Minutes of Meeting

A meeting was held regarding “Government Efforts for Cancer Treatment” with reference to a letter from Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Govt. of India regarding strengthening of Tertiary cancer Centers in GMCs, Punjab (PUC) under the Chairmanship of Sh Satish Chandra IAS, PSHFW in his office on 06/10/10 at 3 pm.

Participants:

1. Dr J. P. Singh, Director Health Services
2. DR Jai Kishan, Director Research & Medical Education, Punjab.
3. Dr Kamaljit kaur, Head of the Department, Radiotherapy, GMCH, Amritsar.
4. Dr Bagga, Head of the Department, Radiotherapy, GMCH, Patiala.
5. Dr Hanuman Yadav, Head of the Department, Radiotherapy GMCH, Faridkot.
6. Dr M S Bal Head of the Department, Pathology, GMCH, Patiala.
7. Dr Manjit Kaur, Director Operation, Roko Cancer Society.
8. Dr Binod Patro, Assistant Professor, Department of Community Medicine, PGI Chandigarh.
9. Dr. (Mrs) Sushmita, Professor, Department of Radiotherapy, PGI Chandigarh.
10. Dr Rakesh K Gupta, Programme Officer, Cancer Control Cell Punjab.

1. Diagnostic/Treatment Facilities Available & Required in GMC Hospitals:
   Head of the Radiotherapy Departments of all Government Medical Colleges told about the Diagnostic/Treatment Facilities Required & Available in their respective Government Medical College Hospitals. Head of the Radiotherapy Department, GMC Patiala told that there is an acute shortage of consultants and other staff in the department (Annexure- A).

2. Funds Available/Utilized & Required:-
   Head of the Radiotherapy Department, GMCs also submitted the detail of funds available/Utilized & Required. (Annexure- B) The Projected requirement of funds for diagnostic & treatment facilities in all GMCs put together is Rs.213.54 Crores. (DRME PB)

   National Cancer Control Programme is 100% centrally sponsored Scheme. According to the annual plan in year 2009-10, the revised outlay was 80.00 lakh. The Scheme for the year 2010-11 has already been sent to GOI and funds are still awaited.

3. Funds available under NPCDCS:-
   a) Proposal for Strengthening of Tertiary Cancer Centers of GMC Hospitals:- Funds upto Rs 6.00 crore will be made available by GOI in the ratio of 80:20 (Rs 4.80 Crores by GOI & Rs 1.20 Crore by Govt of Punjab). PSHFW advised all the HODs attending the meeting to submit their proposals
to Govt. of India through proper channel. He also asked DRME Punjab to co-
ordinate regarding this matter.  

( DRME PB) 

b) **Proposal of Setting up of District Cancer Care Facility** :- Rs 166.42 Lakh 
will be made available by GOI in 80:20 at selected districts  

c) **District NCD Cell (Funded Under Cancer Component)** :- Rs 21.44 lakh will 
be provided by GOI for establishing district NCD Cells in selected distts. 
( Assistance for this cell will be 100% by GOI). 

d) **State NCD Cell (Funded Under Cancer Component)** :- Rs 23.48 lakh will be 
provided by GOI for establishing State NCD Cell. ( Assistance for this cell will 
be 100% by GOI). 

4. **MMUs to be Utilized For Early Detection** :- PSHFW proposed to involve MMUs 
in preparing PAP/FNAC Smears. Special training of Medical Officers (F) Posted 
in MMU, to be arranged for this purpose. Dr Sushmita, Department of 
Radiotherapy, PGI Chandigarh suggested that Dr Radhika, Pathology deptt, PGI 
can be involved in Planning to equip MMUs for PAP Smear & FNAC Camps.  

(PO, Cancer Control Cell/MD, PHSC) 

5. **Training of Medical Officers** :- PSHFW advised DRME, Punjab to start some 
short terms courses in X-ray/USG Training which meets the legal requirements 
for MBBS Medical Officers. He also told him to revive DGO/DMRD in GMCs.  

(DRME PB) 

6. **Up-Gradation of Labs in Civil Hospitals** :- PSHFW told that necessary 
instructions will also be issued to all Civil Surgeons to start PAP/FNAC Smear 
examination in Civil Hospitals, where Pathologists are available after Providing 
them Short term Training at GMCs Punjab/PGI Chandigarh.  

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7. **National Cancer Registry Programme** :- Dr M S Bal told that Population Based 
Cancer Registry Programme will start in Government Medical College, Patiala 
and Hospital Based Cancer Registry Programme will start in PGI Chandigarh on 
1st January, 2011. He also told that shortly a workshop will be held by National 
Cancer Registry Programme, Bangalore. PSHFW advised DRME Punjab to 
involve all the Private Medical Colleges also in the Programme. He also told that 
the necessary infrastructure will be provided by the Punjab Government in GMCs for 
this purpose (e.g Computer, Computer Furniture, Internet Connection, Computer 
Operators etc). Necessary instructions will be issued to all Civil Surgeons to 
instruct all private Pathologists to report all positive cancer cases to them on 
regular basis.  

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8. **Involvement of NGOs in Early Detection of Breast Cancer** :- Dr (Mrs) Manjit 
Kaur from “Roko Cancer Society” told about the efforts by their NGO for 
screening of Breast Cancer Cases and their IEC Activities. She also said that
they propose to start PAP Smear Camps for detection of cervical cancer in Women.

Dated:                      Satish Chandra, IAS,
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For information & necessary action.