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Respected Members,

We had an emergency meeting of EC Members of the Bar Association on 2nd May 2021 where more than 40 members attended. The objective was to discuss measures to be taken by the Bar Association for alleviating problems relating to Covid in respect of its members. Excellent suggestions were received and a number of members volunteered to provide information and services.

The information is being collected and shall be sent soon, it shall also be permanently affixed on the website of the Bar Association. The suggestions received have been minuted for your perusal and also the decision taken have been stated in the note given below.

May I request you to proffer your suggestions and also volunteer your help and assistance to the members of the Bar Association. Donation/contribution to the Bar Association to beef up the corpus for acquiring more concentrators shall also come in very handy.

With best regards and good wishes,

from the entire Management Committee

**Minutes of the Meeting of the ITAT Bar Association on collaboration to tackle
Covid held on 02.05.2021 at 7:00 PM on Zoom platform**

Issues relating to the illness identified and presented by Mr Ajay Wadhwa

1. Need panel of doctors who can be available on call, fix package with them for 10-15 days wherein they are assessable to the patient every day.
2. Procurement by Bar Association of medical instruments like oxygen concentrator, oxygen cylinder; oxy meter, thermometer; BP machine. Rules and regulation to be framed for the person taking the instruments for use including security deposit.
3. How to arrange for beds in case of emergency in hospitals
4. Identify Chemists for important medicines like Fabiflu, Medrol etc Also the possibility of keeping 3-4 sets of the generic medicines in stock which can be given to members in need and then replenished by them after procuring .
5. Identify different places in parts of Delhi, NCR where medical instruments and medicines can be stocked. Keep a runner to deliver to the member in case of need.
6. List of members who were positive and can donate Plasma.
7. Availability of Nurses for members in need.
8. Provision for RTPCR testing, blood tests, CT Scan etc.

DISCUSSION

Mr Ajay Vohra:-

1. Suggested that Dr Neeraj Jain, Pulmonologist or any other expert could be asked to address a webinar clearing many doubts regarding Covid.
2. Suggested to buy Oxygen concentrator of Korean make.
3. Expressed willingness to give full support

CA Sanjiv Rai Mehra, District Governor Rotary International 3011

1. Clarified that a good oxygen concentrator needs to be medical grade- ISO/EA certified and minimum 10 ltrs. Smaller ones are not that useful in case of Covid. Korean make oxygen concentrators are good.
 2. Informed that Oxygen Plants worth approx. 20 lakhs each giving output of 45 litres per minute are being procured by the Rotary and installed in nursing homes/ hospitals.
 3. Data base of Plasma donors is being maintained by Rotary. Contact team available who will help when approached.
 4. Getting Oxygen cylinders is not very useful as does not last long and getting refill timely can be an issue.
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5. Team sourcing medicine and the chemists where medicines are available is determined and known by Rotary. Will share the data with the ITAT.
 6. Anytime help will be given to any person and not just to a Rotarian.

Ms Shashi Kapila:

1. Will get contact number of Nurses Bureaus attached to Ganga Ram Hospital for Covid trained nurse who can administer oxygen etc.
2. Suggested checking different chemist to determine which medicines are available there and also keep stock in pool in ITAT.
3. Trustee of a hospital where Covaxin can be administered to ITAT members and their families. Will help in vaccination for members.
4. Suggested ambulance facility to take needy patients to hospitals.

Mr Sachit Jolly:

1. Knows a lab in Noida who can send a technician for home collection of samples in Delhi and NCR for RTPCR test and gives report in 24 hours .
2. Have identified and place orders with supplier for oxygen concentrators with purity 93 % +- 3% from USA which is reaching on 10th May 21. Will try to get some pieces for ITAT and also share details on how to order in bulk.
3. Informed that has moved petition with Supreme Court for waiver of GST of 12% on import of concentrators for domestic use.
4. Suggested that for vaccination, fix team who will coordinate and also try for direct procurement also.

Mr Rajeev Sabharwal:

1. Philips Concentrator from Germany– Ordered by SRCC group , reaching on 10th May 21. Will try to get some for the Bar also.
2. Will try to arrange vaccination in Jeevan Nursing Home, Pusa Road on priority for members.

Mr Avinash Gupta - Chairman NIRC:

1. Tied with IMg for testing-Technician will come within 4 hours for home collection and report also within 24-36 hours.
 2. Philips Oxygen Concentrator best.
 3. Medicine- Have contact with distributors who will give in case of need on priority.
 4. Remdesivir- State wise quota fixed by Centre. If hospital can give requisition form then can arrange injections from distributor directly. However distributor can give supply to only same state hospital. Will check Doctors availability from NGO - Every Infant Matters. Panel of 20 doctors have started it and would give tele consultation and they would be available for minimum 7 days. Special pricing also fixed for CAs and their families.
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5. In case of death- Tied with a social group which perform the last rites of a covid patient in Gurgaon & Delhi.
 6. Home food tie up for covid affected families.
 7. Vaccination in Fortis- CAs given slots on priority

Mr Ved Jain:

1. Plan for Oxygen- Suggestion for list of hospital where available to be circulated.
2. Suggestion for tie up with a Private Hospital for vaccination of age group 18 to 45.

Mr R.S. Ahuja:

Infrastructure and space available upto 4000 sq ft. of open area in Defence Colony Gurudwara for provision of medical facility or oxygen camp etc.

Mr Tarandeep Singh:

1. CBNAT Test instead of RTPCR is faster and result comes in 30 minutes.. Dr Suri's lab, Main Pusa Road- Dr Doda, Dr Dang lab(drive thro) conduct this test. No home sample but will have to go. Cost of test approx. Rs 3500/-. Will share details.
2. Will get details of oxygen concentrator from Haier.
3. Cremation seva done by Sardar Shanti Singh which is Free Seva.

Mr Anil Chopra:

1. ITAT Website should have this Covid Section.
2. Will try to get connected with Moolchand for vaccination + other facilities.
3. Suggestion that money can be contributed by member for this purpose.
4. Representation to be filed regarding GST @12% ready to be filed.

Mr Anil Bhalla:

Suggested formation of team for Counselling for Covid patients and their attendants. Mr Bhalla , RS Ahuja and Priti Wadhwa volunteered to be part of the team.

Mr G. S. Grewal : -

Will try to get 5-10 concentrators for the bar.

Blood test other than RTPCR also by Dr Dang Labs– Drive through facility available.

Mr V.P. Gupta:

Suggested to install oxygen plant at 2-3 places.

Mr A.K. Srivastava and Mr Arun Agarwal:

Suggestion to arrange meeting- with Dr Neeraj Jain.

DECISIONS TAKEN

1. Earmark Rs 5 lakh from the Bar funds for capital expenditure. Also request for donations from the members. The entire fund collected to be used for procuring oxygen concentrators and other capital equipment for use by the members of the Bar. The larger the amount more the number of concentrators we can buy.
2. Get concentrators ASAP.
3. For vaccination; chemists for medicines; nurses; tests etc, circulate information and contact numbers regularly and every day Vinod to inform what is available where.
4. Permanent spot for Covid on the website with latest information.
5. Counselling/information to patients and family by volunteers to start ASAP.
6. Bank of persons who have had covid and can donate plasma to be maintained.
7. Interaction with support groups like Rotary, ICAI, NIRC etc to be maintained.
8. List of members of Bar who are associated with hospitals and other emergency services to be circulated.

Kindly go through the above and give suggestions at itabar@gmail.com or ajaywadhwa@gmail.com or ranjan Chopra@gmail.com

Kind regards

Ranjan Chopra
General Secretary
