



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

**Abstract**

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Health & Family Welfare Department - Establishment of Population Based Cancer Registry - Constituted - Orders issued

**HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (FW) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.(Rt)No.504/2021/H&FWD** Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 19/02/2021

Read 1 GO(Rt) No 1865/2019/H&FWD dated 30.07.2019

**ORDER**

As per Government order read above, Government have accorded sanction for the implementation of Kerala Cancer Control Strategy and the constitution of Apex body and Executive Committee for cancer control strategy. Population Based Cancer Registry represents the gold standard for the provision of information on cancer incidence in a defined population and it serves to identify possible causes of cancer in the community and to assess the impact of cancer control activities . It systematically collects information on all reportable neoplasms occurring in a geographically defined population from multiple sources In Kerala, there are Population based cancer registries under two apex cancer centres (details given below). These registries function with the support of NCDIR-NCRP under ICMR.

- i) The Population Based Cancer Registry (PBCR) under Regional Cancer Centre(RCC) ,Thiruvananthapuram covers the districts of Thiruvananthapuram and Kollam and recently from 2018 onwards, the districts of Kottayam, Alappuzha and Pathanamthitta districts are included.
- ii) Malabar Population Based Cancer Registry(MPBCR) under Malabar Cancer Centre (MCC) includes the districts of Kannur, Kasargode and from 2018 onwards, the districts of Kozhikode, Malappuram, Wyanad, Palakkad and Thrissur are included

2. As per the Kerala Cancer Registry Project, another Population Based Cancer Registry for mid part of the Kerala under Cochin Cancer and Research Centre(CCRC) is proposed. As CCRC is in the developmental stage, it proposes to establish the PBCR under the guidance of other two PBCRs and it shall cover the districts of Ernakulam and Idukki.

3. Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to accord sanction and rename the following Population Based Cancer Registries in the state as

follows

Proposed name of PBCR	Apex Cancer Centre	Districts covered
South Kerala Population Based Cancer Registry	Regional Cancer Centre Thiruvananthapuram	Thiruvananthapuram and Kollam, Kottayam, Alappuzha and Pathanamthitta
Mid Kerala Population Based Cancer Registry	Cochin Cancer and Research Centre, Kochi	Ernakulam, Idukki, ( later Palakkad and Thrissur)
North Kerala Population Based Cancer	Malabar Cancer Centre, Thalassery	Kannur, Kasargode, Kozhikode, Malappuram, Wyanad, Palakkad and Thrissur (MCC shall transfer the Palakkad and Thrissur districts once CCRC informs the readiness to expand)

\* Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram & Malabar Cancer Centre, Thalassery are herewith instructed to provide technical support to the CCRC till it is fully established.

4. Once the PBCR in CCRC becomes fully functional, it shall take over the districts of Palakkad and Thrissur from Malabar Cancer Centre through a mutual agreement.

5. Government herewith instructs Directorate of Health Services, Directorate of Medical Education, ESI Hospital network, AYUSH directorate/department to instruct all the institutions under them to provide the data on cancer patients in the prescribed format to respective PBCRs. All private hospitals shall provide data for the population based cancer registries of the region.

6. Strict confidentiality will be maintained on the identity of the cancer patients notified to the Kerala Cancer Registry Project and only non-identifiable summary frequency data and statistical results will be released or published for administrative/ academic/ research purposes.

7. The registry staff of the three apex centres are authorized to collect data for Kerala Cancer Registry from all possible sources and are permitted to take necessary steps for completion of data. The three centres should then transmit the processed data to the other two apex centres based on the place of residence of the patient periodically.

8. The line-list data on the deceased's person with cancer or tumour as cause(s) of death from the Civil registration System /Vital statistics department will also serve as



a potential source of data for the Kerala Cancer Registry Project and hence vital statistics department shall provide data on the same.

9. Director of Health Services , Director of Medical Education and AYUSH Department will ensure dissemination of this Government order to all stake-holders for its implementation by Government and non-government entities.

(By order of the Governor)  
**RAJAN NAMDEV KHOBRADE**  
**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY**

To:

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The Director of Medical Education, Thiruvananthapuram

The Director of Health Services, Thiruvananthapuram

The Director, Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram

The Director, Cochin Cancer Research Centre, Ernakulam

The Director, Malabar Cancer Centre, Thalassery, Kannur

The Director of Homoeopathy, Thiruvananthapuram

The Director of Ayush, Thiruvananthapuram

The Principal Accountant General ((A&E ,Audit), Kerala,  
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