



## **Minutes of AHPI State Chapter zoom video call meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 3 P M**

### **Participants:**

Dr. Alex Thomas, President, AHPI  
Dr. Girdhar Gyani, Director General, AHPI  
Dr .V. C. Shanmuganandan, Advisor, AHPI  
Dr. C M Bhagat, President, Delhi NCR, Chapter  
Dr Sanjeev Singh, Secretary, Delhi NCR Chapter  
Dr. Santhosh Kumar, Secretary, Bihar Chapter  
Dr. Naresh Shetty, President, Karnataka Chapter  
Dr. M. I Sahadulla, President, Kerala Chapter  
Dr. Anup Hajela, President, Madhya Pradesh Chapter  
Dr. Sujit Chatterjee, President, Maharashtra & Goa Chapter  
Mr. Jogesh Gambhir, President, Jharkhand Chapter  
Dr. Vishnu Reddy, Secretary, Telangana Chapter  
Dr. Saumitra Bharadwaj, President, West Bengal Chapter  
Ms. Suparna Sengupta, Secretary, West Bengal Chapter  
Dr. Bishnu Panigrahi, President, Odisha Chapter  
Dr. Amandeep Kaur, President, North Zone Chapter  
Mr. Joydeep Gupta, Secretary, North zone Chapter  
Dr. Palin Khundongbam, President Manipur Chapter, Convenor Northeast Chapter.  
Dr. James Elangbam, Secretary Manipur Chapter.  
Dr Mahesh Sinha, President Chhattisgarh Chapter  
Dr Anil Jain, Secretary, Chhattisgarh Chapter  
Dr Bharat Gadhavi, President Gujarat Chapter  
Dr Raju Sivaswamy, Secretary TN Chapter

### **Meeting Started by welcoming all State Office bearers by President and DG-AHPI**

Dr Alex and Dr Gyani briefed about activities done by AHPI.

1. Follow up with GIC. - Insurance companies have been told to release the payments.
2. Media committee formed-States to nominate coordinators
3. AHPI formed Senior citizen group with Law School think tank. Various groups to be constituted such as core group, advisory group, executive group and trustees.
4. Arbitration MoU to be circulated among members to be submitted back to AHPI.
5. AHPI Working on 3 books, quality book, law book and climate change book
6. Supreme Court hearing (Sachin Jain vs GOI)- Costing Documents submitted to lawyers which included comparison of PMJAY with State schemes, FICCI and Govt. of Karnataka costing study and template prepared by AHPI for Covid treatment charges-Appreciated by lawyers
7. AHPI recommends state office bearers to use and provide AHPI costing template to their respective state governments for better fixation of rates (if capping is planned by state Governments)

8. Labour Minister's office confirmed that information is being sent to state level ESIS offices, outcome is expected.

### **Expert Comments on Covid Situation -Dr Sanjeev Singh**

1. Clinical management guidelines revised
2. Methylprednisolone in ICU for critical patients is showing good response
3. ICMR validation of testing kits- 33 labs can be contacted for quality control of kits
4. Rapid Antigen testing approved
5. Radiology association confirmed – CT scan is not included in guidelines as confirmatory test

### **ECHS New Agreement and West Bengal-Presented by Dr Saumitra Bhardwaj**

1. New ECCHS agreement received by WB Hospitals
  - a. Agreement is of concern.
  - b. In the new agreement ECCHS has off-loaded lot of work to hospitals, bank guarantee increased to 10 lakh from 2 lakh.
  - c. Intimation period reduced to 2 hrs from 48
  - d. Extra treatment permission now to be taken by hospital from polyclinics
  - e. Dr. Alex added, members should be cautious before signing the ECCHS agreement and to be made aware about the changes
  - f. Dr Sujit Chatterjee advised to submit representation to Hon President, he also suggested that an mutually correct MoU can be done with ECCHS to move forward
  - g. Dr. Saumitra to send the draft.
2. 50 beds per private hospital earmarked by state Government
3. Annexe hospital started to reduce burden in main hospital
4. Insurance companies hesitant to provide cover to patients if there is no clinical engagement

### **Madhya Pradesh - Presented by Dr Anup Hajela**

1. Soft loan can be taken at lower interest

### **Jharkhand - Presented by Dr Jogesh Gambhir**

1. Protest is made by Jharkhand AHPI to not mix Covid and Non Covid in small hospitals, letter to be sent to health department of state
2. Problem in conducting test in Jharkhand as No private lab in ICMR approved

### **Kerala - Presented by Dr M I Sahadulla**

1. Appreciable of AHPI costing exercise
2. Insurance company's response is improving

### **Delhi NCR - Presented by Dr Bhagat**

1. Order for taking over 10-50 bedded neighbourhood hospital beds reversed within 24 hours after protest by smaller hospitals.
2. Insurance company's response is improving
3. Mass resignation and migration of nurses is a major problem-letter written to nursing councils copy to health minister to look into the matter and issue warning to the nurses

### **Telangana - Presented by Dr Vishnu Reddy**

1. Pvt Sectors allowed to testing
2. Prices are capped in private hospitals for Covid treatment -Tariff fixed

### **Odisha - Presented by Dr Bishnu Panigrahi**

1. 450 CT scans done on in-patients-important findings coming out which helps in differentiating the suspect patients, larger study may be required.

### **North Zone - Presented by Dr Amandeep Kaur**

1. AHPI rates to be passed to Government for consideration
2. Discussion within Government to introduce Clinical establishment act with modifications in Punjab, may soon be announced. IMA protesting the act.
3. Problems with Insurance companies- Deductions being made for Covid patients

### **NE & Manipur - Presented by Dr Palin**

1. Government directive are to test all returnees

### **Maharashtra - Presented by Dr Sujit Chatterjee**

1. Smaller clinics started taking up covid cases thus reducing some burden from major hospitals
2. State Jumbo Covid centres with facilities of treating and isolating patients soon to be commissioned
3. Pulse steroids helping in treatment

### **Gujarat-Presented by Dr Bharat Gadhavi**

1. Rates have been fixed and acquisition of hospitals is smooth after discussions with Government.

### **TN-Presented by Dr Raju**

1. 30 % beds for covid to be reserved in all Pvt Hospitals
2. Manpower problem, Staff nurse crunch in all hospitals
3. Noticing Neuro component- Patients with presentation of Meningitis but not respiratory disorders coming up in positive Covid cases.