

Report on NZ material

The donated material from NZ has been a huge relief for the ostomates in India.

The last consignment has not yet been put up for distribution due to covid related lockdowns. It is currently being verified and we are looking at putting into our system so that reports will be readily available. Earlier consignments were all tracked manually in registers making it difficult for report writing.

We are briefly giving an update on the distribution done so far.

India camps

Aug 2018 Vashi	A free stoma camp was held at Assam Bhavan, Vashi in collaboration with Deepshika Cancer care Foundation. 45 ostomates were given free material.
Sept 2018 Gawahati	A free stoma camp was conducted for patients of north east. Free material was distributed to 35 of the attendees. In addition, the nurses from Cachar Cancer Hospital (300 km away) deputed for the camp were given free items for 20 of their patients. In addition items for 25-30 ostomates was donated to BBCI, the host hospital, for their patients. A stoma clinic was opened at BBCI, a first in entire north east 7 states.
Dec 2018 Cachar	A free stoma camp was conducted at Cachar Cancer Hospital, Silchar an extreme outpost inhabited mostly by very poor people not much in contact with anyone else. 15 ostomates came for the camp. Many more did not turn up as they were daily wagers, free material was kept with the hospital to pass on to them.
Dec 2018 Pune	A free stoma camp was conducted at Pune and 38 ostomates attended. Free material was distributed to them.
Feb 2019 Goa	A free stoma camp was conducted at Healthway Hospital, Goa. 34 ostomates attended and free material was distributed. Additionally, Goa's first stoma clinic became operational two days a week.
May 2019 Surat	A free stoma camp was conducted at Surat, Gujarat. 47 Ostomates attended and free material was distributed.
Aug 2019 Varanasi	A free stoma camp was conducted at Homi Bhabha cancer Hospital, Varanasi. This was our second camp with no known ostomates. The camp was conducted on an SOS from the stoma clinic of the hospital as nearly 50 patients were locally identified with almost 90% colon cases. Free material was distributed to the 37 attendees and more was kept with the Hospital for new cases.
Sept 2019 Srinagar	A free stoma camp was postponed due to non condusive climate.
Dec 2019 Kharghar	A free stoma camp was conducted at ACTREC (TMH unit), Kharghar. 60 ostomates attended and free material was distributed.
Jan 2020 Kolhapur	Kolhapur is fast emerging as the cancer capital of Maharashtra in west india. We conducted a free stoma camp at Kolhapur Cancer Care Institute, where 37 ostomates attended. Free material was distributed to the attendees and some more was kept at the hospital for those who could not attend.
Feb 2020 Barshi	A free stoma camp was conducted at Nargis Dutt memorial cancer hospital, Barshi, a village outpost for the extremely poor patients. 8 ostomates attended and free material was given to them and some more was kept at the hospital for those who could not attend.

Apr 2020 Srinagar	For the second time we had to postpone this camp, this time due to Covid.
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Other supplies :

- 1305 local supplies made
 - Colostomates : 472
 - Urostomates : 341
 - Ileostomates: 492
- Supplied free material to ECHS, Jalandar for ostomates in Armed forces
- Supplied free material to Ostomy Society, N. Delhi
- Supplied free material to Hospitals/charitable institutes
 - Jupiter Hospital, Pune
 - Garud Cancer Hospital, Ahmednagar
 - Deepshika cancer care foundation, Gawahati
 - B Borooah Cancer Institute (BBCI), Gawahati
 - Cachar Cancer Hospital, Silchar
 - Healthway Hospital, Goa
 - Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital, Varanasi
 - Kolhapur Cancer Care Institute, Kolhapur
 - Nargis Dutt Memorial Cancer Hospital, Barshi
 - Sai Jan Kalyan Samiti, Bhopal

Overseas supply

Free material has been sent to,

- Nepal (by air freight)
- Uzbekistan (by air freight)
- Pakistan (thro' local embassy)
- Kenya (in person pick up)

Going forward

With all above activity we are just scratching the surface, there is so much more to do. A brief way forward is given below to give an idea.

- Getting into ECHS circle west India to serve ostomates in services in all zones.
- Completing formalities to join NCG (National Cancer Grid) and take awareness and serving opportunities to next level across India
- Set up offices/stock points across all geographies of disease starting from west india, Central, north, east & south. This would be long term (18-30 months)
- Visit SoS areas post covid (eg. Twice postponed Srinagar camp)

Feedback

- Pre-cut convex close-end bags have not many takers here.
- Also, if you can look at more Urostomy items (including convex) in future shipments will be a great help.