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**Proceedings of the 5<sup>th</sup>Empanelment and Disciplinary Committee meeting of Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust held on 24<sup>th</sup>June 2020 in the Conference Hall, Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust, Bangalore and Web Meeting conducted Meeting ID: 728 9098 1192.**

**Members Present**

1. Executive Director, SAST	Chairperson
2. Dr. H. Sudarshan, Karuna Trust	Member
3. Dr. Shirley M.S. St. John Medical College Hospital	Member
4. Dr. Basavaraj Sharanappa Kyathar, Koppal.	
5. Director, Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology	Member
6. Director, Medical Education	Member
7. Director/Representative, SJICR represented by Dr. A.M. Jagadesh	Member
8. Director/Representative, NIMHANS represented by Dr. V. Bhadri Narayan.	Member
9. Dr. Mohammed Taha Mateen, Bangalore	Member
10. Dr. Ramya M., M.S. Ramaiah Hospital	Member
11. Director (Medical Management), SAST	Member-Secretary

**Members Absent**

1. Director, HFW Services
2. Deputy Secretary-2, HFW Department
3. Deputy Secretary, Law Department represented by Judge
4. Deputed Officer, Vigilance Department
5. Dr. Vijaya Kumar, Bhagawan Mahaveer Jain Hospital.

**Others present**

1. Director (Operations), SAST, Bangalore
2. Co-ordinator (Empanelment), SAST, Bangalore.
3. Co-ordinator (Grievances Cell) SAST, Bangalore

The Executive Director, Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust (SAST) and Chairperson, Empanelment and Disciplinary Committee (EDC) welcomed all the Members. She briefed the status of Ayushman Bharat-Arogya Karnataka Scheme. Director Medical Management took the committee through the agenda.

**Subject No. 5.1:**

***Confirmation of the Proceedings of 4th EDC meeting held on 27.12.2019.***

The proceedings of the 4th Empanelment Disciplinary Committee meeting were confirmed.

**Sub No. 5.2**

***Review of action taken on the proceedings of the 4th meeting held on 27.12.2019.***

**4.3 Medical Oncology and Cardiovascular surgery qualification:**

As per the sub committee of experts the Meeting had held on 29.01.2020 at SAST office recommendations follows.

**Cardiothoracic surgery:** The districts where the number of vascular surgeons are less or not accessible, and since IMC has permitted for vascular surgery cases empanelment of CTS for CVS cases may be accepted and metropolitan cities where adequate number of CVS are available the empanelment to be restricted to Cardiovascular surgeons.

**Medical Oncology:** In cities/institutes where the Medical oncologists are not available, in such places radiation oncologists may be permitted temporarily to give chemotherapy in the interest of patient care.

**Decision:** Committee accepted MCh (Cardiothoracic surgery) can be empaneled for cardiovascular surgery and Medical Oncology permitted temporarily to give chemotherapy where there is shortage of super speciality oncologist.

**4.5 Kasturba Hospital Manipal, Udupi is requesting data of scheme patients for their research activities:**

The committee suggested Kasturba Medical College, Udupi to comply, the standard guidelines issued by Indian Medical council regarding patient data secrecy and to follow the University Guidelines in the back drop of IMC guidelines.

**ATR:** Communicated

**Committee accepted**

**Other Action taken report of the previous meeting proceedings were accepted by the Committee**

**Sub No. 5.3**

**Status of empanelment under Ayushman Bharat-Arogya Karnataka.**

Director (Medical Management), SAST explained that total 2845 (Govt-420, PHCs-2425 and Private-518 (**provisionally emp-22**) hospitals have been empanelled.

From last EDC to till now 68 new private hospitals have been empanelled

Sl. No.	Sub No.	Committee decision
1	<b>Status of signing of MoU for the implementation of schemes:</b> There are 518 private hospitals ( <b>provisionally emp-22</b> ) are empaneled under the scheme, out of which 321 hospitals are signed MoU with SAST. Remaining 175 hospitals are pending.	<b>Noted</b>
2	<b>Active and In active hospitals:</b> Presently 518 hospitals have empaneled under AB-Ark. Till date only 300 hospitals are performing. 219 are Non Performing.	<b>Noted</b>
3	New 44 hospitals inspected and recommended for empanelment.	<b>Committee accepted</b>
4	Provisionally empaneled private hospitals under AB-Ark SCHEME	<b>Noted</b>
5	District wise Provisionally empaneled private hospitals under Simple secondary care	<b>Noted</b>
6	Hospitals are withdrawn the Empanelment	<b>Committee Noted</b>
7	Hospitals requested for additional speciality	<b>Committee approved the empanelment of additional speciality.</b>

#### **Sub No.5.4:**

#### **Mortality Audit Cell Status.**

Director (Medical Management), SAST presented about preventable death cases for further action with the committee members. The total hospital deaths of beneficiaries for the period, JAN 2020-MAY 2020 validated was 1438.

