



## GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Health & Family Welfare Department - Mandatory Registration and intimation of Cancer - Orders issued

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

**G.O.(Rt)No.505/2021/H&FWD** Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 19/02/2021

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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. The Government after a detailed evaluation of the project report on Kerala Cancer Registry project prepared by the three apex cancer centres of the state namely Regional Cancer Centre, Thiruvananthapuram, Malabar Cancer Centre, Thalassery and Cochin Cancer and Research Centre, Kochi and the oncology departments of Government medical colleges, it has come to the conclusion that establishing a state wide cancer registry is important for accurate estimation of cancer incidence and cancer mortality in the state and assessment and reduction of its socio-economic impact in the community. Cancer might cause catastrophic financial toxicity to the society and family, with potential for infliction of poverty in the community. Cancer is a disease of considerable and sufficient importance to the public health.

2. For implementing the **Kerala Cancer Registry Project, Cancer Registration needs to be made mandatory** and it may be declared as **notified disease**. The advantages of mandatory registration and declaring cancer as a notified disease are

- Monitoring of changes in the incidence,prevalence, mortality and morbidity of cancer.
- Identification of risk factors and causes, with better utilization of resources.
- Monitoring and evaluation of the effectiveness of health programs such as cancer screening and cancer treatment.
- For the effect prevention and control of cancer and better utilization of resources.

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- Implementation of various welfare schemes for cancer patients and to assist the Government in reaching out to the deserved and needy patients in the society.

3. All newly diagnosed cancer patients registering in the following hospitals/ clinics/ laboratories/others [i to vii] have to be compulsorily reported to the Government within one month from the time of diagnosis through the Kerala Cancer Registry Project by the following agencies

- i] All the hospitals under the jurisdiction of the Directorate of Health services, Directorate of Medical Education, Directorate of Employees State Insurance.
- ii] All medical colleges(Government/ Private/ Cooperative sectors) hospitals , all hospitals/clinics including Employee State Insurance (ESI), industries, railways, civil, military and other under state and central government
- iii]All private/ Cooperative (General/Specialty) hospitals/ clinics/nursing homes, day care cancer services, consultants, general medical practitioners including that of AYUSH.
- iv] All pathology/ Hematology laboratories, imaging centres (Government /Private /Cooperative sectors)
- v] All other cancer support services like palliative care centres, hospices etc.
- vi]Cancer Screening Programs, Health Insurance/assurance schemes(Government and private)
- vii] Vital statistics department 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 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.

4. It will be the responsibility of every doctor/pathologist/medical establishment to promptly notify the cancer cases to the government within a reasonable time but not exceeding one month from the time of diagnosis.

5. The entities from i to vii shall provide required data and information when the registry staff of the Population Based Cancer Registry of the region approaches.

6. If any entity is found non-adherent to this order, appropriate punitive action against them shall be taken as done for notified disease.(**Travancore Cochin Public Health Act 1955, 137/chapter XVII**)

7. After detailed and careful evaluation and consideration, Government have decided to make cancer registration mandatory and all cases should be reported to Government. Director of Health Services and Director of Medical Education 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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**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY**

To:

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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  
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