GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

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

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