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# PCCM MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Prashanti Cancer Care Mission's Newsletter



## WHAT'S IN THIS LATEST ISSUE?

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## ABOUT PCCM NEWSLETTER

PCCM Newsletter is our way of connecting with our patients and supporters. With the Newsletter we bring to you the latest updates of our activities at PCCM. Along with our continued efforts for the provision of state-of-the-art integrative care for our patients through Orchids Breast Health Care, we include updates from the research arm at PCCM, Centre for Translational Cancer Research (CTCR). CTCR an initiative between PCCM and IISER Pune is working towards addressing breast cancer research questions relevant to our society, as well as our capacity building initiatives International School of Oncoplasty in collaboration with University of East Anglia, UK and online learning platform BreastGlobal. Your support and encouragement is what keeps us going, be a part of our journey with the newsletter.



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Dr. Koppiker presented a talk on Newer Trends in Breast Cancer Management: Experiences of a Single Surgeon Unit from India at The First Annual Medical Conference - Amran University, Yemen - Amran. Dr. Koppiker spoke about the latest advances in breast cancer management and how he has incorporated these techniques in his practice.



**المؤتمر الطبي السنوي الأول - جامعة عمران (الجراسي الأول)**  
The First Annual Medical Conference - Amran University (The First Surgical)  
8-9 MARCH 2023 YEMEN - AMRAN

**• LIVE India**

**Dr. C. B. Koppiker**  
Breast Cancer, Breast Oncoplastic and Reconstruction Surgeon.

- ▶ Medical Director, Orchids Breast Health, Pune, India.
- ▶ Director, Onco..sciences, Jehangir Hospital, Pune, India.
- ▶ Honorary Associate Professor, University of East Anglia, UK.
- ▶ Managing Trustee, Prashanti Cancer Care Mission, Pune, India.
- ▶ Board of Directors, Indian Cancer Genome Atlas (ICGA).
- ▶ Founding Director, BreastGlobal Network.
- ▶ Board of Directors and Visiting Faculty, School of Oncoplastic Surgery, CA, US.
- ▶ Principal Investigator, Centre for Translational Cancer Research (CTCR), Pune, India.

AB STEPS Medical Team  
STAY TUNED



**Newer Trends in Breast Cancer Management: Experiences of a Single Surgeon Unit from India**

Dr. C. B. Koppiker "India"

**Abstract**  
Breast cancer incidence in the developing world is on the rise and may prove to be a significant public health concern in the near future. Breast cancer management requires a multi-pronged approach involving a multitude of specialties. Here we try to elucidate few of the emerging trends in breast cancer management that have worked well in our experience and are now incorporated in our clinical algorithm.

MRI is the most recommended imaging technique for breast cancer diagnosis but can be extremely expensive for LMICs. At our centre, due to the constraints for MRI we utilize stringent assessment with 3D Tomosynthesis and ultrasound that provides better diagnostic efficiency compared to 2D mammogram. Recently, Contrast-Enhanced Spectral Mammography (CESM) is being increasingly incorporated in the diagnostic methodology for breast cancer. CESM is reported to be equivalent to MRI and is better suited for a low resource setting. In biopsy procedures in addition to commonly available biopsy methods, incorporation of Vacuum Assisted Biopsy (VAB) and stereotactic biopsy is also gaining impetus to enable better and more efficient diagnosis. In accordance with international guidelines, NACT recommendations have also been expanded to include more patients. Additionally, we have also modified the tumor localization protocol with clipping done mid-NACT for improved surgical efficiency.

Another crucial inclusion in breast cancer management is the incorporation of genetic testing, which is still uncommon in most developing nations. Updated NCCN guidelines recommend genetic testing for TNBCs, young age breast cancer and individuals with strong family history. Additionally, several practices now emphasize the importance of providing superior quality of life (QoL) to the patients post treatment and hence adopt breast conservation therapy (BCT) as the main surgical approach. Mastectomy, although still the preferred approach for surgical management of breast cancer in many developing nations, is associated with severe sequelae such as body asymmetry, postural instability, depression, loss of self-esteem and poor QoL. Several large cohort studies have shown equivalent survival rates between BCT and mastectomy with long-term follow-up and better quality of life for BCT. The niche field of oncoplastic surgery thus expands the indications of breast conservation.

