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**SUVARNA AROGYA SURAKSHA TRUST**

(Department of Health & Family Welfare)

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**Minutes of 20th Empanelment and Disciplinary Committee Meeting of**  
**Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust held on 24th May 2012, at 11.00 am, in the**  
**Conference hall of Suvarana Arogya Suraksha Trust at No. #11, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor,**  
**Niton Building, Palace Road, Bangalore.**

**Members Present:**

- 1) Dr. Sudarshan H. Secretary, Karuna Trust, Bangalore- Chairman.
- 2) Dr. Hanumanthappa.C.S Chairman, Health Foundation Bangalore- Member
- 3) Dr. M.G Prasad, Rtd. Director, Directorate of Health and Family Welfare Services, Bangalore- Member
- 4) Dr. N. Devadasan, Director IPH Bangalore- Member
- 5) Dr.B.Devanand, - Director VIMS, Bellary - Member
- 6) Dr. Prakash.S., Director, Medical Management and Operations, & Member Secretary EDC, SAST, Bangalore
- 7) Dr.Damodar.K.P, Medical Auditor, FHPL, Bangalore - Member

**Others Present:**

- 1) Sri.D.N.Nayak, E.D, SAST, Bangalore
- 2) Dr. Anitha, Dy. Director, SAST, Bangalore.
- 3) Dr. Vishwaradhya, Consultant, SAST, Bangalore.
- 4) Mr. S.R Naik, Advisor (FHPL) Bangalore.

Dr. Prakash.S., Director, Medical Management and Operations and Member Secretary, EDC welcomed all the members and other invitees present for the meeting and briefed about the subjects in the Agenda.

Thereafter, subjects as per the agenda were taken up for discussion.

**1. Confirmation of the minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> EDC meeting held on 03.04.2012:**

The minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> EDC meeting held on 03.04.2012 was confirmed.

**2. Review of the action taken on the proceedings of the meeting held on 03.04.2012:**

Action taken on the proceedings of the last meeting held on 03.04.2012 was reviewed.

### 3. Empanelment of Hospitals:

#### a) Visited Cases:

SL No	Name of the Hospital	City	District	Address	Inspected by	Remarks
1	KC General Hospital	Bangalore	Bangalore	KC General Hospital, #89, 5 <sup>th</sup> Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore -- 560003	Dr. Anitha / Dr.Ramesh / Dr.Prakash.S	Inspected on 17.04.2012 Approved for Urology Speciality
2	Adichunchanagiri Institute of Medical Science, Bellur	Mandya	Mandya	Adichunchanagiri Institute of Medical Science, Balagandharana tha Nagara, Nagamangala (T), Mandya (D) -- 571440	Dr. M.G.Prasad / Dr.Prakash.S	Visited on 31.03.2012 (letter addressed to the hospital on 11.04.2012)
3	P.V.S. Hospital	Chitradurga	Chitradurga	P.V.S. Hospital, J.C.R. Extension, 6th cross, Chitradurga-577 501	Dr. M .G Prasad / Dr.Prakash.S	Visited -- Report not received
4	Shanthi Hospital	Bagalkot	Bagalkot	Shanthi Hospital, #166 A/1A, Extension Area, Near Old IB, Bagalkot - 587101	Dr.Devanand / Dr.Pujar/ Dr.Prakash	Visited on 26.04.2012 recommending Neonatal Surgery

#### Shanthi Hospital, Bagalkot Inspected on 26<sup>th</sup> April'12.

Request for Empanelment Neo Natal Surgery, Pediatric Surgery, Neruo Surgery and Urology

1) The Hospital is a 90 bedded hospital. The infrastructure is good. MRI, CT Scan, PET Scan, Blood Bank and Ambulance are outsourced. The Hospital is headed by Dr.Ramesh Hatti, (MCH), Pediatric Surgeon and Mr.Shrinivas Hittalmane MD, Anesthetist. Hospital has got other manpower and can be empanelled for Neo Natal Surgery.

2) Regarding Neuro Surgery, Dr. K.V. Prasanna TNB, Neuro Surgery is reporting only from 1<sup>st</sup> April'12 and so far no performance in the hospital in this category. Hence Neruo Surgery empanelment may be postponed till the performance is reviewed again.

