

# NEWSLETTER DECEMBER – 2018

## 1. ABSICON 2018, NEW DELHI: DR. KOPPIKER WAS INVITED AS A FACULTY TO DEMONSTRATE BREAST RECONSTRUCTION ON CADAVERS

ABSICON is an Association of Breast Surgeons of India where Dr. Koppiker was invited as a faculty, chairperson, and speaker for the Workshop and Conference on 9th-11th Nov 2018. He also demonstrated a breast reconstruction on cadaver. This workshop and conference was held to train breast surgeons all over the world in Oncoplastic surgery.



## 2. ACHIEVEMENTS by Team at PRASHANTI CANCER CARE MISSION

- **Dr. Madhura Kulkarni, Senior Scientist and DBT Ramalingaswami Fellow** was selected to give an oral presentation at 14<sup>th</sup> INDO-AUSTRALIAN BIOTECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE at ACTREC, India held on October 22-23, 2018. Dr. Kulkarni presented her work related to "Hippo Signalling in Breast Cancer Progression". Her work was well appreciated at the conference.
- **Dr. Madhura Kulkarni** was invited to contribute to a lecture series by the Nobel laureate Professor Sydney Brenner on the history of Molecular Biology. The lecture series got published as a book: "In the Spirit of Science" on 7th Nov 2018 in Singapore, to which Dr. Kulkarni was invited to attend (Photo with Professor Sydney Brenner).



### **3. 2 PATIENT RECEIVED FREE HERCEPTIN (INJECTION)**

Herceptin is a game changer and lifesaving injection in treatment of many breast cancer patients diagnosed with HER2 positive.

In the month of NOVEMBER 2 patients were provided complete free Herceptin injections each costing Rs.75,000/- each vial.

#### **TESTOMONIALS by the Patients who received herceptin:**

##### **1. Divya Balani**

Age: 35 years

Occupation: Business (Fruit Stall)



Type of Cancer – Breast Cancer Stage II  
Treatments – Herceptin 12 + Docetaxel 1

I Divya Balani was diagnosed for Breast Cancer, two months before. I went to a doctor and he told me that your organ should be removed for hundred percent cure. Then, I got reference of Dr. Koppiker from my friend. I came to this hospital and was feeling very comfortable after I met the patients who were very happy after the treatment.

After consultation, I approached Prashanti Cancer Care Mission for support for the high treatment cost. They not only supported me mentally but also financially. I received complete free treatment, which was a huge concern for me and my family to cope up with.



2. Mrs. Medha Parvekar

Age – 75 years

Occupation – House Wife



Type of Cancer – Breast Cancer Stage II

Treatments – Herceptin 4 cycles + 12 Paclitaxel

My mother is suffering from Breast Cancer. She was detected with it in February 2018. We knew about Dr. Koppiker of Prashanti Cancer Care Mission. We sisters were shaken upon learning that our mother has been diagnosed with Breast Cancer. My brother-in-law informed Dr. Koppiker that my father is a pensioner and he would not be able to pay the complete treatment amount. Then Dr. Koppiker informed us and suggested the Aashray Scheme. Also he assured that one cycle dose would be given by Prashanti on concession.

Now, she has completed 2 cycles of Herceptin. 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle in process. After the first cycle we got positive results. Through sonography, we were able to notice that her tumour had reduced from 10.1mm to 6.5mm after the 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle. We have great hope from Prashanti Cancer Care Mission.

I am thankful Prashanti Cancer Care Mission not only to give us hope and strength to fight the disease but also financially and emotionally.

