

**Prashanti Cancer Care Mission**  
Reaching out with excellence



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# *NEWSLETTER*

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## **1. PCCM appeals for support and donations to help save breast cancer patients**

We are ever grateful for your generosity and donations over the years that have helped save the lives of over 1000 young girls & women annually.

Many of them are alive with their families & loved one because of your generosity and big heart. Last year, because of your contributions we have been able to successfully treat over 3000 unaffording women with breast cancer through full freeships and major concessions in surgery, chemotherapy , radiation, free biopsies, diagnostics and much more, enabling them through the bewildering maze of challenges the disease brings through its wake & hand holding them to lead a normal life after cancer.

This year the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic has presented challenges to the cancer patients and their families. Prashanti Cancer Care Mission has made every effort that no unaffording patient seeking our help is turned away.

This pandemic period has posed a huge challenge to needy patients, their care givers and Prashanti. We are striving to be able to take care of each and every woman coming for freeships and treatments.

We are now appealing to you for your support and generous donations, to help these young women battling with breast cancer to be able to get free treatment from us, so that no patient is turned away without help.

Every small amount from you would help save the lives of these women and allow them to live a healthy life with their loved ones.

Following are the details through which you can donate to Prashnati

You may donate via either of the two options:

### **1. Bank Transfer to the account given below**

Name of Account Holder	Prashanti Cancer Care Mission
Bank Account Number	50100088296788
Name of the Bank	HDFC BANK
IFSC Code	HDFC0000223
MICR Code	411240006
Branch Code	0223

or

**2. Send us a cheque in favour of “Prashanti Cancer Care Mission”**

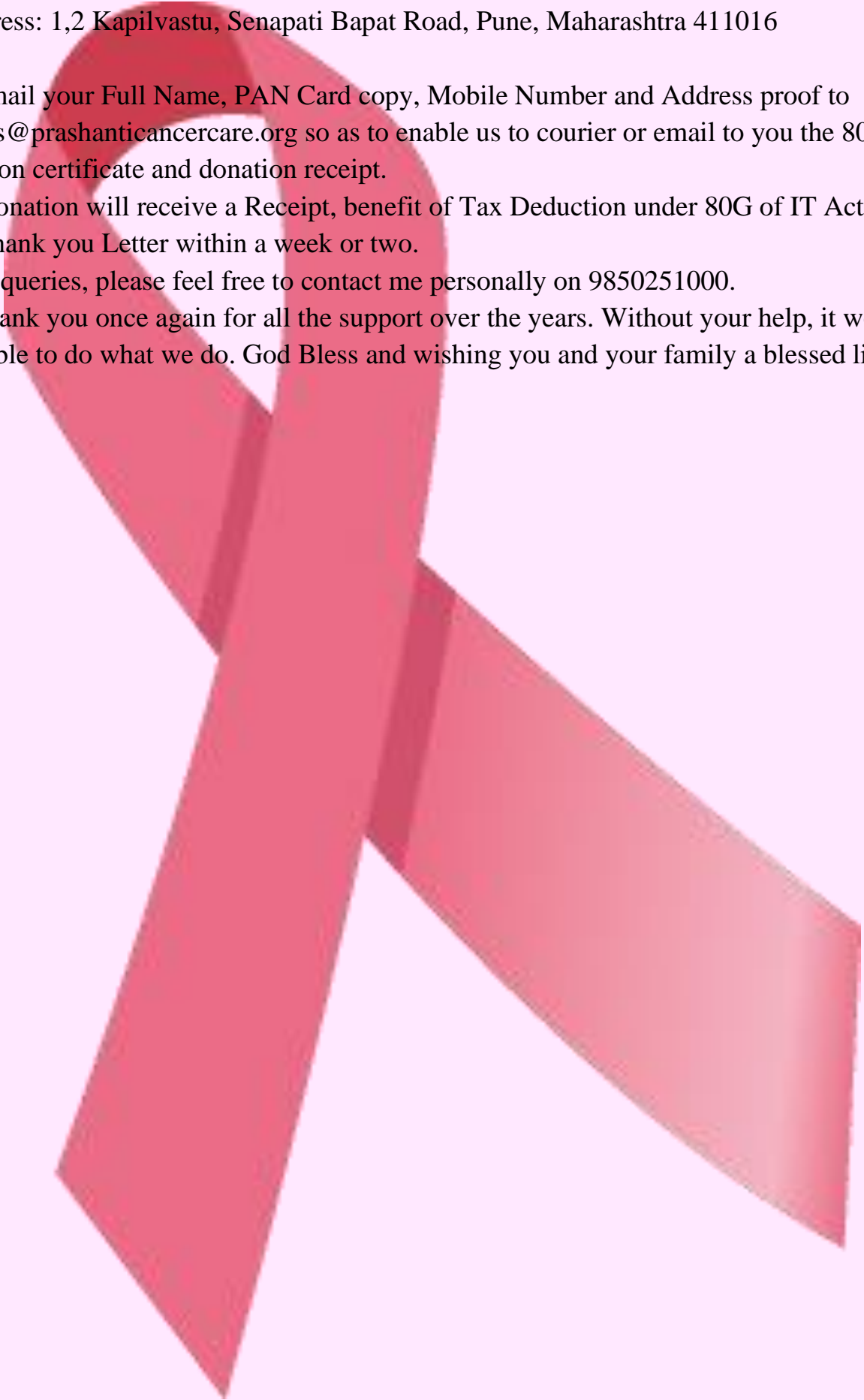
**Address: 1,2 Kapilvastu, Senapati Bapat Road, Pune, Maharashtra 411016**

