unity in society. First step

towards this is; to strengthen our own IMA.

Our fraternity has done excellent job and great sacrifice in first and second wave of Covid-19 pandemic. We have shown our dedication by first taking Covid vaccine ; without any hesitations. Which has inculcated trust in vaccine amongst whole society and geared up vaccine drive. Government of Gujarat has appealed us ; to promote more & more vaccination to citizens of Gujarat & achieve 100% vaccination target for both doses of Covid-19. We appeal our members to display posters in waiting room of your clinic/hospital. Please take history of both doses of Covid vaccination from all patients and their relatives; who visits your clinical establishment . Also help them and encourage vaccination ; who are still hesitant to take vaccine due to fear or social or religious stigma.

Now a days, we are hearing about booster dose of Indian Covid vaccines. We at IMA believe that ; we should have enough data before deciding about booster dose. We should not be driven by world market or pharmaceutical pressure.

Recently we have seen upsurge in cases ; with new variant OMICRON of Covid-19. But there is sign of relief ; as we are receiving news from South Africa that; although this variant spreads very fast, it causes mild disease ; amongst majority. Severe cases are reported in few patients,

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who have comorbidities; unvaccinated and in elderly populations. As we know ; now there are very few Covid restrictions; we have to be very cautious observe and full precaution with SMS. We should still avoid large gatherings. By enlarge vaccination and Covid precautions are the only things, which are effective means of preventing ourselves rather then suffering this disease.

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Another important issue ; our fraternity is facing is ; of delay in PG Medical Admission. We appeal Government authority to bring amicable solutions from judiciary at earliest. MBBS students ; who have completed their internship in February/March 2021 are still waiting for their admission in PG. We are loosing a great opportunity to get more medical professionals in healthcare system. If Third wave strikes, we will be in trouble ; to get enough medical professionals in Govt/Private medical tertiary care centres.

As we know Clinical Establishment Act is passed in Gujarat Assembly it's rules are being discussed and going to be finalized soon. We had a several meeting with health secretary, MOHFW. We had strongly representated our concerns and they were very positive and have accepted most of our suggestions. Our approach is to Protect & Ensure survival of small healthcare units, which caters delivery of healthcare to more than 80% of our population.

Next month, 16 January, we are going to observe "IMA Community Day" in memory of our Late Dr Ashok Kanodiya. We appeal all branches of IMA GSB ; to organize "Community Activity" suitable to them on this day.

Stay Safe ; Stay Healthy!!

Long live IMA!!

Jay Hind!!

Dr. Paresh M. Majmudar (President, G.S.B.,I.M.A.)

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HON. STATE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

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Dear Members

"To laugh often and much; To win the respect of intelligent people; To earn the appreciation of honest critics; To appreciate and find beauty in others; To leave the world a bit better; To know that one life breathed easier because YOU lived here. This is to have succeeded."

As time flies, it seems just another day when we took over the reins. But the roller coaster flow of events in medical practice has literally kept us on our toes. It may seem to be a healthy season, but the recent upsurge of cases and the evolution of variants in Coronavirus, has meant that the medical fraternity is always on tenterhooks.

Salutations to our profession and all those who practise it diligently that we as a society and the country as a whole breathe easier in these tough times.

Coming back to our objective, it is highly appreciable that the younger generation is very much inclined to render their services actively in the organization and be a part of the movement called Indian Medical Association. The past few days have seen a brisk increase in the number of memberships and congratulations to all branches of IMA who have performed brilliantly to ensure that our aphorism is successfully achieved.

The youth of today are the leaders and transformers of tomorrow. It is truly appreciable that so many of the Gen Z .., the young generation call themselves this, have shown an active interest in IMA and have registered themselves in huge numbers.

A special mention for our Ahmedabad branch of IMA (AMA) which has registered the highest number of memberships i.e., more than 1700 in a short span of 15 days. It is for the first time in the history that such a feat has been achieved. Truly enviable and appreciable.

IMA is literally in the forefront in assuring the safety and security of all its members. Hence IMA has launched various schemes which are of fundamental importance to the clinician. Therefore, a sincere request to be a member of all these schemes and utilize their services for your exclusive personal benefit.

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An essential and integral project of the IMA – Aao Gaon Chale – is to bring holistic and integrated development of the villages in India. Since our country is rurally inclined, it becomes our moral responsibility to contribute our services for this unheralded vet ambitious project.

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"The journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step."

15th January is observed as IMA Community Day every year, IMA GSB has decided that this year it will be observed on 16th January in memory of Late Dr. Ashok Kanodia Past Hon. State Secretary. A diligent and sprightly member of our association, he had dedicated his life for the care, upliftment and well-being of the diaspora in our society. The onus is on us now to carry this legacy ahead and serve the community to the fullest of our abilities.

The recent pandemic has thrown the spotlight on the medical fraternity and each and every doctor is in the limelight for some reason or other. The media, the society and the governing bodies as a whole are focussing all their attention on our humble profession. So, it becomes imperative for all of us to become more proactive and interactive with almost all our patients as well the general public as a whole. It is only through communication that we can solve a majority of issues that hamper our daily routine.