At our centre, we also incorporate stringent rad-path analysis with frozen section during the surgery. This enables the surgeon to verify margin negativity during the surgery and prevents the need for re-excision surgery due to margin positivity. Newer more efficient techniques for SLNB detection, like ICG is also working well in a low-resource setting as per our experience.



Incorporation of these factors has enabled more breast cancer patients to avail the benefits of breast conservation. Patient Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs) are useful in logging the quality of life and patient satisfaction, and Oncoplastic techniques generally show better PROMs results. We do not restrict our multi-pronged approach to the clinic and are active in outreach, patient awareness, capacity building and also run an exemplary translational research program. As a single surgeon unit, the center has seamlessly incorporated the latest advances in breast cancer management along with research to facilitate local innovations and may serve as an example for other centers in low resource settings.

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جامعة عمران (الجراسي الأول)



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Three abstracts from CTCR-PCCM have been accepted for poster presentation at the 18th St. Gallen International Breast Cancer Conference 2023 to be held in Vienna, Austria from 15th to 18th March 2023. Dr. Amitkumar Bagdia, one of the presenters for the posters received the St. Gallen's Educational Grant for the Conference to present CTCR-PCCM work on Perforator Flap and Therapeutic Mammoplasty.



15 - 18 March 2023

**18<sup>TH</sup> ST. GALLEN INTERNATIONAL BREAST CANCER CONFERENCE 2023**

Primary Therapy of Early Breast Cancer. Evidence, Controversies, Consensus

[Register now](#)

Thank you for submitting an abstract for SGBCC 2023 in March in Vienna. Congratulations – your abstract has been accepted as an e-poster!

Your e-poster number is: P218

Abstract Number: 352

Publication Title: **Perforator Flaps: Can they be an elixir for the oncoplasty woes of developing nations?**

Chaitanyanand Koppiker, Sneha Joshi, Rupa Mishra, Devaki Kelkar, Anjali Joshi, Shweta Kadu, Neerja Gupta, Nutan Gangurde, Gautam Sharan, Upendra Dhar, Hari Kiran Allampati, Laleh Busheri, Amitkumar Bagdia, Smeeta Nare, Ankush Dewle, Deepti Thakkar, Chandana Guduru.

Thank you for submitting an abstract for SGBCC 2023 in March in Vienna. Congratulations – your abstract has been accepted as an e-poster!

Your e-poster number is: P216

Abstract Number: 338

Publication Title: **Therapeutic Mammoplasty: Assures conservation, Elevates lifestyle. Data from the largest Asian cohort**

Chaitanyanand Koppiker, Sneha Joshi, Rupa Mishra, Devaki A. Kelkar, Pragnya Chigurupati, Anjali Joshi, Jisha John, Shweta Kadu, Amitkumar Bagdia, Deepti Thakkar, HariKiran Allampati, Gautam Sharan, Upendra Dhar, Smeeta Nare, Sanket Nagarkar, Laleh Busheri, Mugdha Pai


Thank you for submitting an abstract for SGBCC 2023 in March in Vienna. Congratulations – your abstract has been accepted as an e-poster!

