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Report on

NCG-AP Annual Meeting, 2023

Venue: NATCO CANCER CENTER, GGH, Guntur, AP

Dates: 30th June – 1st July 2023

Andhra Pradesh State Chapter of National Cancer Grid was established in July 2022 with the Secretariat at Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital & Research Centre, Visakhapatnam. NCG AP Chapter Network in past 1 year has successfully strengthen the existing members, started virtual tumor boards (National & State level) for optimizing cancer treatments, trained doctors and nurses (90 -100) for Screening of common cancers and Palliative Care.

Commemorating the first anniversary of establishment of NCG-AP State Chapter, the first “Annual meeting of NCG-AP State Chapter” was conducted on 30th of June and 1st of July 2023, at NATCO Cancer Centre, GGH Guntur, in collaboration with Dr. YSR Aarogyasri Health Care Trust.

The theme of the annual meeting was "*Implementing NCG guidelines for common cancers to achieve affordable evidence-based cancer care for all under AB-PMJAY Dr. YSR Aarogyasri scheme*". Apart from the NCG-AP member institutions, all cancer hospitals in the state of Andhra Pradesh offering cancer treatment under the AB-PMJAY Dr. YSR Aarogyasri scheme were invited to take part in the annual meeting.

The annual meeting was inaugurated by the Honourable State Minister for Health, Medical Education and Family Welfare, Smt. Vidadala Rajni on 30th June 2023. Addressing the gathering which included representatives and domain experts from all the hospitals (government as well as corporate) treating cancer cases under the AB-PMJAY Dr. YSR Aarogyasri scheme, the minister reiterated the importance being given by the State Government to tackle the cancer burden in the state, and thanked NATCO Cancer Care Centre, GGH Guntur, NCG-AP and Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre, Visakhapatnam for their contribution towards organising this annual meeting. The topics discussed on day 1 were NCG guidelines for evidence-based oncology for Cervical & Lung cancer.

On the second day the Guest of Honour were Shri M.T. Krishna Babu (Principal Secretary, Health, Medical & Family Welfare) Shri M. N. Harendhira Prasad (Dr. YSR Aarogyasri Health Care Trust CEO) & Dr. D. S. L. V. Narasimham (Director of Medical Education, Andhra Pradesh). Shri M.T. Krishna Babu (Principal Secretary, Health, Medical & Family Welfare) emphasized the importance of NCG-AP Chapter in creating a common platform for Government & Private hospitals treating Cancer under AB-PMJAY Dr. YSR Aarogyasri scheme in AP. He emphasized that all hospitals treating cancer patients under Dr YSR Aarogyasri Health Scheme should become member of NCG AP. He also mentioned about the roadmap for Comprehensive Cancer Care in AP which is planned in a phase wise manner. He acknowledged the support and collaborative efforts of National Cancer Grid, Tata Memorial Hospital and Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital & Research Centre (A Unit of Tata Memorial Centre, Mumbai) Visakhapatnam for supporting AP State Health for cancer care activities. The topics discussed on day 2 were NCG guidelines for evidence-based oncology for Head & Neck Cancer, Breast Cancer, Gastric Cancer & Immunotherapy & targeted therapies for Common Cancers.

The meeting was organized at NATCO Cancer Centre, GGH, Guntur. The meeting proceeded over two days, with a focus on implementing evidence based, affordable uniform treatment protocols for the five common

cancers (Breast, Cervical, Head & Neck, Lung and Gastric cancers) in the state of Andhra Pradesh. NCG Guidelines, Ayushman Bharat and existing treatment packages in Aarogyasri were reviewed by a panel of experts - Surgical, Medical, Radiation Oncologists & Pathologists and suggestions on revising existing packages and introduction of new packages so that poor patients benefit further from the health schemes.

The minutes of meeting were collected, formulated, tabulated and presented to all the NCG-AP members in NCG-AP monthly meeting held on 11th July 2023.

Action points are communicated with Andhra Pradesh State health authorities.

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