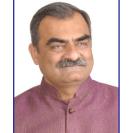
The young generation who are at the threshold of their graduation are being bombarded with all the cynicism with relation to medical profession as a whole. Thus it is very essential to channel up positive momentum amongst today's youth by the senior members of our profession. They should pitch in their efforts and prevent the brain drain that is seriously plaguing the youth of today and encourage more of the students to enrol for the medical profession.

It's that time of the year when the mistletoes glisten and people across the world celebrate the festival of giving and sharing. Many a happy moment has been drowned in the sorrow of a few sad turn of events. We sit back and reminisce on the topsy-turvy ride that the year has gone through. With a lot of questions unanswered, let us hope the New Year brings in a new ray of hope, positivity and beautiful wishes.

"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try one more time."

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Dr. Mehul J. Shah (Hon. State Secy., G.S.B.,I.M.A.)



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27-11-2021 Meeting held regarding Clinical Establishment act at Gandhinagar, chaired by Shri Manoj Aggrawal, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Dept., with Govt dignitaries and IMA GSB Doctors Dr. Mehul J. Shah, Hon. State Secretary, Dr. Bipinbhai M. Patel, Chairman, PPS, Dr. Monaben Desai, Dr. Bharat Gadhavi, Dr. Kartik & online Dr Pareshbhai Majmudar, President, IMA GSB, Dr Anilbhai Nayak, Dr Prafulbhai Desai, Dr Mahendrasinh Chauhan, Dr Nirmal Choraria and members, shared and discussed all the inputs regarding CE Act & Rules , in positive, productive and healthy environment.

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Dr. Anuja Desai, Ophthalmologist at KD Hospital had an honour of receiving the Eye Health Heroes 2021 award from the International Agency for Prevention of Blindness (IAPB), London. An organisation based in London that promotes eye health globally. This year there were 81 winners worldwide in different categories, of which She was the only Indian doctor to be felicitated in the Change-makers category. VISION 2020/IAPB

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Report of CME on HIV care, support & treatment

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Every year 1st December is observed as World AIDS DAY. In that context, a CME on "HIV care, support & treatment" was organised in collaboration with Gujarat State AIDS Control Society & Alliance India on 5-12-2021, 11.00 am to 1.00 pm at Hotel Sarovar Portico, Khanpur, Ahmedabad. All the relevant topics were nicely covered by the experts including Dr Rajesh Gopal, Additional project director, GSACS; Dr. Anup Amin, Joint Director, BSD_GSACS; Dr Manoj Sevkani, infectious disease specialist; Dr Rajesh Patel, Joint Director, CST_GSACS & Mr Mayur Solanki, State coordinator, Alliance India. It was very nice & informative. The program was also simultaneously broadcast online. Offline it was attended by 30 doctors. The event was Coordinated by Dr Tushar Patel.



We send our sympathy & condolence to the bereaved family

Dr. Charania Sajjadali V.	30-09-2021	Mahuva
Dr. Khamar Rameshchandra I.	05-11-2021	Mehsana

We pray almighty God that their souls rest in eternal peace.

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BRANCH ACTIVITY

GANDHIDHAM

- 21-11-2021 Free medical camp
- 28-11-2021 Sports function. More than 200 participants in all sports.

KALOL

26-11-2021 "Scope of Neurosurgery in Kalol" by Dr. Kushal Shah. "Management of Acute Ischemic Stroke" by Dr. Jignesh Prajapati.

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20-11-2021	Organs Donation Public Awareness program in multispeicality hospital of Mehsana.		
24-11-2021	IMA Membership Drive by Mehsana Branch, at Nootan Medical College & Research Centre, Visnagar.		
30-11-2021	Pooja at newly purchased IMA Mehsana Hall, very spacious & ventilated for activities.		
04-12-2021	IMA Cricket Tournament.		
MORBI			
01-11-2021	Free Diagnostic Camp. Total 176 patients were benefited.		
19-11-2021	"Case presentation" by Dr. Vivek Jivani.		
	"Comprehensive care of brain death patient for organ donation" by Dr. Amit Patel. Total 22 doctors were present.		
21-11-2021	Free Blood Sugar Camp. Total 12 diabetes patients were benefitted.		
28-11-2021	Free diagnostic and operative camp. Total 280 patients seen and 7 patients were operated.		
30-11-2021	Talk to raise awareness about Corona Vaccination delivered & plan on Covid vaccination. Stamp on prescription.		
NAVSARI			
24-11-2021	"Nephrology" by Dr. Kamlesh Parikh, Renal Transplant Specialist, Vadodara.		
PALITANA			
07-11-2021	"Approach to head and neck Cancer" by Dr. Nirav Thadeshwar.		
	"Thrombolysis in Stroke" by Dr. Manish Patni.		
	"Approach to lower back pain" by Dr. Sandeep Solanki.		
RAJKOT			
22-11-2021	Membership Drive programme at PDU Medical College, Rajkot		