Your e-poster number is: P225

Abstract Number: 390

Publication Title: **Impact Of Oncoplasty in Increasing Breast Conservation Rates Post Neo-Adjuvant Chemotherapy**

Chaitanyanand Koppiker, Devaki A Kelkar, Upendra Dhar, Chetan Deshmukh, Beenu Varghese, Vaishali Zamre, Nutan Jumle, Madhura Kulkarni, Anjali Joshi, Nutan Gangurde, Rohini Unde, Rituja Banale, Namrata Namewar, Shweta Kadu, Laleh Busheri, Pooja Vaid, George Thomas, Smeeta Nare, Jerome Pereira, Sunil Badve





## Ms. Laleh Busheri gave an Awareness talk at Euroschool Kharadi on 11th February 2023



**Breast Cancer is the Best Cancer!**

To understand this better,  
**EuroSchool Kharadi**  
invites you to the  
*Breast Cancer Awareness Drive*  
with

*Ms. Laleh Busheri*  
CEO, Prashanti Cancer  
Care (Since 1986)  
Celebrated Author



On Time Venue | 11th February 2023  
11:00 am onwards  
EuroSchool Auditorium

The session is cost-free.  
Attendance will strictly be through pre-registration.  
Open to EUROite parents, staff and their loved ones!

Ms. Laleh Busheri gave an Awareness talk at Euroschool Kharadi on 11th February 2023. The Audience included teachers, school housekeeping, security staff and parents. The talk was followed by a Q & A session and was extremely well received.





## Awareness talk was given at Bohra Sanatorium by Ms. Laleh Busheri



Ms. Laleh Busheri was invited to give an Awareness talk at Bohra Sanatorium, Lonavala. Ms. Busheri discussed the signs and symptoms of breast cancer and bust the common myths. The talk was followed by a CBE camp for 80 women.





## Ms. Laleh Busheri presented an awareness talk at Ryewood International School, Lonavala

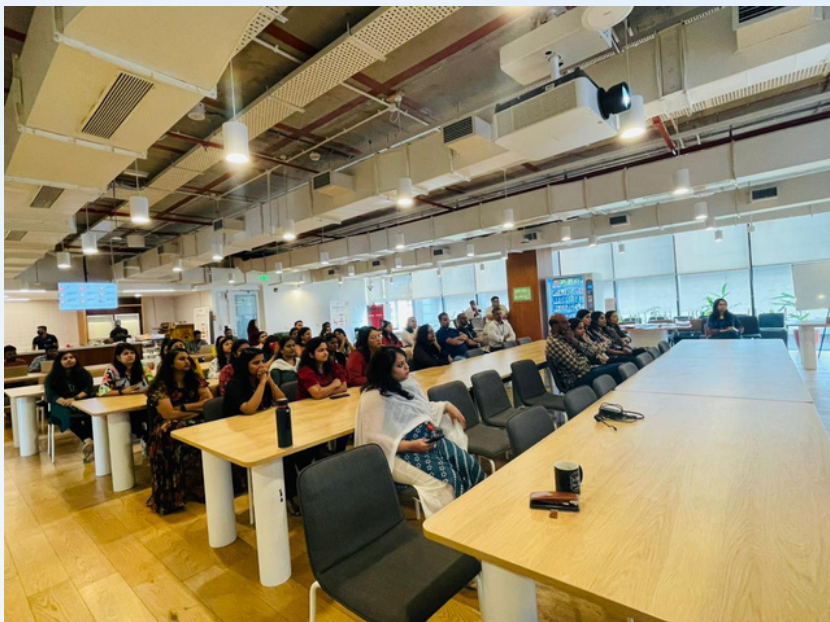
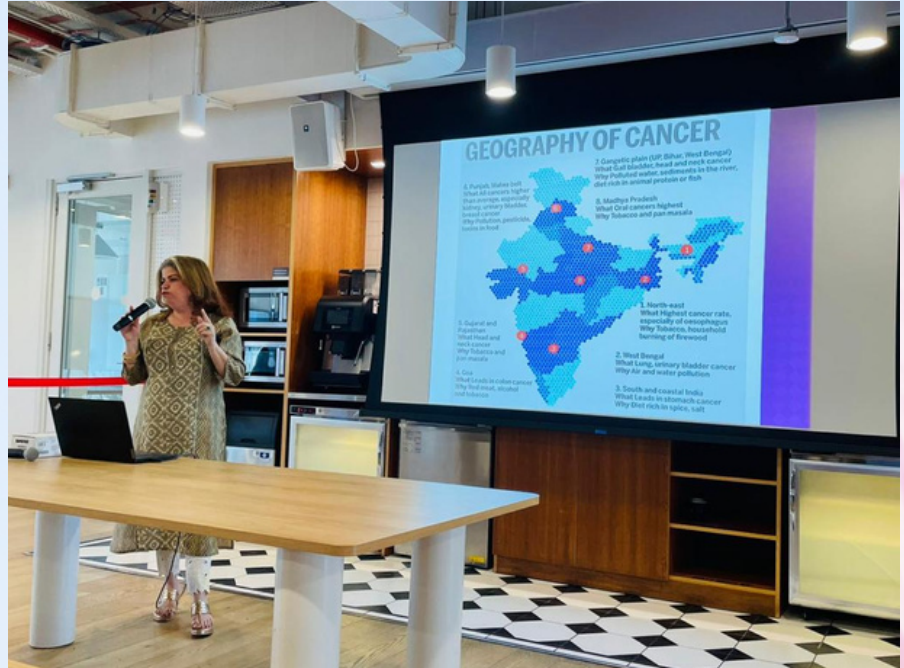
Ms. Laleh Busheri presented an awareness talk at Ryewood International School, Lonavala. The awareness talk was followed by a Clinical Breast Examination Camp for the teachers at the school. Around 30 teachers participated in the CBE camp.





