

Title of the practice: Service to the community is service to the nation

Objectives:

Serving the community with involvement of each and every individual, whether rich or poor, rural or urban, from newborn to elderly, in provision of basic health facilities was the foundation thought of this institution. We provide the community services in the form of:

1. Provide free and high-quality medical services for the poor population.
2. Working as an emergency team in disasters.
3. Raise health awareness among the community and teach them to deal with communicable and non-communicable
4. Register rare and severe cases and refer them to specialized centers.
5. Evaluate the living conditions and determine the obstacles and challenges to work on solving their problems.
6. Refer medical cases towards surgeries if required.

Sticking to this agenda, Dr. Vithalrao Vikhe Patil Foundation's Medical College & Hospital has always been engaged with community, in various ways to reach every being no matter how far out of the way they are.

Context:

Services provided are medical camps at various places carried out by medical expertise in the remote area of the district for welfare and wellbeing of people.

Free prosthetics instruments, spectacles are provided at remote places and general population is screened for morbid disease with selective surgical intervention planned further at our Institution.

During these medical camps, we provide the community with facilities like overall physical examination which includes eye and health checkup, assessment of function of vital organs like the heart, lungs, digestive systems, liver, kidneys and immune system. Free medical camps are extremely helpful for the poor population who earn a meager income and cannot afford expensive healthcare services offered by hospital or clinics.

Practice:

The Institution makes sure that the primary health care services are accessible to all the individuals in the community. This is done with the help of following services:

MULTIDIAGNOSTIC CAMP SERVICE

- Till date more than 1000 camps have been conducted by the Institute
- Health checkup and screening of patients is done by expert faculties of various departments like Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Paediatrics, ENT, Ophthalmology, Orthopedics, Dermatology, etc.
- Screened patients are counselled and provided necessary basic medications free of cost
- Patients requiring surgical intervention are advised admission and provided transport and in-patient services free of cost
- Especially in slum areas, regular camp service benefits are provided

BLOOD DONATION CAMPS

- In last few years, about 10,000 blood donation camps have been carried out on various occasions at various places
- This camp is arranged every Sunday in Shani-shingnapur, every Thursday and Friday in Shiridi and similarly in different areas of Ahmednagar district

MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT

- The Institution has a mobile medical unit comprising of Doctors, nurses, laboratory and pharmaceutical assistance. They visit to the remote and tribal areas on daily basis, covering around 250 villages of Ahmednagar district.
- Free health checkup and basic medications are offered free of cost.

Indigent & Weaker Section Patients (IPF) SCHEME

- Being a charitable hospital, the hospital provides free services to the indigent patients and services at concessional rates to weaker section patients.
- Services provided are in the form of bed, RMO services, nursing care, food, linen, water & electricity, routine diagnostic and house keeping services.
- Till date around 5000 patients are benefitted by this scheme.
- Details are available at <https://www.vimsmch.edu.in/pdf/IPF%20Scheme.pdf>

Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Jan Arogya Yojana (MJPJAY) SCHEME

- The Institute is empaneled under Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Jan Arogya Yojana and provides cashless quality medical care to beneficiaries under the scheme for catastrophic illnesses requiring hospitalization for surgeries and therapies under identified specialty services.
- In aspect of number of beneficiaries, About 2 lakhs patients have been benefited till date

RASHTRIYA VAYOSHRI YOJANA

- On occasion of 75th Amruta-mahotsava of independent INDIA, a mega camp series was arranged in October-2021 in Ahmednagar district under supervision of Dr.Sujay Vikhe Patil (CEO, DVVPF's Foundation).
- In this camp series, elderly people above 60 years of age were offered free health checkup by expert doctors of various departments.
- Eligible patients were given medications, spectacles, wheelchairs, walkers, neck belts, knee braces, silicone soles, artificial teeth, hearing aids, etc. free of cost.

NATIONAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

- In collaboration with District authorities of National Health Programs like National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme, SAATHI, National Programme for Control of Blindness, National AIDS Control Programme, National Vector Borne Diseases Control Programme, etc.; various activities under the programme are implemented.
- Integrated Counselling and Training Center (ICTC) has screened around 35,000 people till date and all HIV positive patients are supported by ART medications and are linked with Civil Hospital, Ahmednagar
- TB positive patients are provided AKT kit and are regularly checked upon under DOTS therapy and followed up
- People with more than 80% disabilities are being provided electrical bikes, wheel chairs under ADAPT mission

STUDENT VISITS TO FIELD

- Department of community medicine carries out student visits to various health facilities and NGOs like Snehalaya, Kushtdham, Old age home, Water treatment plant, district health offices, Primary Health Centres, Rural health centres, Schools, etc.

- Postgraduate and intern doctors are posted for visiting Urban Health and training Centre, Ahmednagar and Rural health training centre, Wambhori where facilities such as health checkup, COVID vaccination, Vaccines under National Immunization Program, basic medications are given free of cost
- Medical and nursing students accompanied by doctors regularly visit nearby villages within 30Kms
- This helps to increase the interaction of these future doctors and nursing staff with community, understand the local health problems and learn to deal with them
- People of villages are examined and basic symptomatic treatment given to them free of cost and advised accordingly

CONTRIBUTION DURING COVID

- In period of COVID pandemic, when Civil Hospital was converted into Covid care centre, all the pregnant ladies were referred to our hospital from civil hospital, Ahmednagar.
- Provision of ambulance services, Normal and Caesarean deliveries, care of mother and newborn, all medications required were given free of cost.
- Dedicated covid centre has been established to take care of COVID patients.
- All the employees of SUN PHARMA company were vaccinated for COVID free of cost
- Necessary medications for COVID treatment were made available to ensure consistent care of patients.
- All emergency surgeries were being done taking all precautions by health staff.

KUSHTDHAM CAMP AND VISITS TO OLD AGE HOME

- Every month skin experts visit Kushtdham in Ahmednagar for a follow-up checkup of the patients
- Multidiagnostic camp is carried out periodically
- Proper dressing and supply of medicines is ensured regularly
- Physiotherapy camps are also taken in Old age homes

AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

- Each National and International health related days are organized enthusiastically
- Arrangements of rallies, marathons, street plays are done to celebrate health days and weeks

HEALTH CAMPS FOR PANDHARPUR WARI

- On occasions of yearly Pandharpur Wari, our institution organizes health checkup camps
- These health camps are set up at Hospital Gate and at Karjat road and free health checkups and medications are provided to all Warkaris

PAEDIATRIC CAMPS

- Our institution has made a memoranda of understanding with various schools, NGOs, orphanages like Rutuja Foundation, Snehalaya, Caring Hands, some social service groups
- Regular visiting is done to these places regarding provision of health checkup and free medications
- Handicapped children are provided supportive ailments like walkers, wheelchairs, spectacles, hearing aids

EVIDENCE OF SUCCESS:

- Thousands of people are getting health benefits
- Each class of society is benefitted by services and schemes being provided in and by the hospital
- A great milestones of having a world record of biggest health camp under RASHTRIYA VAYOSHRI YOJANA has been achieved in October, 2021
- Around 39,000 patients were examined in this mega camp and this was India's biggest medical camp ever
- This achieved milestone has been recorded in [GUINNESE BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS](#)
- This campaign has got appraisal from honorable prime minister of India Mr. Narendra Modi and from all over country.
- DVVPF's MCH is at 1st place in Maharashtra state in MJPJAY scheme for providing free services under the scheme.

Problems encountered & resources required:

- Reducing the communication gap and spreading awareness in people regarding benefits of camp services and all schemes being provided
- Carrying out Health Camps require resources like man power, all necessary instruments, specialized vehicles, medications, etc. which need a big budget allocation and raising of funds
- Noncompliance of people in getting benefits of camps and improper use of facilities provided
- People without documentation found to have difficulties to be under scheme for getting free services.
- People with remote areas have difficulty while followup.
- After the screening being done, significant number of people did not attain to medical college due to lack of transportation and monetary constrains.
- Difficulty in carrying instruments to remote area.
- Proper training of using the instruments/prosthetics to the beneficiary remains limited and subjective to educational and social status of patients.

Photo gallery