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HON. ASST. SECRETARY DR. BHARAT I. PATEL	Ahmedabad			
HON. ZONAL JT. SECRETARI DR. NIRAV MODI		Season's greetings.		
DR. RAJNIKANT PATEL	Ahmedabad Central Zone			
DR. BIJAL KAPADIA DR. SURENDRA PRAJAPATI	South Zone Surat Zone	As cited in above subject,		
DR. MAHESH BHATT	Vadodara Zone	IMA Community Service	Day on 16th January, Si	unday. GSB Office has
DR. NARESH JOSHI DR. RASHMIKANT UPADHYAY	West Zone Rajkot Zone	decided that Zonal Vice	President & Zonal Jo	int Secretary will be
SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE		coordinate & will take	up responsibility to	arrange community
Hon. Secretary DR. BHUPENDRA M. SHAH	Himatnagar	activities. You may organiz	e activity like;	
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DR. KAMLESH B. SAINI	Ahmedabad	1. Health Checkup camp		
COLLEGE OF G.P.		2. Blood Donation Camp		
Director DR. KIRIT C. GADHAVI	Ahmedabad	3. Distribution of Blanke	et/Food/Grain Kit to ne	edy person.
ACADEMY OF MEDICAL SPE		4. Any other community	/ service of your choice	<u>.</u>
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SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEME Hon. Secretary		or Email: imagsb@gmail.c	om	
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DR. BIPIN M. PATEL	Ahmedabad	Thanking you,		
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To,

Foreign Medical Graduates, Registered on MBBS Register, Gujarat Medical Council.

NOTICE

All Foreign Medical Graduates, registered with this Medical Council, to take note that,

- Degrees of medical qualification, Foreign Medical Graduates, obtained from medical institutions outside India are being given in different names like "M. D Physician", "Doctor of Medicines" etc. but these medical qualifications being equivalent to M.B.B.S. (Medical Graduate) in India they are registered as Medical Practitioner on the M.B.B.S. register by this Medical Council,
- 2. Hence, such FMG Medical Practitioners who are registered on MBBS register are required to mention the degree as such on their letter heads, rubber stamps, sign boards, etc. and not name of degrees which may create expressions that they are possessing some specialized qualification or higher degree than MBBS. Mentioning degrees in such manner is contrary to the provisions of the Gujarat Medical Council Act, 1967 and various other laws.
- 3. Necessary actions will be initiated by this Council against the concern **Foreign Medical Graduate registered Practitioners** and will be liable for the appropriate action under provisions of the Gujarat Medical Council Act, 1967, if any breach in this regard will come or brought on notice of the Council.

Yours Faithfully, HON. REGISTRAR, GUJARAT MEDICAL COUNCIL

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Date: 20-10-2021

To, Whomsoever it may Concerned,

Medical Practitioners,

Registered with Gujarat Medical Council.

NOTICE

All Medical Practitioners, registered with this Medical Council, are informed with this notice that,

1. Any Medical Practitioner who possess Additional and/or Special Qualification/Degree other than MBBS wants to practice medicines in the State as specialist in accordance with that Additional and/or Special Qualification/Degree, requires compulsory registration of that Additional and/or Special Qualification/Degree.

2. Practicing medicines in the State **as specialist** by any Medical Practitioner **who is not duly registered** for that **Additional and/or Special Qualification/Degree**, in the Register kept for the same in the Council, will be liable for the action under provisions of the Gujarat Medical Council Act, 1967 and the Gujarat Medical Practitioners' Act, 1963.

3. Practicing as specialist without the registration of that Additional and/or Special Qualification/Degree is not only an offence but also an actionable misconduct as described in Section 22(1)(c) of the Gujarat Medical Council Act, 1967 and Indian. Medical Council.

4. As far as visiting consultants having Additional and/or Special Qualification/Degree and who are register with NMC or in their concern State Medical Council as specialist in accordance with that Additional and/or Special Qualification/Degree are not required for registration for their periodical visit, but if they practice for the long term in the Gujarat State they are also liable for the aforesaid registration. Whereas, Medical Practitioners having Additional and/or Special Qualification/Degree registered with other States but serving as Government/Private employees in Gujarat are required to get themselves registered for their Additional and/or Special Qualification/Degree with this Council.

5. Necessary actions will be initiated by this Council if any breach in this regard will come or brought on notice of the Council. Yours Faithfully,

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Family Planning Centre, I.M.A. Gujarat State Branch

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Indian Medical Association, Gujarat State Branch runs 9 Urban Health Centers in the different wards of Ahmedabad City.

These Centres performed various activities during the month of November 2021 in addition to their routine work. These are as under :

01-11-2021 to 30-11-2021 :	Intra domestic house to house survey & Covid-19
	Vaccination by the centers of Ahmedabad

- Rander Surat : Mothers : 1000 Iron Tablet, were distributed
- Nanpur Surat : Mothers : 500 Calcium Tablets, Children : 20 Vitamin A Solution were distributed

The total number of patients registered in the OPD & Family planning activities of Various Centers are as Follows :