## Ms. Laleh Busheri was invited to present an awareness talk at Amazon, Pune

Ms. Laleh Busheri was invited to present an awareness talk at Amazon, Pune on the occasion of International Women's Day. The talk covering the basic signs and symptoms of breast cancer and the benefits of self-breast examination was extremely well received and was followed by an engaging Q & A





## Prof. Geoffrey Khan visited PCCM and discussed the ongoing activities at PCCM

Prof. Geoffrey Khan, an invited guest of PCCM visited PCCM clinic and research team. He discussed the ongoing research activities with the CTCR research team. An engaging discussion with the research team on research guidelines and discipline in research as well as the various projects run by the PCCM research team discussed.

Prof. Geoffrey Khan is a British Linguist and Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies at University of Cambridge. He has many international publications and has authored over 29 books. He has a broad interest in all periods of the Hebrew language and is editor-in-chief of the Encyclopedia of Hebrew Language and Linguistics, which was first published in 2013 (Boston: Brill) and is updated on an annual basis.





## British Linguist Prof. Geoffrey Khan spoke at EuroSchool Kharadi



**EuroSchool Kharadi**  
announces  
a talk on  
**Endangered Languages Of The World**  
for the students of grades 6 & 7  
By



**Professor Geoffrey Khan**  
British Linguist

Date :- 24th February 2023  
Timings:- During School Hours



British Linguist Prof. Geoffrey Khan, was invited through PCCM for a talk at EuroSchool Kharadi on Endangered Languages of the World. Prof. Khan spent time interacting with the students and teachers at EuroSchool





## The Research Training Program for Clinicians and Residents by CTCR-PCCM continued with lectures on Immunology.



**Research Training Program for Clinicians and Residents (RT-PCR)**

A Program by  
Centre For Translational Cancer Research (CTCR)  
A Joint Initiative by IISER Pune & Prashanti Cancer Care Mission (PCCM)

CTCR is delighted to announce the first session of its Initiative: 'Research Training Program for Clinicians and Residents (RT-PCR)'. This program is uniquely designed to encourage clinicians to integrate scientific research in their clinical practice and understand the process of scientific enquiry. The program will consist of various virtual as well as hands-on modules encompassing basic biology, translational and clinical research framework, and also practical research experience for clinicians and residents.

