

**AIIMS, Bhopal
Public Relation Cell**

Press Note (16thApril 2020)

1.Multicentric Study at AIIMS Bhopal on Mycobacterium w (Mw), an immunomodulator for preventing Covid19

The AIIMS, Bhopal is happy to announce that a multicentric study on “A clinical trial to evaluate the safety and efficacy of Mycobacterium w in critically ill patients suffering from COVID 19 infection” is being taken up under the leadership of Director, AIIMS, Bhopal, Dr. Sarman Singh. The other members of the research team from AIIMS, Bhopal are Prof. Rajnish Joshi, Prof. Debasis Biswas, Dr. Saurabh Saigal, Dr. Sagar Khadanga.

The closely related study will also Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of Mycobacterium w in preventing COVID-19 in subjects at risk of getting infected with COVID-19. Yet another objective of the study will be to carry out controlled clinical trial to compare the Efficacy and Safety of Mycobacterium w (Mw) in COVID 19 positive adult patients hospitalized but who are not critically ill.

The immunomodulator is being produced by M/s Cadila Pharmaceutical Ltd of Ahmadabad, Gujarat. The study is approved by FDA (USA) and ICMR, India. In the study recruitment of patients is being started shortly.

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

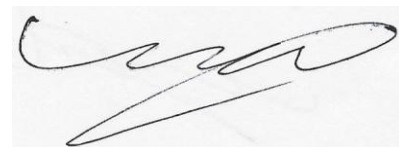
A total of seventeen Covid 19 patients are presently admitted in AIIMS, Bhopal. Of these 2 nurses, 1 security guard and 1 sanitation staff are employees of AIIMS, Bhopal.

There are two new admissions in Covid 19 ward. Twelve Covid 19 positive patients are admitted in the Covid 19 wards, and three critically ill Covid19 positive patients are admitted in Covid 19 ICU on oxygen support. Two patients are in the Covid suspect ward. They are clinically stable.

All admitted patients are receiving treatment as per treatment protocol.

One patient was discharged from the Covid19 ward on 15th April in the evening after successful treatment. The patient has requested not to disclose the identity and expressed gratitude to all cadres of staff for care and services at AIIMS, Bhopal.

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