**4. FREE SCREENINGS AND DIAGNOSTICS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER**

**378 WOMEN SCREENED THROUGH CLINICAL BREAST EXAMINATION CAMPS IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER.**

Sr.No	Venue	Dates	Nos of CBE
1	Khed	01-11-2018	16
2	Pashan Govt Hospital	10-11-2018	36
3	Navi Peth	16-11-2018	40
4	Kamgar Nagar, Vishrantwadi	18-11-2018	19
5	Sutarwadi, Pashan	21-11-2018	47
6	Karve Nagar, Rajaram Bridge	22-11-2018	57
7	Sainik Colony, Dighee	25-11-2018	49
8	Gavhane Vasti, Bhosari	26-11-2018	79
9	Nanded Phata, Sinhgad road	27-11-2018	35

Last month we sensitized over 400 women for Breast Cancer and 378 women were screened in Pune with Clinical Breast Examination



## **5. FREESHIPS FOR DIAGNOSTICS AND SURGERY**

- 1. 12 PATIENTS RECEIVED FREE BIOPSY PROCEDURE**
- 2. 17 PATIENTS UNDERWENT BREAST SURGERY WITH FULL FREESHIPS ALONG WITH FEW CHEMOTHERAPY AND RADIATION TREATMENTS**



**3. 33 MAJOR CONCESSIONS IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2018 AT ORCHIDS BREAST HEALTH**



**4. 90 PATIENTS RECEIVED FREE MAMMOGRAPHY FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2018 AT ORCHIDS**



**5. 201 PATIENTS RECEIVED FREE SONOGRAPHY AT ORCHIDS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2018**



**6. 38 PATIENTS RECEIVED FREE CHEMOTHERAPY AND 240 PATIENTS RECEIVED MAJOR CONCESSIONS IN OUR DAY CARE CENTRE AT ORCHIDS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2018**





**7. 38 PATIENTS RECEIVED FREE MEDICINES ALONG WITH FREE HOME DELIVERY FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2018 FROM OUR ONCO-PHARMACY AT ORCHIDS BREAST HEALTH**



**5. FEW CHOSEN TESTIMONIALS OF PATIENTS WHO WERE ADOPTED FOR FREESHIP FOR THIS MONTH**

**1. Name: ANURADHA MURGAD**



**Diagnosis:** Breast Cancer

I, Mrs Anuradha Murgad, Cancer Survivor. It is very easy to say be positive but being so after knowing you are diagnosed with Cancer. But things with

me were very positive after visiting Orchids Breast Health Clinic. They help patients to be strong emotionally and physically. Dr. Koppiker treated me so well that I am a very confident woman, a completely new person, he gave me a new life. The environment is really nice, it doesn't seem like a hospital. My special thanks to Laleh Ma'am who helped me through my treatment by giving free medicines due to this my financial strain was reduced which is why I could respond well to my treatment.

Once again I would like to thank Dr. Koppiker, Laleh Ma'am and their whole staff for taking good care of me and being with me like a family in my hard times.

## **2. Name: MRS. ASHA SAUDE**



### **Diagnosis: Breast Cancer**

I am Asha Saude a housewife belonging to a middle class family, I and my family have gone through many bad phases but being diagnosed with Breast Cancer was one of the dangerous and toughest phase of our lives. The initial phase seemed impossible and I had come to a conclusion that this is the end. I have a few day or months to live. The disease was at one end and to the other end was the treatment cost.

My support my family was always there by my side comforting me about everything but it was very difficult for me to accept all this. Finally one day we visited Orchids Breast Health Clinic the best day of our lives. Everything got sorted after my first visit itself; my treatment cost was taken care of. I and knew I was in safe hands. Things were streamlined. I thank Dr. Koppiker a lot for all his efforts, he really is a very nice kind hearted person. Its not just me he has given a new life there are many other patients like me to whom he has given a new ray of hope and life.

### 3. Name : KAMLABAI SHISODIYA



#### **Diagnosis: Ca Breast**

I am Mrs. Kamlabai Shisodiya, and was diagnosed with breast cancer. I was exhausted to visit Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai every week for check-ups then I found Orchids Breast Health Clinic. They have the best staff, I had the privilege to meet such highly qualified staff qualified yet so friendly caring and very corporate.

Dr. Koppiker despite of his busy schedule takes care of som many patients like me in a very humble and caring manner. I would take this opportunity to thank Dr. Koppiker and his staff for being so nice and caring along with providing me with the best medical care.

I would sincerely like to thank Dr. Koppiker and Ms.Laleh for this place. God bless and all the very best for the beautiful and generous work you'll are doing.

We would like to **THANK** our Donors & Supporters



Warm Regards,  
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CEO

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