Please mail your Full Name, PAN Card copy, Mobile Number and Address proof to [accounts@prashanticancercare.org](mailto:accounts@prashanticancercare.org) so as to enable us to courier or email to you the 80G tax exemption certificate and donation receipt.

Every donation will receive a Receipt, benefit of Tax Deduction under 80G of IT Act 1961 and a Thank you Letter within a week or two.

For any queries, please feel free to contact me personally on 9850251000.

A big thank you once again for all the support over the years. Without your help, it would be impossible to do what we do. God Bless and wishing you and your family a blessed life.



## 2. BreastGlobal Conference coming up in June 2021

PCCM is a proud Partner of BreastGlobal Platform long with other Global Cancer Care Lead organisations like ARBSNET, ASOMA, CEEBCSC, EIOC, EUSOMA, GRETA, ibreastbook- UK, JBERI, London Breast Meeting, Mamcare – India, School of Oncoplastic Academy- Brazil, School of Oncoplastic Surgery-USA, SENATURK-Turkey and Sherif Omar Cancer Care Foundation-Egypt.

Team BreastGlobal is delighted to announce the BreastGlobal Conference 2021. Please save the date 25-27th June 2021 for an educational bonanza!

The conference's theme will be "Crux to Consensus". We will aim to address existing critical controversies in the delivery of breast cancer care around the world to achieve a consensus on acceptable standards of care through evidence-based discussions, lectures and constructive debate; and we have invited eminent, internationally renowned key opinion leaders to share their views on current controversies. The conference will issue a consensus statement at the end of each day, based on live online polling of participants. Unfortunately, as the world continues to face significant uncertainty over public health, we have decided to hold the conference online to provide a safe environment for our faculty and allow for truly global participation without any health risk.

Website: [www.breastglobal.org](http://www.breastglobal.org)



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## BreastGlobal conference 2021

25 - 27 June 2021

**From Crux to Consensus**

### 3. Dr. Santosh Dixit, a senior scientist at PCCM presented the CTCR-BRCA study at CIMBA Consortium meet

CTCR – a joint initiative between PCCM and IISER Pune is now the first Indian member of an International Consortium of Investigators of Modifiers of BRCA1/2 (CIMBA). This consortium undertakes BRCA related clinical genetics projects which now gives us access to network and fund some similar studies.

Dr. Santosh presented the BRCA studies undertaken by CTCR at the CIMBA meeting on April 21, 2021.