NOVEMBER 2021

No.		Name of Center	New Case	Old Case	Total Case
(1)	Ambawadi	(Jamalpur Ward)	958	325	1283
(2)	Behrampura	(Sardarnagar Ward)	1466	376	1842
(3)	Bapunagar	(Potalia Ward)	1228	233	1461
(4)	Dariyapur	(Isanpur Ward)	1488	135	1623
(5)	Gomtipur	(Saijpur Ward)	3036	443	3479
(6)	Khokhra	(Amraiwadi Ward)	1853	85	1938
(7)	New Mental	(Kubernagar Ward)	1169	52	1221
(8)	Raikhad	(Stadium Ward)	503	78	581
(9)	Wadaj	(Junawadaj Ward)	994	156	1150
(10)	Junagadh		_	_	_
(11)	Rander-Surat		_	_	_
(12)	Nanpura-Surat		_	_	_
(13)	Rajkot		1057	288	1345

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No.	Name of Center	Female Sterilisation	Male Sterilisation	Copper-T	Condoms (PCS)	Ocpills
(1)	Ambawadi (Jamalpur Ward)	20	—	33	9030	528
(2)	Behrampura (Sardarnagar Ward)	14	_	27	2400	1033
(3)	Bapunagar (Potalia Ward)	12	_	20	13386	226
(4)	Dariyapur (Isanpur Ward)	25	_	40	10400	766
(5)	Gomtipur (Saijpur Ward)	20	_	40	10400	418
(6)	Khokhra (Amraiwadi Ward)	36		37	5160	292
(7)	New Mental (Kubernagar Ward)	16	_	45	17925	646
(8)	Raikhad (Stadium Ward)	32	_	45	18180	735
(9)	Wadaj (Junawadaj Ward)	08	_	41	13000	2788
(10)	Junagadh	16	_	49	6500	216
(11)	Rander-Surat	21	_	27	960	44
(12)	Nanpura-Surat	07	—	07	690	10
(13)	Rajkot	04	01	26	5300	290

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Tele No.: 079-2658 8929 E-mail : ppsgsbima1@yahoo.in Website : www. ppsgsbima.com

Sub.: Organisation of Educative Zonal Seminar by Local Branch and Financial Assistance by P.P.S. GSB-IMA.

Professional Protection Scheme has arranged successfully Educational Seminars since many years. The last one was held at Ahmedabad Branch.

Looking to the success of these Seminars in educating and awakening our members in prevention and defence of litigations arising as a result of professional negligence or deficiency of service, PPS has decided to have two such Zonal Educative Seminars in each zone of Gujarat State Branch of I.M.A.

The subject of such Educational Programme shall be in relation to

- 1. Consumer Protection Act
- 2. Professional Negligence and Deficiency in service
- 3. Prevention and Defence of such litigation and other related Topics
- 4. Laws Governing the Medical Practice.

If any branch wishes to have such Zonal Seminar then please, apply to the P.P.S. Office through branch Secretary before 31st March.

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Attention Please !! - ALL THE MEMBERS OF P.P.S.

RENEWAL NOTICE : 2022-2023

For the FY 2022-23 Annual Membership Contribution will be as below:MBBS :. 100/-Specialists :. 500/-

Office Time for Payment : 2-00 p.m. to 6-00 p.m. LAST DATE OF PAYMENT 31-03-2022

Dear Member,

""For the FY 2022-23 annual membership contribution will be as below : MBBS- Rs. 100/- Specialists- Rs. 500/-.

For the subsequent years fee structure will be as per the committee's decision.

Thanking You - Professional Protection Scheme, GSB, IMA

Professional Protection Scheme has already sent a notice along with a Renewal Application form for renewing the membership before 31st March, 2022 for the year 2022-2023 "By Registered Post January 2022 to all the members.

We request you to draw kind attention towards the constitution of P.P.S.G.S.B.I.M.A.

- Clause 10/B : A member who does not pay the annual membership fee in advance before 31stMarch (before the expiry of the indemnity cover) shall be discontinued without any notice.
- Clause 10/C :- However if a discontinued member wants to revive his/her membership within one month of the expiry of the indemnity cover he/she shall pay annual membership fee only, but the indemnity covered shall be provided from the day of revival of the membership."
- Clause 10/D :- After one month if a member wants to rejoin the scheme, he/she shall be treated as a new member and he/she shall have to pay admission fees as well as annual membership fees."
- N.B. : The Renewal Notice will be posted individually in the 1st week of January 2022.

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For Online : **Renewal** Please visit our **Website : www.ppsgsbima.com Dr.Bipin M. Patel** Chairman

Glaucoma Awareness Month in JANUARY !

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WHAT IS GLAUCOMA?

Glaucoma is a group of progressive diseases that affect the optic nerve. In most cases it is characterized by a rise in the intraocular pressure (IOP), although there are situations where the patient may have glaucoma despite a seemingly normal IOP. It is known as the "silent thief of vision" as it is usually not diagnosed in routine practice until it reaches an advanced stage. If left untreated, it may cause blindness. Glaucoma is the second leading cause of blindness in the world, according to the World Health Organization.

What are the risk factors of Glaucoma?

- 1. Anyone from a newborn to a senior citizen can develop glaucoma, the risk varies for different age groups. Anyone above the age of 40 should get glaucoma screening done at least once a year.
- 2. Family history is the most important factor. A positive family history of glaucoma in 1st degree relatives increases the risk from four to nine times.
- 3. Patients with diabetes mellitus, hypertension and vascular diseases are at a higher risk of developing glaucoma.
- 4. Some literature also points towards high risk of glaucoma when doing pranayam or inverted head positions in yoga or with heavy weight lifting.

