

Message from NCG

Dear Members,

We welcome all the new members to NCG community. Here is another issue of NCG e-Newsletter. The second cycle of pooled procurement of cancer medicines, development and deployment of oncology-specific electronic medical records, organization of CANREHAB and NCG annual meeting to review the progress and brainstorm the future steps for the NCG were some of the highlights of this year.

Over the next year, the NCG Health Promotion core group will be working on organizing and developing information, education and communication materials for the public and patients. This issue of the NCG e-Newsletter throws light on this activity, and what has been designed so far, inviting all who are interested in this area to participate. Read more about the activity on the following pages.

NEW MEMBERS (National)

- Access Life Assistance Foundation, Mumbai, Maharashtra
- All India Institute of Medical Science, Deoghar, Jharkhand
- Alluri Sitaram Raju Academy of Medical Sciences, Eluru (Mandal), Andhra Pradesh
- Apollo Cancer Centres, Apollo Hospitals, Hyderabad, Telangana
- Apollo Hospitals, Madurai, Tamil Nadu
- Apollo Specialty Hospitals, Vanagaram, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- Assam Cancer Care Foundation, Guwahati, Assam
- Awishkar Health1 Multispeciality Hospital, Himmatnagar, Gujarat
- Bangalore Hospice Trust - Karunashraya, Bangalore, Karnataka
- Caritas Hospital and Institute of Health Sciences, Kottayam, Kerala
- Cipla Palliative Care Centre, Pune, Maharashtra
- Dr K M Cherian Institute of Medical Sciences, Chengannur, Kerala,
- Fortis Cancer Institute, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi
- Gleneagles Hospital, Mumbai, Maharashtra
- ICICI Foundation for Inclusive Growth, Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Indian Cancer Society, Delhi Branch, New Delhi
- Indian Institute of Head & Neck Oncology, Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- INDUR Cancer Hospital, Nizamabad, Telangana
- Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College & Hospital, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh

- K K Patel Super Speciality Hospital, Kachch Gujarat
- Kanchi Kamakoti CHILDS Trust Hospital, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- Khandesh Cancer Centre, Dhule, Maharashtra
- Khimji Jamnadas SuperSpeciality Pvt Ltd. Junagadh, Gujarat
- Lions Cancer Detection Centre Trust, Surat, Gujarat
- Mahatma Gandhi Cancer Hospital, Miraj, Maharashtra
- Max Super Specialty Hospital, Dwarka, Delhi
- N.M Virani Wockhardt Hospital, Rajkot, Gujarat
- Nellai Cancer Care Centre, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu
- Onco-Life Cancer Care , Talegaon, Pune
- Peerless Hospitex Hospital and Research Center Ltd., Kolkata, West Bengal
- Pheo Para Foundation, Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Post Graduate Institute of Child Health, Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- Pramukh Cancer Hospital, Palanpur, Gujarat
- Public health Research Institute, Mysore, Karnataka
- RHL Renova Cancer Centre, Jaipur, Rajasthan
- Royal Plus Shashwat, Rajkot, Gujarat
- Samanvay Multispeciality Hospitals Pvt. Ltd., Junagadh, Gujarat
- Shankara Cancer and research Institute, Tezpur, Assam
- Sree Mookambika Cancer Centre, Sree Mookambika Institute of Medical Sciences, Kulasekharam, Kanyakumari
- Sringeri Sharada Equitas Cancer CUM Multispecialty Hospital, Chennai, Chengalpattu, Tamil Nadu
- Sringeri Sharada Equitas Hospital Cancer Cum Multi-Speciality, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- The Life of Science, Delhi
- Trauma Centre, Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, UP
- V. S. Hospitals Center of Excellence for Advanced Cancer Care, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- VPS Lakeshore Hospital, Cochin, Kerala
- ZenHeal Wellness Private Ltd, Zen Kashi Hospital & Cancer Care Centre, Mumbai , Maharashtra centres

NEW MEMBERS (International)

- B . P. Koirala Memorial Cancer Hospital, Dharan, Nepal
- Birat Medical College Teaching Hospital, Biratnagar, Nepal,
- National Academy of Medical Sciences Bir Hospital, Kathmandu, Nepal
- Rwanda Cancer Relief , Rwanda
- Urology centre , Dhaka , Bangladesh

NCG Annual Meeting 7-8 Nov 2024

This year the NCG hosted in-person annual meeting at Tata Memorial Hospital on November 7th-8th, 2024. The meeting was attended by the directors or their delegates from 200+ centres, patient groups and research organizations. The past year's progress was presented as an annual report by the team. The meeting had a diverse agenda including potential and ongoing international collaboration with ASCO, EORTC, NCI and ASEAN. The meeting highlighted the strong focus on patient and public-centric nature of all the planned NCG activities, health promotion and integrating digital technology across the spectrum of cancer care. A total of six breakout sessions with experts focused on palliative care integration, digital health including AI and machine learning, pooled procurement, health promotion, training and education initiatives, mental health and cancer, role of NGOs, and NCG-Global. Each group brought out important and implementable action points which will be taken forward by the respective groups in the coming years.