3) Regarding Urology, Dr. S.B.Patil (MCH) is full time Assistant Professor working at Sri.Nijalingappa Medical College, Bagalkot and there is no performance for this category in this Hospital. Hence empanelment can be denied.

a) Hospitals visited for sanction of Additional Speciality:

SL No	Name of the Hospital	City	District	Address	Inspected by	Specialities
1	Kerudi Hospital and Research Centre	Bagalkot	Bagalkot	Kerudi Hospital and Research Centre # Extension Area, Bagalkot - 587101	Dr.Prakash.S	1) Paediatric Surgery 2) Surgical Oncology 3) Surgical Gastro Oncology
2	S. Nijalingappa Medical College and HSK Hospital and Research Centre	Bagalkot	Bagalkot	S. Nijalingappa Medical College and HSK Hospital and Research Centre, Navanagar, Bagalkot -587 102	Dr.Prakash.S	1) Urology 2) Cancer 3) Neuro Surgery

**KERUDI HOSPITAL**

Kerudi hospital has been empanelled vide Letter HFW/SAST/20/10-11 Dt.7.5.10 for Neurology and Urology.

The Hospital has requested for additional specialties like Pediatric Surgery, Surgical Oncology, Surgical Gastro Enterology.

**Surgical Oncology :**

Dr.Sharath Desai has been shown as Surgical Oncologist with MCH Onco Surgery from Ahmedabad. He is full time employee at Nijalingappa Medical College, Bagalkot. The Karnataka Medical Council (KMC) registration No.29726 shows that it is registered only for MBBS. The Hospital was requested to submit the KMC certificate along with the Entries.

Infrastructure is satisfactory.

**Pediatric Surgery:**

Dr. Vijay Mahentesh is a visiting Pediatrician since April 2012. He is substantively working at Nijalingappa Medical College, Bagalkot. No performance at the hospital and there is no KMC registration.

**NIJALINGAPPA MEDICAL COLLEGE, BAGALKOT**

This institution has been empanelled for Burns, Neo Natal and Poly Trauma vide HFW/SAST/20/10-11 Dt.17-5-2010. Now they have requested for Urology, Cancer and Neuro Surgery. The infrastructure along with CT and MRI is available.

**Neuro Surgery, DT, MRI, C-ARM:**

Dr. Jagadish V. Morab is MCH in Neuro Surgery and has been appointed in the Institution. The following Anesthetists are working:

Dr. Koppal Ramesh

Dr. Udaya Ambi

Dr. Vinod H

**UROLOGY:**

Regarding Urology Dr. B.S. Patil MCH Urology has been appointed in the Urology Department. Dr. Kerudi has been working as Assistant Professor. But he does not have MCH certificate and KMC registration. The Department is well equipped with OT and 3 Dialysis machines.

**CANCER:**

Dr. Sharad S Desai, MCH Onco Surgery has just joined the institution. There are no records regarding the same. There is no Medical Oncologist appointed and no Radio Therapist or the

Radio Therapy equipment is available.

In view of the above, Neuro Surgery and Urology specialties can be empanelled under Vajpayee Arogya Shree

1. It was decided to accord approval for empanelment of additional speciality to S. Nijalingappa Medical College and HSK Hospital and Research Centre Bangalore for Neuro Surgery and Urology.
2. Shanthi Hospital for Neo Natal Surgery.

a) In respect of the following hospitals, report is yet to be received from the EDC members.

Sl. No	Name of the Hospital	District	Address	To be inspected by	Remarks
1	RNS A.J Hospital	Uttar Kannada	RNS A.J Hospital, NH-17, Murudeshwar, Bhatkal, Uttara Kannada District	Dr. M. G. Perasad / Dr.Prakash.S	-----
2	NU Hospitals	Bangalore	NU Hospitals, C.A.6, 15th Main, 11th cross, Padmanabha Nagar, Bangalore - 560070	Dr.Sudharshan / Dr.S.Prakash	To visit on 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> of June'12
3	St.Ignatius Hospital	Honnavar	St.Ignatius Hospital, Prabhat Nagar, Honnavar - 581334, Uttara Kannada, Karnataka	Dr.Devadasan / Dr.Prakash.S	-----
4	Lifeline 24*7 ICU and Hospital	Hubli	Lifeline 24*7 ICU and Hospital, Shivasheel Complex opp, New Bus Stand, Gokul Road, Hubli - 580023	Dr.M.G.Prasad / Dr.V.D.Dange	-----

The Chairman requested members of the Committee to pay visit to the hospitals early and get the reports at the earliest.

b) The following hospitals were requested to send information. Information is yet to be received. After receipt of information, hospitals will be visited.

