



Minutes of AHPI State Chapter Office Bearers Emergency Meeting held at 3 pm on 27.04.2022

Participants

Dr. Girdhar Gyani, Director General, AHPI
Dr. Alexander Thomas, President, AHPI
Dr. K Tirumala Prasad, President, AHPI, Andhra Pradesh Chapter
Dr. Santosh Kumar, Secretary – AHPI, Bihar Chapter
Dr. Mahesh Kumar Sinha, President – AHPI, Chhattisgarh Chapter
Dr. Anil Jain, Secretary– AHPI, Chhattisgarh Chapter
Mrs. Upasana Arora, President – AHPI, Delhi NCR Chapter
Dr. Narin Sehgal, Secretary – AHPI, Delhi NCR Chapter
Dr. Biren Chauhan, Secretary – AHPI, Gujarat Chapter
Dr. Sushil Jathanna, President – AHPI, Karnataka Chapter
Dr. Priya Goutham, Secretary – AHPI, Karnataka Chapter
Dr. MI Sahadulla, President – AHPI, Kerala Chapter
Dr. Anoop Hajela, President – AHPI, Madhya Pradesh Chapter
Dr. Rahul Khare, Secretary – AHPI, Madhya Pradesh chapter
Mr. Joy Chakraborty, President – AHPI, Maharashtra & Goa Chapter
Mr. Rohit Upadhyay, Secretary – AHPI, North East -1 Chapter
Mr. Joy Das Gupta, Secretary – AHPI, North zone Chapter
Dr. Dipak Mitra, President – AHPI, Odisha Chapter
Dr. Ashok Khandaka, President - AHPI, Rajasthan Chapter
Mr. Sameer Mehta, President – AHPI, Tamilnadu Chapter
Dr. AL Basile, President – AHPI, Telangana Chapter
Dr. VC Shanmuganandan – Advisor, AHPI

Agenda- CGHS Dues, COVID-19 Situation and Conclave Feedback

MAHARASHTRA CHAPTER - Mr. Joy Chakraborty

- Maharashtra not affected much by Covid-19 (105 cases in Mumbai and less than 1000 cases all over Maharashtra), Not a panic situation.
- Wearing a mask may become compulsory again.
- Very few big hospitals empaneled with CGHS. Some small & mid-sized hospitals- empaneled with CGHS are concerned with delayed payments.

MADHYA PRADESH CHAPTER - Dr. Anoop Hajela

- Not many cases of Covid-19 in MP. 10 cases reported so far.
- Suggested on making use of masks mandatory.

- The current COVID wave may not be very lethal like the previous one. Not many symptomatic cases till now.
- People visiting hospitals for booster dose of Covid 19 vaccination.
- 40 crore population to come under PMJAY- Panic situation with respect to hospital finances.
- Must get CGHS rates revised.

Dr. Rahul Khare, suggested stopping routine CGHS services and carrying on with emergency services.

NORTH-EAST CHAPTER - Mr. Rohit Upadhyay

- COVID-19 situation – no cases reported
- CGHS- should give adequate notice and then stop services.

NORTH ZONE CHAPTER- Mr. Joydeep Das Gupta

- Gave positive conclave feedback.
- COVID-19- Punjab reported 20 new cases and 1 death. Not a panic situation.

ODISHA CHAPTER- Dr. Dipak Mitra

- CGHS- not many hospitals are empaneled, those empaneled are facing difficult times. Suggested protesting or de-empanelment.
- Problems with PMJAY rates- no change in rates and difficulty with the portal.
- COVID 19- less testing being done. Should improve testing.
- Gave positive Conclave feedback.

RAJASTHAN CHAPTER- Dr. Ashok Khandaka

- COVID 19- situation worse than other states (1900 cases in state and one death reported). Not an alarming situation.
- CGHS- lots of pending dues.
- Appreciated the conclave management

TAMIL NADU CHAPTER- Mr. Sameer Mehta

- Gave positive conclave feedback.
- COVID 19- not many cases in the state because of vaccination status (62% in state are fully vaccinated). Not a bad situation.
- Raised questions about safety of pediatric vaccination.
- CGHS- under 30 hospitals empaneled throughout the state. ECHS programs have poor payment and pricing.
- Suggested getting out of CGHS but will impact very small group of hospitals in TN.

TELANGANA CHAPTER- Dr. Antony Basil

- Covid-19 - low number of cases in state (234 cases).

- Looking forward to some resolution of CGHS Issue.

GUJARAT CHAPTER- Dr. Biren Chouhan

- Gave positive Conclave feedback.
- COVID-19- total of 99 cases. Not a panic situation as all cases were non-ICU.
- Good vaccination status including booster doses. Cases can increase in the month of May.
- CGHS- few hospitals are empaneled. But wider percussions of results. Supported legal way to resolve the issue.

CHHATTISGARH CHAPTER- Dr. Mahesh Sinha

- COVID 19- 27 cases in state till now.
- Booster dose for elderly is an issue.
- CGHS issue needs attention
- Gave positive Conclave feedback

DELHI NCR CHAPTER- Dr. Narin Sehgal

- Higher no. of covid 19 cases (More than 1000). Not a panic situation. Concerned about precautions.
- CGHS issue- suggested taking severe steps.
- Gave positive Conclave feedback

DELHI NCR CHAPTER- Dr. Upasana Arora

- CGHS issue- concerned more about the rates than payments.
- Agreed on using placards and a more aggressive representation of the issue.

KERALA CHAPTER- Dr. M I Sahadulla

- CGHS- ramifications are worse than CGHS. Discussed about MESA- 70% lower rates than tariffs of hospitals.
- Raised issue of ISRO- sending oncology medicines with patients to be administered at the hospitals for chemotherapy. Expressed his discontentment with the same.
- Didn't support placards. Suggested approaching through local committees to state govt. and going to centre with help of other national level organizations. Also supported legal approach.
- ECHS payments have improved in the state.
- COVID 19- reaching 2000 cases. Variant not morbid.
- Not isolating the patients unless very important.
- Not campaigning for pediatric Vaccine. However, will give it on demand.

KARNATAKA CHAPTER- Dr. Sushil Jathanna

- Covid 19- 85 cases statewide. Most cases from urban Bengaluru.

- Masks compulsory in state with no penalty.
- Approach must be to take practical steps with every wave of covid 19. Suggested taking precautions, vaccination, and need for a long term strategy.
- Expressed concern about PMJAY rates. Suggested unified action taking.
- Gave positive Conclave feedback.

BIHAR CHAPTER- Dr. Santosh Kumar

- Covid 19- not significant number of cases.
- Vaccination continuing in full swing
- Appreciated Conclave, suggested making it global and conducting workshops.
- Expressed concern about CGHS pricing.

JHARKHAND CHAPTER – Mr. Jogesh Gambhir

- Not much Covid cases so far.
- More than the CGHS rates, the payments are not being received. In earlier years most of the pending were released on 31st March for the previous years, but not this time. Migration from UTI to Ayushman Portal has worsened it more. As such very few hospitals in the state are providing CGHS treatment.
- The Conclave was very well organized.

DR. GYANI concluded the meeting by following remarks-

- COVID 19 situation not alarming, need to be watchful on hospitalizations.
- More concerned with payment than with prices of CGHS.
- CGHS- needs for persistence and to bring to the notice of media and press. Focus on tertiary care hospitals where senior govt. officials seek treatment and to seek their help.
- Suggested putting standee in hospitals describing the plight of hospitals with respect to CGHS issues. Finally legal approach to be used in 3 months' time.