Total numbers of preventable deaths were 5.

#### **Preventable Deaths:**

Deaths of beneficiaries, resulted due to problems in health care processes including acts of omission, such as failure to diagnose and treat, or from acts of commission such as incorrect treatment or management, which could have been probably prevented with better health care.

#### **Specialty-Wise Deaths:**

Number of Deaths among beneficiaries who had undergone General Medicine procedures -503 followed by Cardiac procedures- 361 deaths - (Cardiology -191, cardio-thoracic-157, cardio-vascular- 13)

The percentage of death was higher in beneficiaries who had burns (12.11%), interventional neuroradiology (11.36%) followed by polytrauma (5.68%).

**Decision:** Committee suggested for deputing officers to inspect Hospitals where ever the percentage of death is higher, to explore other remedial measures that could be undertaken to reduce mortality ratio.

**Sub No. 5.5**

**Vigilance Cell and Grievance Cell Quarterly Report January 2020 to May 2020:**

The Vigilance and Grievance Cell received 472 cases during the period from January 2020 to May 2020 from various sources; majority are from beneficiaries of AB-Ark scheme.

- The vigilance Cell received cases 27
- The grievance cell received cases 445
- SAST issued 27 Show Cause Notices to the hospitals
- The SAST issued 4 OMs (9 cases) to the hospitals imposing penalty.
- Total penalty imposed on 4 hospitals Rs.17,39,274/-
- The amount refunded by SAST to the 9 beneficiaries amounting to Rs. 7,97,717/-

**Committee accepted the report.**

**The following cases are put up before EDC for decision.**

- St John's hospital, Bangalore is not considering the patients under AB-Ark scheme and treating them as private cases and not submitted the Preauths from January 2020. So far the hospital has not signed the recent MOU.

**Decision:** In view of the on-going covid-19 situation and the necessity of having hospital with advanced care in the list of empanelment. Committee has advised to take action of giving some more time for the hospital to submit the MOU.

- A.J hospital, Mangalore cases of Mr. Bharath and Mr.Viswanath for denial of treatment under AB-Ark scheme and complaints were lodged under PMJAY portal.

**Decision:** Committee decided to levy penalty on A.J Hospital and to refund the amount to concerned patients.

**Sub: 4.8 Additional Subject:**

**A. Clarification of Medical qualification by Karnataka Medical Council (KMC):**

Dr. Rajendra.N.S. is working in Narayana Hrudayalaya Surgical Hospital Pvt Ltd, Mysore as a specialist in cardiology as his PG qualification Certificate of completion of Training(CCT) Cardiology P.G.M.E.T.B.U.K., was not approved by the Medical Council. His medical qualification has referred to KMC for opinion. Karnataka Medical Council has given their opinion and registered his qualification in the State Medical Council vide letter No. GOK/SAST/Reg/2020 Dt: 16.05.2020. KMC has referred the approval of Indian Medical Council vide No.MCI-203(1)(Gen.)/2019-Regn./127429 date: 3.07.2019.

**Decision:** Committee approved to consider the qualification as opined by the Karnataka Medical Council.

**B. Auto cancellation of preauths:**

Auto cancellation of preauths is implemented from 01.01.2020. The information was given in the month of Jun 2019 and also displaying the alert in the website. Many of the hospital had not updated the treatment status, hence large number of case were auto cancelled. In January 2020 there is a request form the hospitals regarding reverting auto cancellation of preauth. The IT cell SAST has clarified the process of reverting the auto cancellation cannot be done. The alternative option is to submit preauth again with the comment about the auto cancellation of treating patient for the purpose of claims. One time permission is requested for all the auto cancelled preauths up to 21.01.2020, So that the hospitals can submit the treatment completed cases.

**Decision:** 1) In view of the present corona pandemic Committee suggested to keep on hold the Auto cancellation procedure till the control of corona pandemic.

2) To give one time opportunity for those Hospitals in which the auto cancellation has happened prior to January-2020

**C. JSS MEDICAL COLLEGE:**

Requested for refund of Rs.6500/-, which was deducted during the claims settlement. By mistake the claim executive has deducted Rs.6500/- though the hospital has refunded the Investigation charges at the time of discharge, the refund letter was also enclosed at the time of claims submission. Refund was also confirmed from the beneficiary through call centre.

**Decision:** Committee accepted to refund the requested amount Rs.6500/-

**D. Government of Karnataka has notified the charges for treatment of Covid-19 in chain of Hospitals and Other private Hospitals:**

All the Private Hospitals shall get empanelled through the online portal of the Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust with desktop review of statutory documents by SAST on fast forward basis

**Decision: Committee accepted empanelment of the all Private Hospitals through the online portal of the SAST with desktop review of statutory documents by SAST on fast forward basis**

Meeting concluded with vote of thanks by the Member Secretary.



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Executive Director and Chairperson  
Empanelment and Disciplinary Committee  
Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust, Bangalore