





### PCCM MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Prashanti Cancer Care Mission's Newsletter



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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 our capacity building as 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.

#### The fourth session of the ISOS Hands-on Oncoplastic workshop titled, "Essential in Oncoplastic Techniques-IV" will be held on Nov 30th & December 1st, 2024.

After the success of our first three Hands-On Oncoplastic workshop sessions, we are thrilled to announce the upcoming fourth session titled "Essentials in Oncoplastic Techniques IV," scheduled for November 30th and December 1st, 2024.

Led by the esteemed Dr. Koppiker, this workshop will focus on an overview of Oncoplasty and Whole Breast Reconstruction, including Implant & Autologous techniques.

Participants can look forward to immersive hands-on simulations, specialized prosthesis sessions, lectures from international faculties and live video surgeries for real-time learning. With only 30 seats available per workshop, interested candidates can access further details and register via the provided Google Form link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdRke59-rtDVdJ-

k2bfpMyeO0FqGX6\_sSzfAU39GjJyfOyFMQ/viewform

Click to view our previous session highlights:





#### Prashanti Cancer Care Mission announces PINK RIBBON Support Group Webinar Series starting September 2024.

Prashanti Cancer Care Mission is delighted to announce its PINK RIBBON Support Group Webinar Series. The PINK RIBBON Support Group Webinar Series, is an initiative aimed at supporting the breast cancer community. This series will cover a variety of essential topics, including Survivor Strategies, Mental Health & Wellbeing, Diet & Nutrition, Yoga & Meditation, Breast Cancer Genetics, and Art Therapy.

The inaugural session is scheduled for 11th September 2024, and the webinars will continue every 2nd Wednesday of the month. Each session will run from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM IST on Zoom.

Ms. Laleh Busheri, CEO of Prashanti Cancer Care Mission, will lead the first session, focusing on "From Hope to Healing: Navigating Breast Cancer by Staying Informed always-through Prevention, Early Detection, Treatment & Survivorship"

Participation in the webinar series is free and open to all. The organization encourages patients, caregivers, and anyone interested to join and benefit from these informative discussions. Registrations link: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_G4KvOTR-Q3KzFJxvL3GIWQ



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#### Dr. Koppiker's article was featured in the 'Ask the Expert' section in Femina August 2024 issue.

The 'Ask the Expert' section of Femina August 2024 issue featured Dr. Koppiker's article on 'Gold standard of treatment for Breast Cancer Surgery: Oncoplastic & Reconstruction Techniques'.





#### **GOLD STANDARD OF TREATMENT FOR BREAST CANCER SURGERY: ONCOPLASTIC** & RECONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES



Dr. Chaltanyanand B. Kopplker

Breast Cancer, Breast Oncoplastic and Reconstruction Surgeon Medical Director, Orchids Breast Health in Association with Jehangir Hospital and Prashanti Cancer Care Mission, Pune India

for breast cancer at advanced most one night. stages, often leading to the choice of mastectomy, the complete removal of CAN SYMMETRICAL the breast. While this procedure can be BE ACHIEVED AFTER BREAST life-saving, it may also result in long- CONSERVATION SURGERY WHEN term complications, including emotional CANCER IS PRESENT IN ONLY ONE challenges, body asymmetry and a BREAST? reduced quality of life. The gold standard Oncoplastic Breast Surgery ensures the safety of the treatment but also results in better aesthetic outcomes.

#### WHAT IS ONCOPLASTIC BREAST breast cancer treatment. SURGERY?

Oncoplastic breast surgery combines WHAT breast tumor removal with plastic surgery BE techniques to restore the normal shape RECONSTRUCTION SURGERIES? of the breast using the patient's own. It is essential to follow post-operative cancer gone but also see their breast reconstructed with better cosmesis. enhances long-term survival, sexuality, and maintaining a balanced diet. body image, and overall well-being.

