

AIIMS, Bhopal
Public Relation Cell

Press Note (15th April 2020)

1. Rebuttal to allegations of negligence by AIIMS, Bhopal in a section of the media

A section of media has alleged negligence by AIIMS, Bhopal in handling of corona positive cancer patients. AIIMS, Bhopal strongly condemns such misleading reports and would like to put on record the facts pertaining to three patients with cancer who were found positive on 14/4/2020:

As also informed in our press note dated 13/4/2020, Mr Imran, a follow up patient of buccal mucosa cancer at Oncology department, AIIMS, Bhopal was brought dead to the hospital on 11th April 2020. His report for COVID-19 on 6th April 2020 was negative. However a precautionary sample taken at the post-mortem was found positive. Immediate necessary action was initiated by informing the IDSP.

Contact tracing was done on an emergent basis, and the necessary screening of all patients and health care workers of the Oncology ward was carried out proactively by AIIMS, Bhopal as per standard recommended protocol. In the screening, only 3 out of 16 patients were found positive, and they were immediately shifted to COVID ward of the hospital. All patients who tested negative have been discharged and are quarantined at home. They have been asked to report back if any symptoms appear. None of 20 health care workers of the Oncology ward were found positive and also have been quarantined as per protocol.

The finding of three positive patients in the Oncology ward was possible only because of immediate active screening and strict adherence to the guidelines and protocols by AIIMS, Bhopal. No information has been hidden at any point, and timely information of positive cases is made unfailingly to the designated authorities by AIIMS, Bhopal.

AIIMS, Bhopal strongly objects to such misleading reports in the media. They not only place undue psychological stress on patients, their caregivers, and health care workers, but also create unnecessary panic and loss of faith in the system and protocols.

2. Status report of Covid 19 patients for 24 hours (08.00 AM to 08.00AM)

Total sixteen Covid 19 patients are presently admit in AIIMS Bhopal

There is one new admission in Covid 19 ward.

Thirteen Covid 19 positive patients are receiving treatment at Covid 19 wards, AIIMS Bhopal. They are clinically stable.

Three critically ill Covid19 positive patients are admitted in Covid 19 ICU on oxygen support.

All admitted patients are receiving treatment as per treatment protocol.

3.Visit of a Central Team to AIIMS, Bhopal :

A 'High level Multi - disciplinary Central Team' deputed by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India visited AIIMS, Bhopal on 15th April, 2020.

The team interacted with Dr.ManishaShrivastava, Medical Superintendent of AIIMS, Bhopal and with Dr Debashish, Professor & Head of Microbiology to assess the COVID 19 preparedness of the hospital as per the MoHFW directives. The team collected information on Lab testing, ICU, ventilator management facilities available for the COVID19 patients at AIIMS, Bhopal, and expressed satisfaction with the same.

The team included:

Dr. (Prof) Jugal Kishore HOD Community Medicine ,VMMC, New Delhi

Dr. Ramesh Aggarwal, Associate Professor (Medicine) LHMC, New Delhi

Dr. Preeti Madan Sr. Microbiologist, NCDC.

Dr. Devang Bharti, Assistant Professor Anesthesia, Dr. RMLH, New Delhi

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