DIAGNOSIS OF GLAUCOMA

What are the symptoms and signs of Glaucoma?

Most glaucomas have no discernible symptoms. There is no pain, no perceived loss of vision, and no redness in cases diagnosed as open angle glaucoma. When the disease is very advanced, then an individual may notice the loss of vision. Vision loss begins with peripheral or side vision. Patients may compensate for this unconsciously by turning the head to the side, and may not notice anything until central vision is affected. In cases identified as angle closure glaucoma, the patient may experience severe pain, redness of eye, blurred vision along with headache and nausea when there is an acute rise in IOP. This warrants immediate intervention.

How is Glaucoma diagnosed?

The mainstay of glaucoma diagnosis is awareness and routine screening particularly if the patient has any of the above mentioned risk factors. Also some of the medications such as Topiramate, anti-psychotics and anticholinergics taken for other health issues are known to cause acute IOP spike hence a general physician needs to be aware of the same before prescribing them.

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The best way to test for glaucoma is through a comprehensive eye exam with an ophthalmologist which includes evaluation of your angle (gonioscopy), and your optic nerve with dilation if appropriate. Additionally, a visual field test and optic nerve photograph or analysis may also be performed.

GLAUCOMA TREATMENT

How is Glaucoma treated?

Glaucoma is not curable, and vision lost cannot be regained. With medication and/or surgery, it is possible to halt further loss of vision. Since glaucoma is a chronic condition, it must be monitored for life. Diagnosis is the first step to preserving your vision. One of the most important principles of glaucoma care is the treat the disease before the patient starts to notice the loss of vision. Taking your medication as prescribed to save your vision cannot be overemphasized.

What treatment modalities are available in Glaucoma?

Glaucoma treatment usually beings with eye drops. There are different classes of eye drops that can be given based on the IOP at presentation, level of optic nerve damage and patient compliance to eye drop usage and followup. Most early glaucoma patients remain stable with just eye drops. In some cases multiple eye drops need to be prescribed if the target IOP is not achieved. It is imperative that the patients understand that anti-glaucoma medications needs to continue as long as your ophthalmologist advises to. Also, taking eye drops consistently (compliance) reduces the likelihood of pressure fluctuation (diurnal variation). Inconsistent use of drops will vary the IOP and has been scientifically proven to be detrimental to glaucoma.

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Another modality of glaucoma treatment is lasers. There are different laser based treatments based on the type of glaucoma a patient has. The most commonly performed laser procedures are 1) Laser iridotomy, 2) Laser trabeculoplasty and 3) Cyclophotocoagulation. These can be done either as a primary intervention or in addition to eye drop use.

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The surgical treatment of glaucoma includes 1) Filtering surgery trabeculectomy, 2) Minimally invasive surgeries and 3) Aqueous shunts. The type of surgery that is best suited for a particular patient is based on many factors such as the type of glaucoma, target IOP, shape of the eye, prior eye surgeries, among other factors. Therefore it is best to discuss whether if a patient is a candidate for a particular type of surgery with the ophthalmologist.

How frequent should a patient follow up?

This varies based on the type and degree of glaucoma. This may range from every 3 months to every year in stable patients or more often if there are concerning findings. Counseling plays the most important role in glaucoma as a small subset of patients will eventually go blind due to it. It should be clearly explained that compliance and regular follow up are the key to preventing substantial glaucoma progression.

In India, glaucoma is the leading cause of irreversible blindness with at least 12 million people affected and nearly 1.2 million people blind from the disease.

Medical management is divided in to 5 categories

- 1. Prostaglandin analogues
- 2. Beta blockers
- 3. Alpha adrenergic agonists
- 4. Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors
- 5. Miotics / anticholinergics

Newer drugs in the category of Rho-Kinase inhibitors have been introduced recently

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Surgical treatment of glaucoma includes

1) Filtering surgery - trabeculectomy. Since 1961 it has been quickly established as the gold standard of glaucoma surgery. Further variations in technique, the introduction of antimetabolites, collagen implants, releasable sutures, laser suture lysis and anti VEGFs (anti vascular endothelial growth factor) yielded even better results. As a result of the above, the success rate of modern trabeculectomy in experienced hands is estimated between 60 and 100%, depending on patient selection, definition of success and length of follow-up. Surgeons in India often perform early or even primary trabeculectomy owing to logistics of adherence to therapy, socio economic status or patients presenting at an advanced stage.

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- 2) Aqueous shunts or Glaucoma Drainage Devices These devices historically had been reserved for refractory glaucomas at high risk of failure with standard filtering surgery, mainly as a surgery of last resort. Glaucoma Drainage Devices have attained success rates ranging between 25 and 94%, most commonly above 60%, depending on the type of shunt used, however the high cost factor along with unique set of tube related complications with these devises have led to opthalmologists preferring to use them only in refractory cases in India. The most commonly used devices are Ahmed valve and the non-valved Baerveldt implant.
- 3) Minimally invasive surgeries these are the newer "blebless" surgeries which do not involve deep filtration techniques leading to lesser complications. There have been a multitude of devices developed in this category which have variable success rates in comparison to traditional approaches. MIGS or Non penetrating surgeries do not give the same success rate as trabeculectomy however they still produce acceptable or excellent long-term pressure reduction. Unfortunately, most of the published follow-up periods are short, being of the order of 1 year or less, and the definitions of success vary greatly.

