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Date: 18th August, 025

Subject: Online Lecture Series on Standard Treatment Guidelines

33rd STG Session: 23 Aug 2025

Dear Ma'am / Sir,

Cancer continues to pose a major public health challenge in India, with an estimated 14.6 lakh new cases and over 8 lakh deaths reported in 2022 (ICMR-NCDIR). It is estimated that cancer cases in India would increase to 20.8 Lakhs in 2040 (Global Cancer Observatory). Approximately one in nine individuals in India will develop cancer during their lifetime.

The World Health Organization (WHO) emphasizes a comprehensive approach to cancer control, which includes: prevention, early detection, diagnosis and treatment, and palliative care. Under NHM's Comprehensive Primary Health Care initiative and the NP-NCD framework, preventive and health promotive approaches have been included which focus on reducing cancer risk through lifestyle changes, early detection and vaccination. Wellness activities and targeted communication at the community level are used to promote healthy lifestyles and cancer prevention. Early detection and screening at the primary care level play a foundational role in ensuring timely referral to district hospitals for diagnosis and treatment. The National Health Mission (NHM), through the NPNCD programme, is strengthening District Hospitals to effectively manage these cancers. District cancer care centres enhancing the capacity building of the staff through training in cancer prevention, diagnosis and palliative care. Ensuring the availability and application of Standard Treatment Guidelines (STGs) at this level is essential for delivering consistent cancer care across the health system.

As part of the ongoing STG webinar series, the 33rd session is focusing on management of common cancers. The webinar will include a talk on **"Prevention & Early detection of cancers at Primary Setup"** by Dr Pallavi Shukla, Associate Prof. Preventive Oncology, IRCH, **"Managing common malignancy in District Hospital"** by Dr Kaushal Kalra, MD, Head of Medical Oncology, Vardhaman Mahavir Medical College & Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi and **"Challenges in implementation of National Cancer Control Program"** by Dr Vandana Bagga, Former Director, Directorate of Family Welfare & DGHS respectively.

The registration for the webinar would commence at 15:00 hours on the same day.

You are requested to disseminate the information to all public healthcare facilities and available clinicians and nursing professionals may be encouraged to join the webinar.

Agenda of the session is placed at Annexure 'A'.

Webex link and QR code to register for the next online lecture is given below –

<https://nhsrc-india.webex.com/weblink/register/r3e66aa0d5900ab6f1130784c2acab817>

Date: 23.08.2025

Time: 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM



Warm regards

Yours Sincerely

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To,

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