<http://cimba.ccge.medschl.cam.ac.uk/>



The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface. On the left, a video feed of Dr. Santosh Dixit is visible. On the right, a presentation slide titled "TNBCs : High Prevalence in India" is displayed. The slide content is as follows:

**TNBCs : High Prevalence in India**

**Prevalence of Triple-Negative Breast Cancer in India: Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis**

**High prevalence of TNBCs in India**

- 10-15% of BCs : Western women
- ~25-30% of BCs : Indian women
- Clinico-epidemiology unknown
- Major Public Health Burden
- Knowledge Gap
- Need for Research In Indian Population

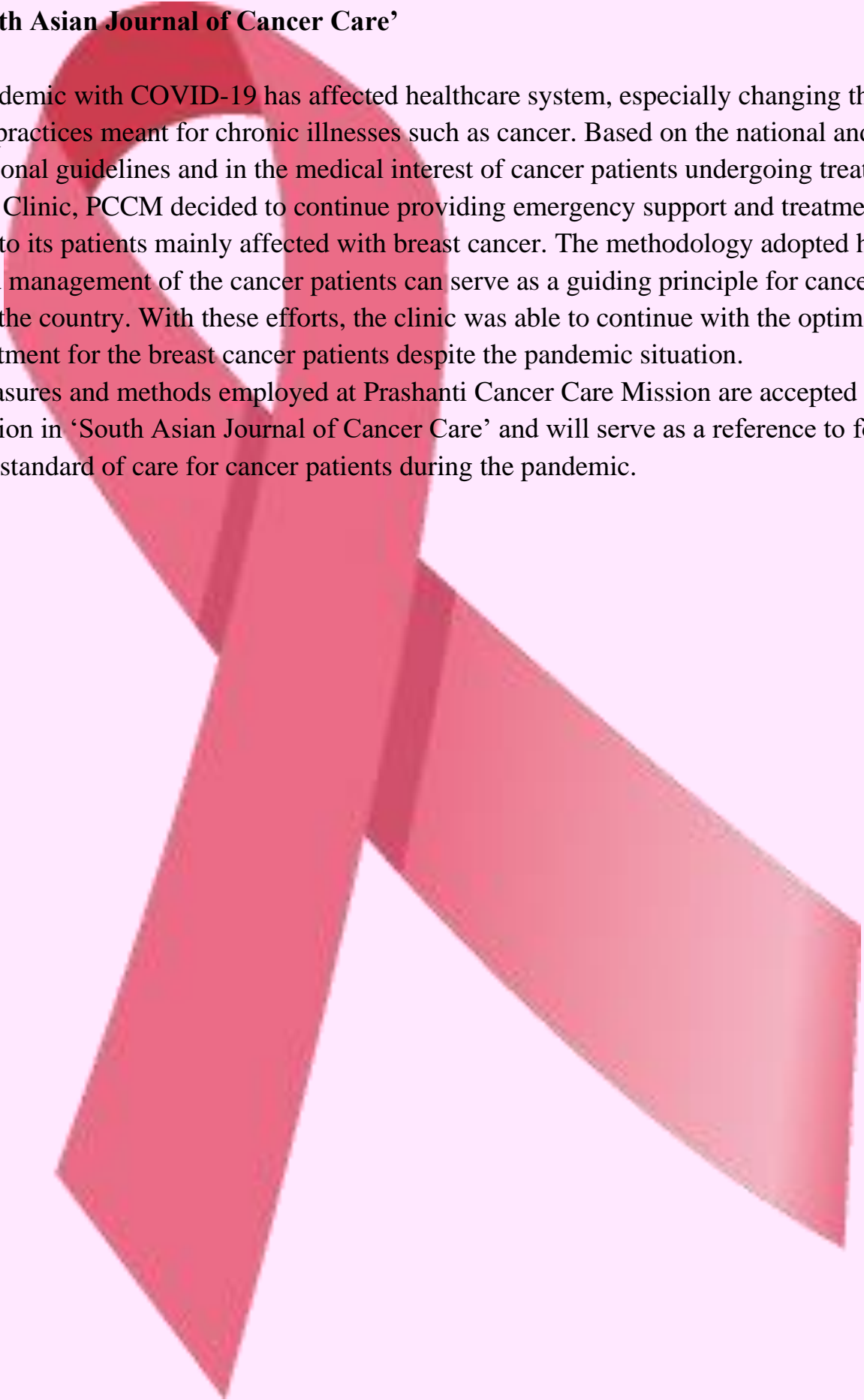
Sanejha et al., J Global Oncology, 2018  
Kishore et al., Journal of Global Oncology, 2020

At the bottom of the Zoom window, the control bar includes icons for Unmute, Start Video, Share, Participants, and More. The name "Santosh Dixit (CTCR-BRCA India)" is visible next to a small video thumbnail of the speaker.