**Starts 5th Jan 2023**  
**Alternate Thursdays**  
**7:00 PM to 8:30 PM IST**

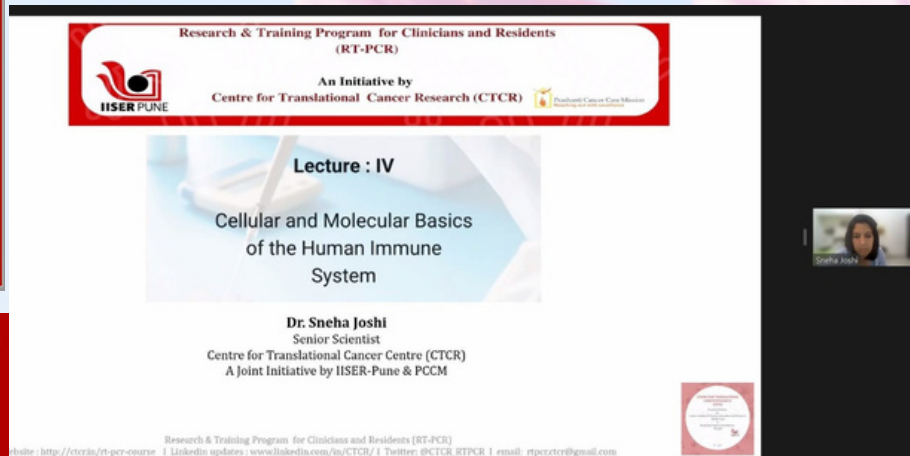
[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

**1st Module**

- MOLECULAR BIOLOGY
- GENETICS
- IMMUNOLOGY
- GOOD DATA PRACTICES

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The Research Training Program for Clinicians and Residents by CTCR-PCCM is uniquely designed to encourage clinicians to integrate scientific research in their clinical practice and understand the process of scientific enquiry. The second section, on Immunology, of the first module was conducted in February and March 2023



Research & Training Program for Clinicians and Residents (RT-PCR)

An Initiative by  
Centre for Translational Cancer Research (CTCR) & Prashanti Cancer Care Mission (PCCM)

**Lecture : IV**  
Cellular and Molecular Basics of the Human Immune System

**Dr. Sneha Joshi**  
Senior Scientist  
Centre for Translational Cancer Centre (CTCR)  
A Joint Initiative by IISER-Pune & PCCM

Research & Training Program for Clinicians and Residents (RT-PCR)  
Website: <http://ctcr.in/rt-pcr-course> | LinkedIn updates: [www.linkedin.com/in/ctcr/](https://www.linkedin.com/in/ctcr/) | Twitter: @CTCR\_RTPCR | Email: rtpecr@gmail.com

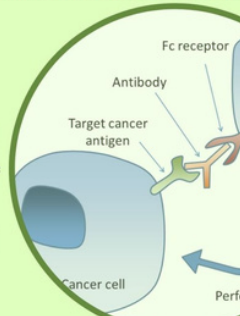


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**RT-PCR Module-I**  
**Cell and Molecular Biology for Onco-Clinicians (CMBOC)**  
**Immunology Section Lecture -II 9th March 2023**

The first section on Molecular Biology traversed the journey of the *Central Dogma* from DNA to Protein. We are now in the 2nd section on Immunology. In Lecture-I we covered the Basics of the Human Immune system. We now continue with the second section of the CMBOC module on Immunology.



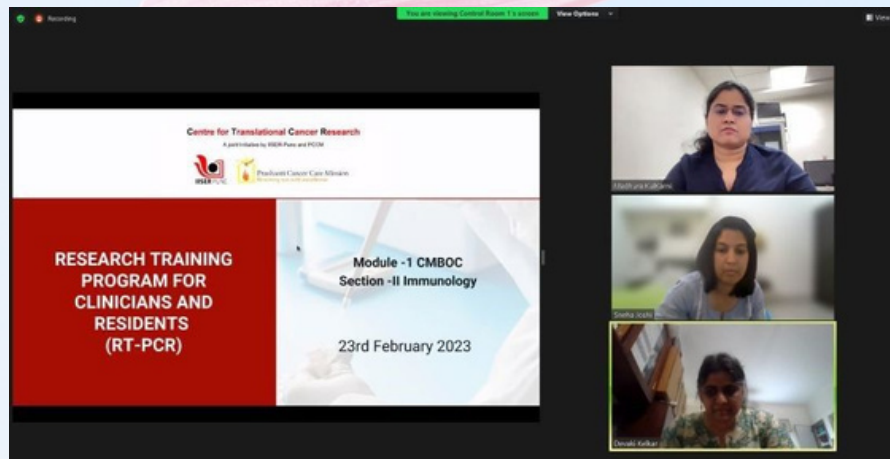
**The Immunology Lecture -II**  
**9th March 2023.**  
The second lecture will cover *Roles of the Immune system in Cancer : Immunosurveillance and Immunoediting*