#### WHAT IS THE TYPICAL RECOVERY TIME ANY SIDE EFFECTS? AFTER BREAST CANCER SURGERY?

The recovery time after breast cancer surgery depends on the individual patient and the type of surgery performed. At our centre, patients typically go home changes, emotional challenges such as

n India, many individuals seek treatment 1 the same day or stay in the hospital for at

# BREASTS

treatment of breast cancer worldwide adequate removal of the tumours with is not mastectomy; it is applying clear margins while reshaping the breast breast conservation, oncoplasty, and tissue for maintaining near-normal breast reconstruction techniques. At Orchids shape. When only one breast is treated for Breast Care Centre, we prioritise the cancer, the other breast can be reduced in TESTIMONIAL BY ONE OF OUR overall well-being of our patients and have the same surgery to achieve symmetry. If, PATIENTS AT OUR CENTRE: successfully achieved an 80% breast in some cases where mastectomy is the Mrs. Rohini Kale (Name changed for conservation rate. By incorporating only option, it is always recommended to oncoplastic techniques, we're able to have a mastectomy with reconstruction. breast. This approach not only enhances shape can be rebuilt using oncoplastic surgery techniques, which are referred

### UNDERTAKEN

body tissue. When the patient wakes instructions to ensure smooth recovery. up post-surgery, they not only find the At Orchids Breast Care Centre, patients receive detailed guidelines that include avoiding heavy lifting, refraining from It has been proven that this approach vigorous exercises, taking medications

#### DO ONCOPLASTIC SURGERIES HAVE

Oncoplastic surgeries have fewer complications compared to mastectomy. Mastectomy results in significant sideeffects such as body asymmetry, postural



depression, decrease in self-esteem and overall reduced quality of life. Oncoplastic techniques minimize these issues and tend to enhance the patient's quality of life by providing more satisfying aesthetic outcomes

privacy)

When I relocated from Mumbai to Pune remove the cancerous tissue while In cases wherein the entire breast tissue in 2022 and was diagnosed with breast maintaining the natural shape of the is removed (mastectomy), breast size and cancer, not only was I in a state of major depression and anxiety, but was caught in a state of extreme uncertainty. I wondered to as breast reconstruction. With this, whether I should return to Mumbai, a city I both breasts can stay the same size after was so familiar with, having lived there for years. Ultimately, I decided to stay in Pune, and I am grateful for that decision every PRECAUTIONS MUST day. I have completed my chemotherapy, AFTER mastectomy, and breast reconstruction surgeries and am continuing my further treatment. The journey has been remarkably smooth, thanks to the exceptional care I received. Dr. Koppiker has been an incredible support from the beginning, demonstrating phenomenal knowledge and gentleness.

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### The BreastGlobal Journal is accepting Submissions for its future editions

Dr. Koppiker, along with his colleagues established the BreastGlobal platform to address knowledge gaps, offering a unified portal for experts, trainees, and industry to access global learning and training opportunities.

In collaboration with Wolters Kluwer publishers, BreastGlobal launched the 'BreastGlobal Journal' aimed at providing universal access to specialized breast training worldwide.

The journal features a distinguished editorial board and has already released two issues, with the third issue published in June 2024. BreastGlobal Journal is currently accepting submissions for future editions, and manuscripts can be submitted through the provided link.

Submit online: https://review.jow.medknow.com/bgj

Please contact the editorial team at <u>thebreastglobal@gmail.com</u>

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#### Ms. Laleh Busheri gave a breast cancer awareness talk at Jehangir Hospital, Pune.

On August 9, 2024, Ms. Laleh Busheri delivered a breast cancer awareness talk at Jehangir Hospital in Pune. During the presentation, Ms. Laleh emphasized the importance of early detection of breast cancer through signs and symptoms as well as regular screening. She also explained how to perform a self-breast exam and discussed the gold-standard treatment for breast cancer. In addition, Ms. Laleh addressed common myths about breast cancer. Her talk was well received by the audience.



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### PCCM-CTCR's first PhD student, Ms. Pooja Vaid, successfully defended her thesis, earning her a well-deserved doctorate degree.

Prashanti Cancer Care Mission's research arm, the Centre for Translational Cancer Research - CTCR's, first PhD student, Ms. Pooja Vaid, successfully defended her thesis on August 16th, 2024. The defence took place in front of an audience of fifty attendees, including the external examiner, Dr. Sudeep Gupta, Director of ACTREC. Ms. Vaid's outstanding research earned her a well-deserved doctorate degree.

Ms. Vaid's thesis focused on profiling Triple Negative Breast Cancer (TNBC) within the Indian subcontinent, with a particular emphasis on immune infiltrates and targetable markers. Her research provides vital insights into this challenging molecular subtype, marking a significant advancement in the field, especially within the Indian context.

