

ROGI KALYAN SAMITI IGMC & HOSPITAL, SHIMLA-171001

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It has been reported to the undersigned that the destitute patients being brought to the hospital by the police or social worker are not getting adequate medical facility; and occasionally the hospital staff is also not courteous with such patients. It is pertinent to mention that providing adequate medical facilities for the people is an essential part of the obligation undertaken by the Government in a welfare state. I have honour to endorse the Hon'ble Supreme Court's judgment that "Article 21 imposes an obligation on the State to safeguard the right to life of every person. Preservation of human life is thus of paramount importance. The Government hospitals run by the State and the medical officers employed therein are duty bound to extend medical assistance for preserving human life. Failure on the part of a Government hospital to provide timely medical treatment to a person in need of such treatment results in violation of his right to life guaranteed under Article 21." Therefore being service provider in a government run hospital, the discharge of this paramount obligation cast upon the staff of the hospital. At present, there are many health schemes being run by the government in public interest which includes "Free Drug Policy" as well.

In view of all aforesaid facts, all HODs are requested to issue strict instructions to their subordinate staff for offering prompt medical services with due expertise to destitute patients without any discrimination; and whensoever such destitute patient is received in the department, the intimation regarding provision of desired reasonable medicines, surgical consumables and free of cost diagnostic tests may be sent to MS office through HOD/Unit HOD with recommendation so that welfare of such patients may be ensured.

It is further being brought to the notice of hospital staff that the informed consent for treatment/surgical intervention may be taken from the Senior Medical Superintendent or in case of emergency the casualty medical officer may do the codal formality under intimation to the undersigned. It is further being notified that if there is any problem in respect of destitute patients, the MO store and MO Record Section may be contacted for the needful please. All the casualty medical officers/nursing staff and officials of Sewa Bharti/Lok-Kalyan Smiti are also directed to attend destitute patients on priority basis to ensure their welfare.


Sr. M.S. cum-Member Secretary
Rogi Kalyan Samiti IGMC & Hospital, Shimla.
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Nos as above:-

1. Copy to the Principal-cum-Chairman E.C. RKS IGMC, Shimla for information please.
2. Copy to All HOD for information & necessary action please.
3. Copy to M.O. Store, M.O. Record Section, Casualty Medical officers, Nursing Supdt., Sewa Bharti/Lok-Kalyan Smiti for compliance.
4. Copy to CEO RKS, Dealing Assistant Accounts for information & with the direction to maintain the proper record of destitute patients being benefited from RKS fund or Poor Patients funds.


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