1) Fresh applications received:

Sl. No	Name of the Hospital	District	Address	Specialites
1	Bhuvaneshwari Hospital, Hubli	Dharwad	Bhuvaneshwari Hospital, Behind Bhavani Archade, opp Basava vana, near old bus stand, Hubli.	1) Paediatric Surgery 2) Neuro Surgery 3) Urology
2	Sirsi Critical Care Unit & Trauma Centre	Uttara Kannada	Sirsi Critical Care Unit & Trauma Centre, Veera Savankar Road, Sirsi, Uttara Kannada(D) - 581401	1) Cardiology 2) Paediatric 3) Urology

The Chairman requested to co-ordinate with the above hospitals and collect the reports at the earliest.

2) Fresh applications received for Additional Speciality:

Sl. No	Name of the Hospital	District	Address	For Additional Specialities
1	B.H.S Lakeview Hospital	Belgaum	B.H.S Lakeview Hospital, #11888, Opp. Fort Lake, Gandhi Nagar, Belgaum-590 016.	1) Surgical Oncology 2) Neuro Surgery 3) Medical Oncology (information not received)
2	Sri Sai Ram Hospital	Bangalore	Sri Sai Ram Hospital, #6, J.C.Industrial area, Kanakpura Main Road, Yelechanahalli, Bangalore 560052.	1) Urology 2) Polytrauma 3) Onco Surgery (Additional information received on 21.05.2012)
3	Sri Laxmi Surgical Trauma Ortho & Multispeciality Center	Ranebennur	Sri Laxmi Surgical Trauma Ortho & Multispeciality Center, 3rd Cross, Vinayaka Nagar, Ranebennur 581115, Haveri	1) Neuro Surgery 2) Urology (information not received)

The Trust notified in the news papers calling for applications from hospitals for empanelment under VAS Scheme dated 09.04.2012. In response to the same 34 hospitals have applied for empanelment. Of which, desk appraisal in respect of all the applications has been completed by ISA doctor. Out of them, ISA doctor has recommended for approval in one case only. It has been included in the list of hospitals to be visited by the members of the Committee.

In respect of 31 hospitals additional information is called for. Two hospitals being dealing with OBG and Ophthalmology are not eligible for empanelment.

The Chairman requested the members of the Committee to visit the above said hospitals and submit inspection reports regarding granting empanelment for additional specialities.

#### **4. Allotment of Hospitals for Inspection to EDC Members**

The following hospital is required to be inspected by the members of the Committee.

SLNo.	Name of the Hospital	City	District	Address
1.	Vidyaranya Hospital Pvt. Ltd	Mysore	Mysore	Vidyaranya Hospital Private Ltd, No.2876, 4th cross Narayanashastry Road, Chamundipuram, Mysore - 570004

The Director, MM and Operations, SAST, Bangalore will allot to the members for inspection shortly.

It was decided to collect information regarding the progress achieved in each specialty by the hospital for which the hospital has applied for empanelment before referring for inspection.

#### **5. Renewal of Network Hospitals**

The hospitals are empanelled as Network Hospitals under VAS Scheme for a period of one year. After completion of one year, the hospitals are required to submit their applications for renewal for further period of a year along with a DD for Rs.5000/- towards renewal fees & information in the prescribed format regarding their performance during the previous year.

Reminder to be sent to the hospitals stating that, in case they do not take action to renew their empanelment within the specified period they will be deleted from list of NWHs. It was decided that the ED SAST can renew the applications received without waiting for the approval of the Committee and place the same before the Committee for information. (Action M.S. EDC)

#### **6) Spot Verification reports received from ISA**

##### **6a) Final spot verification report in respect of Sagar Hospital, Banashakari:**

It was earlier decided by EDC that a 3 Man Committee should verify all the claims proposals settled in respect of Sagar Hospital. Accordingly, the Committee verified 976 files, of which 237 files were considered to be doubtful. Spot Verification reports in respect of 234 cases were completed and reports submitted to EDC. In respect of the remaining three cases, reports have been now received. In all these 3 cases conduct of surgery has been confirmed. Hence, no further action is needed in the matter.

It was decided by the EDC that no not to take further action is needed in this regard.

**6b) Second round Spot verification report received in respect of claims of the network hospitals settled during the period from July to November 2011**

As per the decision of EDC meeting held on 07.12.2012, the ISA verified 5600 claim files of all the NWHs for the period mentioned above and treated 466 cases as doubtful. Of the 466 cases one fraud is detected.

It was explained that the claim by the hospital with regard to the said case has not been honoured. Therefore the Committee decided that there is no need to proceed further in the case with a condition that the hospital should be warned not to give room for occurrence of such irregularities in future.