As a registered PhD student at Ashoka University, Ms. Vaid's work was supported by the resources of the Prashanti Cancer Care Mission (PCCM) - Centre for Translational Cancer Research (CTCR) breast biobank, along with comprehensive clinical and follow-up data. Her thesis was supervised by Prof. L. S. Shashidhara from Ashoka University, with Dr. Madhura Kulkarni, PhD, serving as her cosupervisor from CTCR.



#### **BLOG BY OUR ONCO-PSYCHOLOGIST**

### How Communication Shapes Breast Cancer Treatment

Accurate diagnosis, optimal treatment, and improved health outcomes all depend on effective communication between patients and healthcare professionals. When patients clearly and concisely share their symptoms, concerns, and preferences, healthcare professionals can tailor treatment plans to meet individual needs and effectively manage expectations. We, at Orchids Breast Care, believe in discussing each patient's case thoroughly before deciding the treatment plan. This open communication helps resolve any doubts, builds trust and improves treatment compliance. Our Multidisciplinary team that comprises of specialists ensures that all aspects of the patient's health are considered, and the patient is fully informed about their treatment options

Effective communication with healthcare providers is crucial in managing breast cancer for several key reasons:

#### Sharing your concerns with an Onco-psychologist

- Assists in coping with the disease.
- Provides strategies to manage emotions, anxiety, and stress.
- Fosters a positive outlook.

#### O Consulting a Nutrition Expert

- Offers personalized dietary advice and counseling.
- Ensures maintenance of strength and energy levels.

#### Seeking Advice from a Genetic Counselor .

- Guides patients through the genetic aspects of the disease.
- Helps in understanding risks and preventive measures.

#### S Joining a Support Group

- Creates a sense of community.
- Allows patients to share experiences and learn from others.
- Feel less isolated in the journey.



#### **RESEARCH UPDATES**

We are glad to announce that Prashanti Cancer Care Mission now has its own property for the research centre, and the new address is as follows.

New Address: 21 Everjoy Bungalow Society, Next to NIBM Institute, before Clover Highlands, NIBM Road, Kondhwa, Pune, Maharashtra- 411 048.

We kindly request you to send all cheques, donations, letters, and posts to this updated address.



- Enhancing and Enriching the PCCM Database through collaborations with Elixir AI and Swasthya AI.
- Fresh frozen biopsy samples from 142 patients, along with 42 fresh frozen surgery samples, have been collected and stored at IISER.
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#### **RESEARCH UPDATES**

#### Ongoing projects and manuscripts:

- Advantages of Perforator Flaps in Breast Cancer Surgical Management A Single
  Institutional Audit.
- Surgical management of Central Quadrant Tumors A Single Institutional Audit.
- A single institutional audit of surgical management in Triple Negative Breast Cancers.
- A Cross-Sectional Study Assessing the Impact of a Structured Oncoplastic Training Program on Surgical Practice in India
- Assessing perception of genetic counselling and genetic testing in Breast Cancer Patients.
- Setting up of a complementary nutrition clinic for breast cancer patients at a single surgeon unit from India.
- Breast-Q BCT module translation and linguistic validation to Hindi and Marathi languages.
- Setting up of a complementary onco-psychology counselling for breast cancer patients at a single surgeon unit in India
- Assessing germline mutational profile and its clinicopathological associations in Triple Negative Breast Cancer .
- Triple-negative breast cancer tumor microenvironment profiled for immune infiltrates stratified for treatment response Indian cohort of breast cancer patients.
- Prognostic significance of Yes-associated protein-1 (YAP1) in molecular subtypes of an Indian cohort of breast cancer patients
- Synergistic effect of YAP and HER2 growth factor receptor signalling in mammary epithelial cell line.

#### **RESEARCH UPDATES: BIOBANK**

**Biobank** is a repository where biological samples that facilitate research studies are conserved and stored, we specifically have breast tissue biobank- Formalin-Fixed and Paraffin-Embedded (FFPE) and Fresh Frozen (FF).



#### Formalin-Fixed Paraffin-Embedded (FFPE)

FFPE is a way of preservation of tissue samples in a paraffin block. FFPE blocks can be stored up to 12 years at ambient temperature and used for research purposes. With patient consent, we collect both biopsy and surgery blocks for the biobank. Currently the biobank houses over 1500 FFPE blocks.

Total blocks collected in this month: 4 Biopsy blocks: 1 Surgery blocks: 3



#### Fresh Frozen (FF)

The fresh frozen breast tissue biobank was established to facilitate genomics and proteomics studies. The 'Fresh Frozen' Biobank collects consented fresh frozen breast tissue samples from Tru cut biopsy and VAB procedures. Over 100 patient samples collected till date.