#### **4. PCCM manuscript on cancer care through the pandemic accepted for publication in ‘South Asian Journal of Cancer Care’**

The pandemic with COVID-19 has affected healthcare system, especially changing the routine practices meant for chronic illnesses such as cancer. Based on the national and international guidelines and in the medical interest of cancer patients undergoing treatment at Orchids Clinic, PCCM decided to continue providing emergency support and treatment support to its patients mainly affected with breast cancer. The methodology adopted here for care and management of the cancer patients can serve as a guiding principle for cancer care units in the country. With these efforts, the clinic was able to continue with the optimal care and treatment for the breast cancer patients despite the pandemic situation.

The measures and methods employed at Prashanti Cancer Care Mission are accepted for publication in ‘South Asian Journal of Cancer Care’ and will serve as a reference to follow optimal standard of care for cancer patients during the pandemic.



**5. Freeships for Diagnostics, Surgery, Chemotherapy, Onco-Pharmacy, Clinical Procedures and Consultations at Orchids Breast Health in April 2021**

**❖ 11 PATIENTS RECEIVED FREESHIP AND MAJOR CONCESSIONS ON BREAST SURGERY**



**❖ 35 PATIENTS RECEIVED FREE CHEMOTHERAPY AND 90 PATIENTS RECEIVED MAJOR CONCESSIONS AT OUR DAY CARE CENTRE FOR CHEMOTHERAPY**



❖ **172 PATIENTS RECEIVED FREE & CONCESSIONAL MEDICINES FROM OUR ONCO-PHARMACY**



❖ **24 PATIENTS RECEIVED FREE AND CONCESSIONAL MAMMOGRAPHY**





❖ **76 PATIENTS RECEIVED FREE AND CONCESSIONAL SONOGRAPHY**



❖ **6 PATIENTS RECEIVED FREE AND CONCESSIONAL BIOPSY & VAB PROCEDURES (FOR REMOVAL OF FIBROIDS ETC).**

## **6. Testimonials of a few patients who were adopted for Freeship in April 2021**

### **1. Rachel Ansari**

When I noticed a lump in my left breast I ignored it for some time and then something told me to go get it checked up, which I did so in Dubai sometime end July 2018. Of course after a series of check-ups and tests it was confirmed as cancer. I was advised to get it operated immediately. My cousin in Pune who is a cancer survivor told me about Dr. Koppiker. I called him and he assured me that I was in safe hands. Then I asked him an awkward question. Will I be disfigured. His answer Ma'am we are not in the business of disfiguring anyone but in curing them.

Dr. Koppiker and his team made all the necessary arrangements at Ruby Hall where the surgery would be done. After some tests/ mri etc the surgery was scheduled for 18th august 2018. Having been sedated I felt nothing and came out of it safe and sound. Dr. Koppiker taking into consideration my age recommended radiation in a very discreet manner and I opted for that.

My very first visit to Orchids impressed me and gave me a sense of reassurance. The staff especially Nurse Smeeta went out of their way to make us welcome. I met the good doctor's wife and learnt from her about the charitable work they do. I believe for every paying patient they do breast cancer surgery free for a deserving lady. Ms. Laleh Busheri herself took me around their clinic and showed me their whole infrastructure. I also met another lady who told me how the Koppikers invited all their patients annually and treat them to a party/dinner at their own home. Wow indeed.

Its two years now and Alhamdulillah I am quite fine and fit, thanks to Dr. Koppiker and his team at Orchids.

### **2. Mrs. Nilu Patil**

Dr. Smita Shah referred Mrs. Nilu Patil, for further Breast cancer treatment to Dr. C B Koppiker, and in response Dr. Koppiker gave further directions to go through Ultra Sonomammography and Mammography with more clarity and visibility, which helped showed 2-3 new spots. Thanks to their world class diagnostics which helped my new investigation.

Further, as per his instructions, I underwent surgery with no major complications.

My further follow-up was taken care of very skilfully even under the pandemic situation in the city. We therefore are really very thankful to them for their sincere efforts.

Thanks Again

### 3. Anagha Pawar

We would like to thank you Dr. Koppiker for everything you have done for me.