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Cervical Cancer Awareness Month in JANUARY !

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Get Screened Get Tested

Overview of prevention and screening of cervical cancer

Cervical cancer still remains the most common cancer affecting the Indian women. India alone contributes 25.41% and 26.48% of the global burden of cervical cancer cases and mortality, respectively. Unlike most other cancers, cervical cancer can be prevented through screening by identifying and treating the precancerous lesions, any time during the course of its long natural history, thus preventing the potential progression to cervical carcinoma. Screening can reduce both the incidence and mortality of cervical cancer. In India, a large proportion of these cancer cases present in advance stages at the time of diagnosis, when cure is not possible. Screening for cervical cancer is essential as the women often do not experience symptoms until the disease has advanced. Women with preinvasive lesions have a five-year survival rate of nearly 100%. Detection of CIN or precancerous lesions such as carcinoma-insitu leads to a virtual cure with the use of current methods of treatment. In the absence of screening, nearly 70% of cervical cancer patients in India present in stages III and IV. Nearly 20% of women with cervical cancer die within the first year of diagnosis and the 5-year relative survival rate is 50%.

Risk factors and natural history of Cervical Precancers and Cancers

Persistent infection with high-risk types of HPV is the necessary but not sufficient cause of cervical cancer. Persistent infection with high-risk HPV types may lead to precursor lesions of the cervix, referred to as CIN, which is epithelial cellular change, where the ratio of the cell nucleus to the size of the cell is increased. CIN is graded as CIN1 (mild), CIN2 (moderate), or CIN3 (severe) depending on the proportion of the thickness of the epithelium showing mature, differentiated, and undifferentiated cells. CIN usually occurs in the transformation zone of the cervix near the squamocolumnar junction. Invasive cervical cancer develops from CIN – mild to moderate to severe CIN and then to cancer over a prolonged period of time, usually 7 to 20 years. Most mild CINs spontaneously regress, but some may progress to higher grade CIN. Moderate or severe CIN should be treated as it carries a much higher probability of

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progressing to invasive cancer, although a proportion of such lesions also regress or persist. If women with CIN3 fail to receive treatment, then about 30% of them will progress to cervical cancer. Less than 50% of women who develop HPV infection will show persistence of the same HPV type 12 months later. The incidence of the spontaneous development of cervical cancer is about 1 per 200-300 women with HPV infection. In addition to infection with high-risk type HPV, early onset of sexual activity (younger than 18 years), multiple sexual partners, history of one or more sexually transmitted infections, such as Chlamydia infection or genital herpes or HIV, use of tobacco, having a partner whose former partner had cervical cancer, having suppressed immune function from, for example, HIV or the use of chemotherapeutic medications to treat cancer or women with transplanted organs and steroid medications, long-term use (5 or more years) of birth control pills, dietary deficiencies in vitamin A, folate (vitamin B9), beta-carotene, selenium, vitamin E, and vitamin C (scientific data are not entirely conclusive at this time), family history of cervical cancer, women who do not undergo screening, women who do not follow up with testing or treatment after an abnormal Pap or other screening test, as told by their healthcare provider, and women belonging to low socioeconomic status.

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Symptoms

Symptoms generally do not appear until abnormal cervical cells become cancerous and invade nearby tissue. The most common symptoms are copious foul-smelling vaginal discharge, abnormal bleeding or inter-menstrual bleeding, postcoital bleeding, postmenopausal bleeding or backache.

Different Screening/Diagnostic tests to detect Cervical Precancers and Cancers

Cytology-based screening

The different types of cytology are as follows:

- Pap test with conventional cytology
- · Pap test using liquid-based cytology
- Automated pap smears

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♦ Visual examination of cervix

- a. Unaided visual inspection
- b. Visual inspection after application of acetic acid (VIA)
- c. VIA with magnification (VIAM)
- d. Visual inspection after application of Lugol's iodine (VILI)
- Colposcopy
- Human papillomavirus DNA test

WHO suggests using the following strategies for cervical cancer prevention:

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• HPV DNA detection in a screen-and-treat approach starting at the age of 30 years with regular screening every 5 to 10 years

Management of Cervical Precancers

Precancers are completely curable with appropriate treatment and regular follow-up. There is consensus agreement that cytology indicative of high-grade lesions (CIN2-3 or HSIL in the Bethesda system) should engender immediate referral for colposcopy and biopsy. The different modalities of managing precancers of the cervix are as follows:

Regular screening and follow-up

Cryotherapy Loop electrosurgical excision procedure Cervical conization

Laser ablation

Recommendations for Cervical Cancer Prevention

Two ways of reducing the burden of cervical cancers. One is to detect and treat cervical precancers before they become true cancers, and the second is to prevent the development of precancers itself.