**Registrations are still open.**  
Register now to access previous lectures on demand via [course google classroom](#) and join us live for the upcoming lectures.

Course Started 5th Jan 2023  
Alternate Thursdays  
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM IST

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Lecture : I 5th Jan 2023: Basics of Molecular Biology and Molecular Mechanisms Leading to Carcinogenesis  
Lecture : II 19th Jan 2023 :Molecular Mechanisms of Cancer Drug Actions Leading to Treatment Response  
Lecture : III 9th Feb 2023: Open discussion on concepts in Molecular Biology  
Lecture : IV 23rd Feb 2023 : Cellular and Molecular Basics of the Human Immune System  
Lecture : V 9th March 2023 (upcoming) : Roles of the Immune system in Cancer Immunosurveillance and Immunoediting



Centre for Translational Cancer Research  
A joint initiative by IISER-Pune and PCCM

**RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAM FOR CLINICIANS AND RESIDENTS (RT-PCR)**

**Module -1 CMBOC**  
**Section -II Immunology**

23rd February 2023



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Ms. Bindusha Das and Ms. Pranali Kanase presented "Setting up of a Fresh Breast Tissue Biobank" and "FFPE Breast Cancer BioBank from a single institutional cohort" respectively. The posters were well received and the conference enabled good interaction and networking.



**IBS 2023 Annual Conference & Exhibition**  
**IN-PERSON: FEB 23-24, 2023**  
**Delhi, India**

We are pleased to inform you that your submission "A prospective breast cancer biobank from a single institutional cohort" has been accepted as a Poster Presentation at the BBIF-IBS 2023.

Abstract Number: **202327**

Poster title: **A prospective breast cancer biobank from a single institutional cohort**

*Pranali Kanase, Diksha Yadav, Danish Ansari, Shweta Kadu, Rituja Banale, Rashmi Alhat, George Thomas, Ruth Navgire, Smeeta Nare, Laleh Busheri, Chetan Deshmukh, Beenu Verghese, Mugdha Pai, Devaki A. Kelkar, Madhura Kulkarni, Chaitanyanand B. Koppiker.*

We are pleased to inform you that your submission "Setting up a Fresh Tissue Biobank" has been accepted as a Poster Presentation at the BBIF-IBS 2023.

Abstract Number: **202306**

Poster title: **Setting up a fresh breast tissue biobank**

*Bindusha Das, Madhura Kulkarni, Siddhi Tamhane, Sneha Joshi, Devaki A Kelkar, Ruth Navgire, Smeeta Nare, Rashmi Alhat, Beenu Varghese, Diksha Yadav, Pranali Kanase, Rupa Mishra, Laleh Busheri, C. B Koppiker.*





## Donation to underprivileged patients through the PCCM Food Bank

PCCM through its various outreach and social support activities has constantly strived to help underprivileged patients and their families. Since 2009 PCCM has been running a vibrant food bank for underprivileged patients and their families. This month a drive for rice and dal was conducted and Ms. Pushpa Hegde has donated dal and rice for the underprivileged patients through this drive.