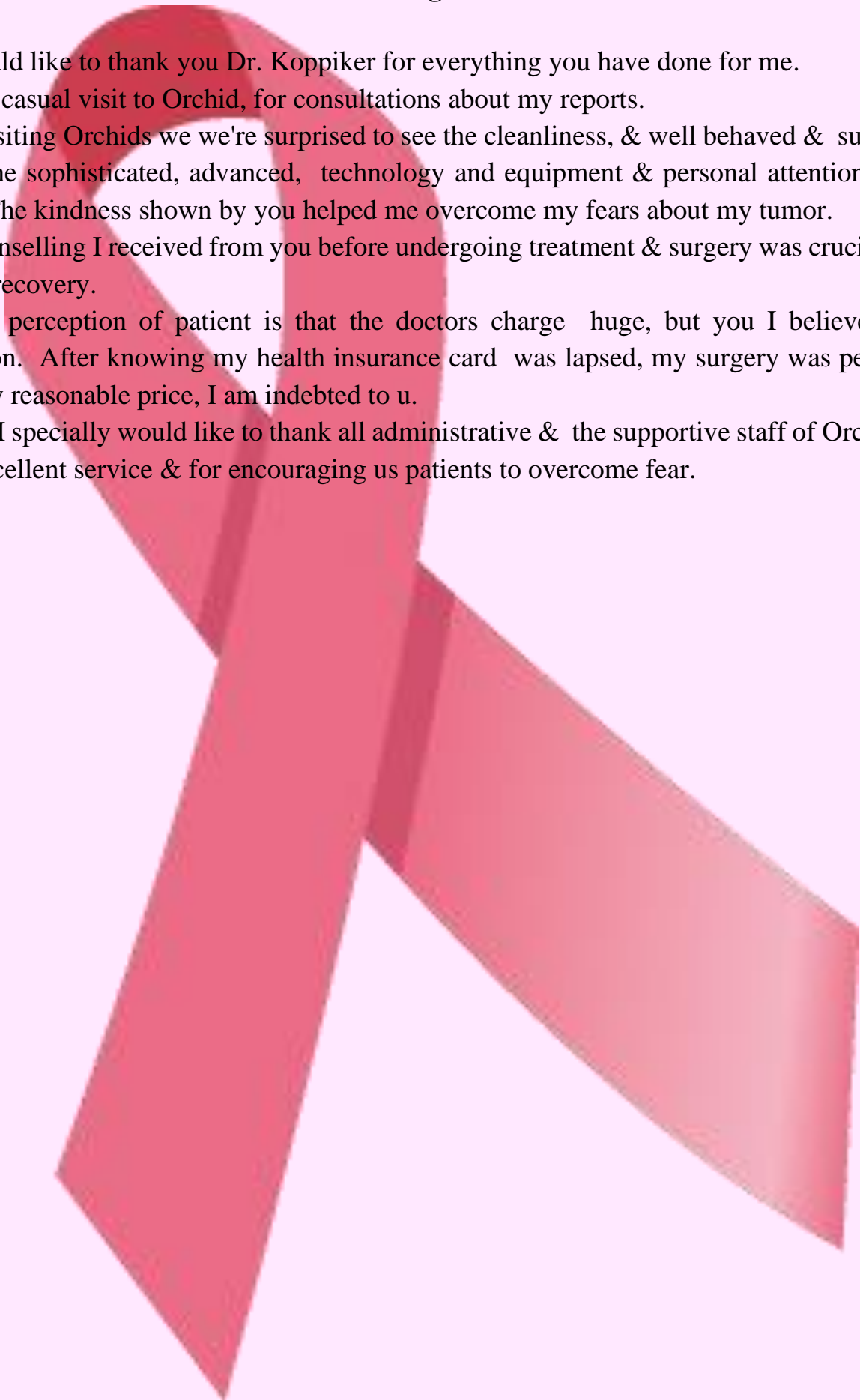
It was a casual visit to Orchid, for consultations about my reports.

After visiting Orchids we we're surprised to see the cleanliness, & well behaved & supportive staff. The sophisticated, advanced, technology and equipment & personal attention at your clinic. The kindness shown by you helped me overcome my fears about my tumor.

The counselling I received from you before undergoing treatment & surgery was crucial in my speedy recovery.

General perception of patient is that the doctors charge huge, but you I believe are an exception. After knowing my health insurance card was lapsed, my surgery was performed at a very reasonable price, I am indebted to u.

Further I specially would like to thank all administrative & the supportive staff of Orchids for their excellent service & for encouraging us patients to overcome fear.



We would like to ~~THANK~~ our  
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Warm Regards,  
Ms. Laleh Busheri  
CEO

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