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Palliative Care Program in India

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Development of a full modern palliative care program in main cancer center for state of Andra Pradesh, including clinical, educational and advocacy initiatives.

INSTITUTIONS

- MNJ Institute of Oncology & Regional Cancer Center, Hyderabad, Andra Pradesh, India
- Palluim, Trivandrum, Kerala, India

OBJECTIVES

- Ongoing development of above & postgraduate (MD) program in Palliative Medicine

METHODS

This project is a blend of clinical service, education and advocacy. The service has a very busy out-patient department and in-patient consultation service. It also supports home based urban and pilot village projects that are integrated with the program at MNJ.

PROGRESS

- Excellent progress with increasing numbers of patients treated.
- Eleven thousand palliative consultations were carried out in 2011.
- There have been ongoing month long education courses for doctors and nurse from all over India and internationally.
- Experience from this program has resulted in the government of Andra Pradesh recognizing palliative care and is increasingly supporting this as an entity within its health care mandate.
- The program has provided advice to centers in Nagpur, Delhi & Uttarakhand regarding palliative care as well as having interactions at the federal government level.

FUTURE PLANS

Development of Institute of Palliative Medicine as regional center of excellence