Regular screening and timely follow-up is necessary

According to American Cancer Society (ACS) guidelines, cervical cancer screening should ideally begin three years after the initiation of sexual intercourse. The women may be screened annually for the first three years, after which if three consecutive screening test results are normal, then once in two to three years screening suffices. The same recommendations apply

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for women with subtotal hysterectomy. Women above 70 years with an intact cervix who have had three or more documented, consecutive, technically satisfactory normal cervical cytology tests and no abnormal or positive cytology tests within the 10-year period prior to age 70 years may elect to cease cervical cancer screening. Women who are immunocompromised (including HIV-positive women) should undergo screening twice in the first year after diagnosis of HIV infection and if the results are normal, then continue with annual screening. Other recommendations for prevention of cervical precancers and cancers are to avoid use of tobacco, practice safe sex, limit the number of sex partners, and choose a sex partner who has no other sex partners. Use of condoms consistently and correctly during sexual activity may offer some degree of protection. Condoms do not provide complete protection from HPV infection because this virus (unlike HIV) can spread by contact with any infected area of the body. Having a healthy diet and lifestyle and consuming diet rich in beta-carotene, vitamin C, and folate (vitamin B9) from fruits and vegetables is recommended. vaccination with HPV, especially for women before sexual debut, is recommended whenever possible.

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Human papillomavirus vaccine

Currently, two vaccines, Cervarix manufactured by GSK and Gardasil manufactured by Merck, are available to protect women against HPV types 16 and 18, the oncogenic types responsible for about 70% of cervical cancers. One of these vaccines, Gardasil, also protects against HPV types 6 and 11 which causes genital warts. The vaccines are to be administered 0.5 ml intramuscularly in three doses over a period of six months (the schedule is 0, 2, and 6 months for Gardasil and 0, 1, and 6 months for Cervarix). The HPV vaccine is safe and effective, with no serious side effects.

Cervical cancer continues to be the single largest cancer among women in India.The goal of cervical screening is to identify and remove significant precancerous lesions in addition to preventing mortality from invasive cancer. The currently available vaccines do not protect against all cancer-causing types of HPV, so routine screening is still necessary.

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A "Supreme Judgment" with manifold reliefs to Doctors and Hospital : Perhaps the year end gift for Doctors.

- a. Non availability of Operation Theatre is not a valid ground to hold Hospital Negligent :
- b. Non functioning of Machines and Equipments cannot be said to be Negligence.
- c. It is an incorrect assumption to say that, "since surgery was performed by a doctor, he alone would be responsible for different aspects of the treatment required and given to the patient".
- d. It is too much to expect from a doctor to remain on the bed side of the patient throughout his stay in the hospital.
- e. Every death of a patient cannot on the face of it be considered to be medical negligence.
- f. In spite of the treatment, if the patient had not survived, the doctors cannot be blamed as even the doctors with the best of their abilities cannot prevent the inevitable
- g. The doctor cannot be held liable for medical negligence by applying the doctrine of *res ipsa loquitur* for the reason that a patient has not favourably responded to a treatment given by a doctor or a surgery has failed.

Case Details : Before Hon. Supreme Court of India.

Bombay Hospital & Medical Research Centre (Appellants) Vs. Asha Jaiswal & Ors. (Complainants - Respondents)

[Civil Appeal Nos. 1658 & 2322 of 2010]

Before : Hon. HEMANT GUPTA & J. Hon. V. RAMASUBRAMANIAN JJs.

Judgment delivered on 30/11/2021

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Facts in Short :

1. The present appeals were against an order passed by the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission on 06.01.2010 against the appellants i.e., Bombay Hospital and Dr. C. Anand Somaya, directing them to pay a sum of Rs. 14,18,491/- along with interest @ 9% p.a. from the date of filing of the complaint till the date of payment.

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- The Original Compliant was field by the Respondents, i.e. the legal heirs of the deceased patient Mr. Dinesh Jaiswal, who was admitted in the said Hospital on 22.04.1998 and breathed his last on 12.06.1998, alleging Medical Negligence on Part of Doctors and Hospital resulting into death of the said patient.
- 3. The patient was admitted in the Hospital as an urgent case of Aorta Aneurism. The Doctor after DSA/CAT Scan and after other examination of the patient recorded that there were ischemic changes in both lower limbs and also noted an impending gangrene. thereafter by following SOP, a surgery was performed. The Operative notes mainly stated that "On inspection there was a huge aneurism on the lateral aspect on left side arising infra renal".
- 4. It is the case of the complainant that on 24.4.1998 at about 4 am, i.e. the night after surgery, the nurse who was attending the patient observed that the pulsation of the patient had become feeble and body temperature was low and the lower limbs had gone cold. The relatives were informed at about 7 a.m that the patient was unconscious, legs were cold with no pulsation. and the Doctor inspite of informing at 4 am, turned up by 9.30 am. The Doctors advised DSA test, but the machine was out of order, hence angiography was advised, but the patient had to wait for both the said procedures. Digital subtraction angiography (DSA) is an examination that provides images of the lumen (inner surface) of the blood vessels including the arteries.
- 5. It was mainly contended that the angiography conducted at 12.30 pm showed a block (clot) at the graft, but subsequent surgery for re-grafting started at 5.30 p.m, due to non availability of operation Theatre, but it was contended to be the Negligence on part of the Hospital and Doctors of not doing surgeries in time. Ultimately the patient did not respond to the treatment and passed away on 12.06.1998.