Pooled procurement of cancer medicines:

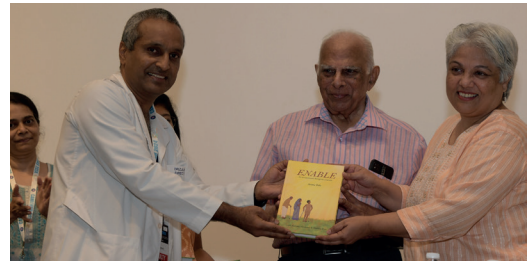
- Based on the success of first cycle of pooled procurement in improving the access and affordability of high-quality anticancer and supportive care medicines across NCG centres, the second cycle was initiated in 2024. A total of 77 anticancer medicines with 186 stock keeping units were included in this cycle. After completion of the due processes and evaluation, the rate contract has been signed by the member centres and the vendors.

CANREHAB

- CANREHAB is a multidisciplinary International conference on Cancer Rehabilitation, envisaged, pioneered and hosted by a team of rehabilitation professionals at the Tata Memorial Hospital with the vision and aim to enhance multidisciplinary interaction and collaboration among various stakeholders of cancer rehabilitation. Following the success of CANREHAB 2017 and CANREHAB 2019, The CANREHAB 2024 was held from 19 to 21 April 2024 and was supported by National Cancer Grid. The theme of CANREHAB 2024 was, "Competency, Capability and Capacity in Cancer Rehabilitation – A Need in Cancer". The conference registered about 230 delegates across the country. There were eight preconference workshops conducted by eight International speakers and two days of packed symposiums, keynote talks, panel discussion, platform and poster presentation and CANREHAB Oration delivered by Professor Richard Harding.
- The hallmark of CANREHAB 2024 was the NCG lifetime achievement awards bestowed on Late Dr Aruna Tole, (Occupational therapist) and Mrs Anjali Patwardhan, (enterostomal therapist) for their exemplary work in the field of cancer rehabilitation. The conference also saw the release of the book, 'ENABLE' penned by Dr Aruna Tole and her daughter Dr Shubha Tole. The event was inaugurated by Dr Pramesh, Director TMH , Convener, NCG and graced by other dignitaries.

Health Promotion and Primary Prevention

- In our ongoing commitment to enhancing public health, the National Cancer Grid (NCG) has launched an innovative Health Promotion and Primary Prevention initiative. This project aims to empower individuals and communities with the knowledge and tools needed for better health and cancer prevention. The initiative aims to bridge the gaps in current health promotion efforts by developing a cohesive strategy that leverages digital technologies, thereby linking with broader objective of primary prevention.
- This involves collating and analyzing IEC materials, developing a theoretical framework, digitalization of health information, ensuring sustainability and collaborating with stakeholders and dissemination across diverse population groups. This includes the creation of a digital platform, such as a website or app, designed to provide a more accessible and sustainable IEC resource.
- We invite members of the NCG community and beyond to contribute to this project. Whether you have expertise in content development, digital design, health education, or simply a passion for improving public health, your input is invaluable..

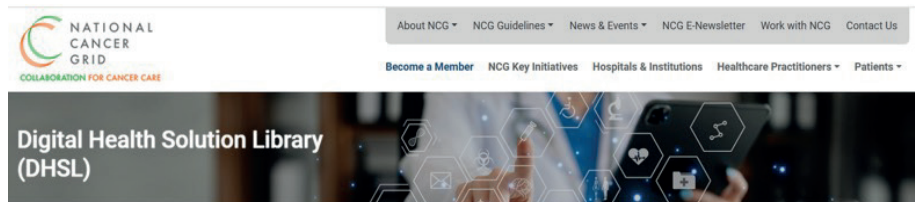


2. Synoptic Reporting Platform

- NCG-KCDO is developing a Synoptic Reporting Platform for pathology and radiology to standardize reporting for pathologists and radiologists, improving the quality of diagnostic communication. Clinical workflows are being finalized, and the tender for software development will go live by the end of December 2024.

3. Digital Health Solution Library

- The Digital Health Solution Library (DHSL) is a centralized online repository of technology solutions applicable to cancer care. It is designed to help NCG network centers discover a wide spectrum of technology solutions



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- For more information visit our website <https://www.ncgindia.org/> or contact us at ncg@tmc.gov.in

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Benefits for Digital Health Technology Vendors

DHSL is a centralized hub where technology vendors can showcase their products and services related to oncology. The vendors have the opportunity to get visibility across a highly engaged pool of oncology hospitals and practitioners actively seeking technology solutions.

DHSL will provide the following information to digital health technology vendors:

- Showcase cutting-edge products and solutions to NCG network
- Reduce the time and effort required to find relevant and interested customers
- Access user data and feedback to gain valuable insights into customer preferences and needs

DIGITAL SOLUTIONS LIBRARY
LAUNCHING SOON

VENDOR REGISTRATION

Who should fill the form?

The NCG-KCDO digital health solution library application form should be filled by companies or vendors offering digital health solutions relevant to the field of oncology and who seek to have their products listed in the library for access by NCG centers.

APPEAL

- Verify your institutional details at <https://www.ncgindia.org/hospitals-and-institutions/membership-process> and revert for any changes / corrections
- Submit/update all membership details. Use Annexures (I, II, and III) and forward these to - ncg@tmc.gov.in Annexures are available at <https://www.ncgindia.org/hospitals-and-institutions/membership-process>
- Contribute to the column - "News from Members"- Share activities related to NCG mandate at your centre, and /or announcements of upcoming events, achievements of centres, and similar matters. We will be pleased to publish these in our next issue of e-newsletter.
- Write to us, if you wish to have a special webinar on how to search and / use databases, Akshara – NCG Discovery tool, and other resources.