**6c) Third round spot verification report received from ISA:**

During the course of scrutiny of claims proposals of NWHs, the ISA and SAST referred 103 cases for spot verification to the field staff. Out of these 103 cases fraud in 2 cases have been detected. Details

1) At the instance of Accounts Department, SAST Spot verification was done by ISA in respect of **Erappa Ramappa Vadrade of Hosur village, Hukkeri(T), Belgaum(D)**. It was found that, Suguna Hospital, Bangalore treated the patient. MVR was done and hospital claimed Rs.120000/-. Claim has also been settled. Subsequently, on verification, it was found that, the photo of the patient in the BPL card does not match with the clinical photo.

The EDC Committee suggests that as the claims have not been settled for the above said patient, and advised to disallow the claim and to communicate a warning to the hospital to be careful in the future.

2) On spot verification it was found that, Apparaya Mallappa Vadrade of Hosur village, Hukkeri(T), Belgaum(D) did not have BPL card. At the time of Health Check up Camp he as per the advice of marketing officials of Suguna Hospital took the BPL card of Erappa Ramappa Vadrade and got operated. The copy of the spot verification report received from ISA. The EDC came to a conclusion that this issue should be taken up with the hospital to take appropriate stringent action against the concerned hospital.

**7. Any other subject with the permission of the Chair:**

- a) **Letter received from the Fortis Hospital, Cunningham Road, Bangalore regarding withdrawal of Empanelment under Vajpayee Arogyashree Scheme:-**

Fortis Hospital, Cunningham Road, Bangalore in their application dated 27.04.2012 addressed to the Trust has decided to withdraw from the empanelment as NWH under VAS Scheme as the hospital is undergoing major renovation to upgrade its facilities.

The Committee agreed for the same.



**b) Bio Data received in respect of Dr.Sree Harsha.C.K for empanelment as spine surgeon in Apollo BGS Hospital, Mysore.**

The Committee noted that Dr.Sree Harsha.C.K (ORTH), DNB (ORTH), FNB (SPINE SURGERY) consultant Spine and Orthopedic Surgeon, Apollo BGS Hospital, Mysore has sent mail dated 23.04.2012 requesting the Trust to empanel him as spine surgeon for SAST Scheme. He has sent details about his qualification, experience, copy of the certificates etc. directly to Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust. Hence the EDC suggested that the doctor should approach the hospital and that the Committee will take appropriate action when the proposal is received from the Hospital.

**c) Letter received from Cauvery Hospital, Mysore regarding Sanction of additional Specialities:**

The hospital has been empanelled for 1) Neurosurgery, 2) Neonatal, 3) Renal, 4) Polytrauma, 5) Oncology (Surgical & Chemotherapy) in the meeting held on 25.01.2010. Now, the hospital has sent application for empanelment for additional Specialities viz, Cardiology, Cardiac Surgery & Plastic Surgery.

**The EDC advised the Member Secretary to allot the inspection of the hospital to a member of EDC and to place the subject in the next meeting for decision.**

**d) Letter received from Vikram Hospital, Mandya regarding Sanction of additional Specialities:**

The hospital was empanelled for 1) Neurosurgery, 2) Renal, 3) Polytrauma, 4) Burns in the meeting held on 09.03.2010.

Now, the hospital has sent application for empanelment for additional Specialities viz, Cardiology and Neo Natal Surgery.

**General Discussions:**

Dr.S.Prakash and some of the members of the EDC drew attention of the Committee that a common trend noticed during evaluation of empanelment request for a speciality is that the name of the same super specialist is shown in more than one hospital. This trend is more common in under-served areas like Gulbarga and Belgaum divisions.

The Committee deliberated on the issue and felt that allowing a relaxation, the condition of availability of a full time specialist in a speciality can be counter-productive as the same may affect quality of service delivery in emergencies. However it felt that empanelment can be considered on the basis of visiting specialists also in selected specialities like Urology, Paediatric Surgery, Burns and Onco Surgery which are elective in nature. The Committee further felt that the partial relaxation could be considered on a case to case basis with regard to hospitals located

in unserved or underserved pockets of the state, wherein Arogya Shree Scheme can allow the empanelment of hospitals based on availability of required infrastructure. Relaxation may be permitted to run the scheme with the help of visiting super specialist doctors.

The Committee also felt that the matter may be placed before the Executive Committee for approval.

The meeting was concluded with thanks by the chair.

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(Dr. Sudarshan. H.)  
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Approved by Chairman on 08-06-12 through Email.

11-06-12

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