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6. The main grievances of Complainants were summarised as under :

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The Doctor had not examined the patient after surgery; (b) The patient was made to stand in queue for DSA test despite his critical condition whereafter the machine was found to be dysfunctional; (c) Angiography was performed after 8 hours of discovering that blood supply has stopped; (d) The Hospital delayed treatment by 12 hours as no operation theatre was available; (e) The Doctor did not attend the patient and left him in the care of inexperienced doctors; (f) Doctor failed to amputate legs on time on account of gangrene and did not try to treat the gangrene; and (g) The reliance on the principle of *res ipsa loquitor* to support the finding that it is a case of medical negligence.

Defence of Doctors :

It was contended by the Hospital that the patient was in the care of qualified doctors such as Dr. Nemish Shah, Dr. J. A. Pachore, Dr. A.L. Kripalani, Dr. Partha, Dr. H.S. Bindra and many others throughout his course of admission and no stone was left unturned to ascertain the complications and treat the same. Various specialist doctors were treating the patient and medicines/treatment was timely regulated and changed as and when required on a daily basis. Regular daily dialysis, dressing of wounds etc. were also done.

7. The Complainants filed a consumer case before the State commission, which allowed the compliant and the judgment was upheld by NCDRC too and hence the Appeal.

Held :

Their lordships while allowing the appeal of Hospital and Doctors, came heavily on the lower foras.

1.It was observed that "We do not find that the basis of finding the Doctor negligent in providing medical care is sustainable as there are both legal and factual errors in the findings recorded by the Commission."

2. From the record itself it was held that the gangrene was not found to be impending after few days of admission to the Hospital but even before the patient was admitted.

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3.Further observations are of very much importance for Doctors and Hospitals. It was held that " the non-working of the DSA machine and consequent delay in performing the test cannot be said to be negligence on the part of the Doctor or the Hospital. The DSA machine is a large, expensive and complicated machine which unfortunately developed certain technical problem at the time when patient had to be tested. Any machine can become non-functional because of innumerable factors beyond the human control as the machines involve various mechanical, electrical and electronic components".

Non availability of Operation Theatre is not a valid ground to hold Hospital Negligent :

4. No fault can be attached to the Hospital if the operation theatres were occupied when the patient was taken for surgery. Operation theatres cannot be presumed to be available at all times. Therefore, non-availability of an emergency operation theatre during the period when surgeries were being performed on other patients is not a valid ground to hold the Hospital negligent in any manner.

5. Their Lordships also relied on the OT notes, wherein it was mentioned that a fresh graft was sutured in place after establishing the flow. It was noted that there was no movement in both the legs but had pin prick sensation and below mid-thigh, sensation was present on the lower limbs. Further, legs were warm till the ankles and the feet were cold.t was also reported that probably myonecrosis was playing more significant role in the weakness. The patient was put on dialysis thereafter.

6. It was never the case of the Complainants that the Doctors had no requite skills. In spite of the treatment, if the patient had not survived, the doctors cannot be blamed as even the doctors with the best of their abilities cannot prevent the inevitable. The allegation of delay in treatment after the surgery seems to be baseless as the patient was being administered antibiotics like Metrogyl 400 and Piperacillin Injection which are used for treatment in gangrene.

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7. Their lordships rejected the contention of the Complainants that "since surgery was performed by a doctor, he alone would be responsible for different aspects of the treatment required and given to the patient", as an incorrect assumption.

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It was also observed that, it is too much to expect from a doctor to remain on the bed side of the patient throughout his stay in the hospital.

8. Their Lordships relied upon the celebrated judgment of Martin F. D'Souza v. Mohd. Ishfaq of Apex Court, wherein , it was observed that the doctor cannot be held liable for medical negligence by applying the doctrine of res ipsa loquitur (latin for : the thing speaks for itself) for the reason that a patient has not favourably responded to a treatment given by a doctor or a surgery has failed. There is a tendency to blame the doctor when a patient dies or suffers some mishap. This is an intolerant conduct of the family members to not accept the death in such cases.

It then refereed to various judgments of Apex Court and lastly it relied upon the latest judgment Dr. Harish Kumar Khurana v. Joginder Singh & Others (2012) wherein it was observed that "Every death of a patient cannot on the face of it be considered to be medical negligence."

By above observations, the above appeals were allowed. However, Rs.5 lakhs which were deposited and withdrawn by Respondents from Court, were ordered to be treated as ex-gratia and not to be recovered back.

This is very important judgment indeed. Many facets of Medico-legal cases have been touched. No doubt for any one, to lost his/her dear one in the Hospital is irreversible and thanks to Court delay, the case finally ended in the year 2021, almost after 23 years . However, it is also equally true that it is wrong to start with the presumption that in case of every death, the Doctors are Negligent. One more aspect, the Hospital and Doctors seem to have been benefited from the proper record keeping. Always remember "No record is no proof, Poor record is Poor proof" ...

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