**Freeships/ Major Concession for Diagnostics, Surgery, Chemotherapy, Onco- Pharmacy, Clinical Procedures and Consultations at Orchids Breast Health in February 2023**



**Mammography:**  
101 patients received  
free / concessional  
mammography



141 patients received  
free / concessional  
sonography



**Biopsy**  
6 patients received  
free and concessional  
biopsy & 2 VABB  
procedures (for  
removal of fibroids  
etc)



**Freeships/ Major Concession for Diagnostics, Surgery, Chemotherapy, Onco- Pharmacy, Clinical Procedures and Consultations at Orchids Breast Health in February 2023**



**Surgery:**  
10 patients received  
freeship/major  
concessions on breast  
surgery



**Chemotherapy /Day Care**  
30 patients received free  
chemotherapy and 85  
patients received major  
concessions at our day care  
centre for chemotherapy



**Onco-Pharmacy**  
190 patients received  
free /concessional  
medicines from our  
onco-pharmacy



# Free Counselling Services at Orchids Breast Health



## Onco - Psychology Counselling

Free Psychological Counselling services for our Breast Cancer Patients and their Caregivers. We have certified psychologists who work with you in easing your stress

**Psychological Counselling For Breast Cancer Patients**

- Overcome Stress and Shock
- Psycho-social adjustment
- Care and Support for the Caregivers
- Stress management
- Deal with health-related anxiety
- Helping underlying psychological issues
- Psychotherapies


At the Orchids Breast Health we encourage our Breast Cancer Patients and their family members to undergo psychological counselling for emotional wellness during cancer treatment

**BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT NOW**  
(Offered both online (via Zoom) and/or in-person)

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Maharashtra 411016



**Onco-Psychology  
Counselling**  
81 patients have received  
free psychological  
counselling to make them  
stronger during this  
tough time



## Onco - Genetic Counselling

Free Genetic Counselling services for our Breast Cancer Patients

At the Orchids Breast Health Clinic we have BGC certified genetic counselors for some of our patients who might need genetic testing

**Breast Cancer Genetic Counselling**

To whom is genetic counselling offered?  
(According to NCCN guidelines)


- Diagnosed at <math>\leq 45</math> yrs
- Family History of Cancer
- Recurrence
- TNBC
- Personal history of other cancer

What can you expect in a Genetic counselling?

- Pedigree charting (Family History)
- Risk assessment
- Genetic testing options
- Genetic reports interpretation
- Prevention and Management options

Counselling offered on all days online (via Zoom) and/or in-person (Thursdays from 4 to 6pm)

**Visit us at**  
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Bapat Road, Pune,  
Maharashtra 411016



Dr. Koppiker | Breast Cancer Doctor in Pune | Orchids Breast Health (orchidshhealth.in)  
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**Onco-Genetic  
Counselling**  
89 patients have  
received free genetic  
counselling services so  
far



## Onco - Nutrition Clinic

Free Nutrition Counselling services for our Breast Cancer Patients

**Nutrition Counselling**

- Diet during Chemo and Radiotherapy
- Personalized Charts
- Improved tolerance of treatment.
- Decreased fatigue.
- Hydration Counselling
- Improved healing and recovery.

At the Orchids Breast Health Nutrition Clinic we make you aware of the power of good nutrition and help you make your breast cancer treatment easier

**BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT NOW**  
(Offered both online (via Zoom) and/or in-person)

**Visit us at**  
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Bapat Road, Pune,  
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**Nutrition  
Counselling**  
89 patients received  
free nutrition  
counselling to fight  
cancer treatment  
better



## Testimonials of a few patients who were adopted for Freeship in February 2023

### Manisha More

नमस्ते,

मैंमनीषा मोरे हूं और मैं ब्रेस्ट कैंसर सर्वाइवर हूं। स्तन में गांठ महसूस होने पर मैं अपने फैमिली डॉक्टर के पास गई जिन्होंने मुझे सोनोग्राफी के बाद कैंसर विशेषज्ञ से मिलने की सलाह दी। जैसे ही मैंने कैंसर शब्द सुना, मुझे लगा कि सब कुछ खत्म हो गया है, मैं इतना डर गई थी कि मुझे कैंसर विशेषज्ञ को दिखाने की जरूरत पड़ेगी। मैं इसलिए भी चिंतित थी क्योंकि मैंने सुना था कि कैंसर का इलाज बहुत महंगा है। मेरे पति एक पशु चिकित्सा क्लिनिक में सहायक के रूप में काम करते हैं और मैंने उनसे कहा था कि अगर यह कैंसर है, तो मैं इलाज नहीं करूंगी।