**8** Fresh frozen Biopsy and **12** surgery samples collected this month.

### PCCM provided support to 24 patients through Freeships/Major Concession for diagnostics, surgery, chemotherapy, onco-pharmacy, clinical procedures, and consultations at Orchids Breast Health in



#### Onco-Psychology Counselling

August 2024.



Onco-Genetic Counselling

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Sonography



Biopsy





Chemotherapy



Onco-pharmacy

#### **TESTIMONIALS FROM OUR PATIENTS**

#### Ms. Meherunisa Patel

Myself Meherunisa Patel from Satara, I belong to very poor family. My husband is working as a labour. I'm suffering from an unaffordable breast cancer disease. My family and relatives are disturbed. One of my relative suggested me to go for Orchid breast health clinic, which gave me a ray of hope. But initially, I was hesitant to visit because of my financial condition.

At Orchid's, I met a wonderful doctor Dr. Koppiker, Sir, he gave me very positive approach, and because of him only I got the desire to live. Dr. Koppiker Sir cleared all doubts and has supported me well.

I discussed my financial problem with Dr. Koppiker Sir, and Orchid's hospital supported in my breast cancer treatment. I am free of breast cancer now and am doing my day today work easily. Not only do they give me free treatment but also they provide me free medicines. I previously lost my courage which is again built up by this hospital.

Each an every member of this hospital came as an angel in my life.

A huge shout-out and many heartfelt thanks to oncologists Dr. C V Koppiker, Dr.Chetan Deshmukh and Dr. Mansi and also the co operative staff members-

Aditya Kamthe, Smita Ma'am, Rasmi Ma'am, Ruth, Vandana Ma'am at the Orchid breast health for delivering timely and effective health care with kindness.



#### **TESTIMONIALS FROM OUR PATIENTS**

#### Ms. Sangeeta Shinde

I am really humble and blessed for the help from Dr. Koppikar, Dr. Chetan Deshmukh and all Orchid staff Jyoti Madam, Vandana Madam and all nursing staff Its really commendable in these days for the best treatment. Thank you!



#### Ms. Shailaja Vaidya

When I was first diagnosed with the disease, I was very distressed, me and my family were really scared. I had a lot of sleepless nights. Dr. Koppikar is like God to me. Right in the first meeting, he put us at ease, and all my fear was gone knowing I was in for the best treatment. All throughout the treatment, he ensured I was totally calm and comfortable. Also, follow-up consulting was very good.

#### Ms. Nirmala

Very good care is given at the center. It feels much better than a large hospital where things are very impersonal. All the medical and other staff were helpful, professional, and caring.

### 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 10000 young girls & women annually. As you know breast cancer treatment is a long and arduous process that not only has a physical and emotional impact on the patient but also adds the economic burden of the treatment.

We appeal you to help for 2 breast cancer patients in urgent need of financial support. Below is the list of the needy patients along with their family and support details and treatment estimation.

01.		<b>Muna Mohsen (50 years)</b> has Stage II breast cancer. She is a homemaker, and her husband works in a private firm with minimal salary to support the family and wife's treatment.	
	-	Treatment	Amount (In Rs.)
		Chemotherapy	2,25,000
		Diagnostics and OPD Charges	55,500
		Radiation	000
		Surgery	000
	Muna Mohsen (50 Yrs.)	Total	2,80,500
02.	Kunda Chopade (49 Yrs.)	<b>Kunda Chopade (49 years)</b> has stage II breast cancer. She is a homemaker, and her husband works in a hotel as a helper with a salary of Rs. 10,000.	
		Treatment	Amount (In Rs.)
		Chemotherapy	2,18,000
		Diagnostics and OPD Charges	45,758
		Radiation	000
		Surgery	000
		Total	2,63,758

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

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.

Click to donate: DONATE

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"

#### New Address: 21 Everjoy Bungalow Society, Next to NIBM Institute, before Clover Highlands, NIBM Road, Kondhwa, Pune, Maharashtra- 411 048.

\*\*\*We kindly request you to send all cheques, donations, letters, and posts to this updated address. Do not send them to the previous location at Kapil Vastu.

Please mail your Full Name, PAN Card copy, Mobile Number and Address proof to 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,

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