हालांकि, वे चिंतित थे और उन्होंने इस बारे में अपने डॉक्टर और सुश्री दीपा बजाज से भी बात की। सुश्री दीपा ने फिर उन्हें डॉ. कोप्पिकर के पास भेजा। इसके बाद हम डॉ. कोप्पिकर से मिले और उन्हें अपनी सारी रिपोर्ट दी। उन्होंने हमारी हर बात सुनी और हमने समझाया कि केवल 16,000 रुपये प्रति माह की तनख्वाह और दो बच्चों के साथ हम इस बात को लेकर बहुत चिंतित थे कि इलाज से हम पर कितना आर्थिक बोझ पड़ेगा। मुझे इस बात की भी चिंता थी कि मुझे अपना ब्रेस्ट हटवाना पड़ेगा। डॉ. कोप्पिकर बहुत दयालु थे और उन्होंने कहा कि स्तन को हटाने की कोई आवश्यकता नहीं है और एक छोटी सी सर्जरी और उपचार पर्याप्त होगा। उन्होंने हमें दिलासा भी दिया कि उनके सेंटर से हमें फ्रीशिप मिलेगी और पेमेंट की चिंता करने की जरूरत नहीं है। जहांगीर में मेरी सर्जरी हुई और मैंने अपना सारा इलाज मुफ्त में पूरा किया। डॉ. कोप्पिकर ने मुझे ऑनलाइन एक नया पट्टा दिया है और मैं वास्तव में उनकी ऋणी हूं। मेरे जैसे कैंसर रोगियों को वास्तव में उनके जैसे डॉक्टर की जरूरत है। सुनने के लिए आप सभी का बहुत-बहुत धन्यवाद।



### Vaishali Gole

Treatment is best. Doctor consult very carefully. Patient is taken care of well by the staff. Good team work.



**Testimonials of a few patients who were adopted for  
Freeship in February 2023**

**Radhika Sen**

Hello everyone! My name is Radhika Sen. I'm from Pune. I am a teacher at Jaihind School, Pune. I was diagnosed with Breast Cancer in 2022 and was all depressed and tensed because I am a single parent and my son is completely on bed due to main enjaitis from last 14 years. My two daughters are studying. I was stressed with all this - how can I fight cancer mentally and financially. Then Dr. Chugh suggested me about Dr Koppiker. I visited Dr. Koppiker in may 2022 for diagnosis and treatment and told him about my family and financial background. One of my committee member Neeta Chabriya Ma'am also personally approved to sir. After listening to me he immediately agreed to support me financially and gave moral support. He provided concession in price to me in my diagnostics, chemotherapy, radiation. I would like to thank Dr. Kopikker sir and all the Prashanti team members for their kindness and care throughout my treatment. I've seen many doctors but my personal opinion of Dr. Kopikker sir is he is a very kind-hearted doctor and down to earth person, whom I have ever met. He supported me in every way possible be it financial or psychological. I am very grateful that I have completed my treatment at the right place. Thank you once again team Dr. Koppiker sir, Laleh Ma'am and Prashanti for your efforts and dedication to the betterment of patients. I wish success, happiness, and good health to all the team members. Thank you



**Lata Kumari**

The staff has been very co-operative calm and patient. Friendly environment and things are going very well so far. Thank you.



## **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 Prashanti You may donate via either of the two options:

- a. Through the donation page on the website:  
<https://www.prashanticancercare.org/donations.php>  
or
- b. 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.



**We would like to thank our  
Donors & Supporters  
for their unconditional support over the years**

**Warm Regards, Ms. Laleh Busheri CEO  
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