



Minutes of the zoom video call meeting held with AHPI Chapter bearers on 31st of March 2020 at 11:30 AM.

Participants

1. Dr. Alex Thomas, President, AHPI
2. Dr. Giridhar Gyani, Director General, AHPI
3. Dr. V C Shanmuganandan, Advisor, AHPI
4. Dr. C M Bhagath, Vice President, Delhi NCR Chapter
5. Dr. Sunil Ketrupal, Secretary, Delhi NCR Chapter
6. Dr. Voona Murali Krishna, President, Andhra Pradesh Chapter
7. Mr. Govind Hari, President, Telangana Chapter
8. Dr. Sujith Chatterjee, President, Maharashtra & Goa Chapter
9. Dr. Kishore Pujari, Vice President, Maharashtra & Goa Chapter
10. Dr. Ashwini Jogade, Secretary, Maharashtra & Goa Chapter
11. Dr. Naresh Shetty, President, Karnataka Chapter
12. Dr. Prashanth Marla, Vice President, Karnataka Chapter
13. Dr. Naveen Thomas, Secretary, Karnataka Chapter
14. Dr. Rahul Khare, Secretary, Madhya Pradesh Chapter
15. Dr. Saumitra Bharadwaj, President, West Bengal & Odisha Chapter
16. Ms. Suparna Sengupta, Secretary, West Bengal and Odisha Chapter
17. Mr. Joy Das Gupta, Vice President, North Zone Chapter
18. Dr. Guru Shankar, President, Tamil Nadu Chapter
19. Mr. Sameer Mehta, Vice President, Tamil Nadu Chapter
20. Mr. Adel Bennet, Joint Secretary, Tamil Nadu Chapter
21. Dr. Mahendra Pala, Hyderabad
22. Mr. Satheesh Devdoss, AHPI TN

Dr. Alex welcomed all the participants.

1. Mr. Govind Hari briefed that the state of Andhra had released some fund from the state run scheme.
2. Based on WHO standards, the model by St. Johns hospital for PPE and hand sanitizer has been uploaded on AHPI website, as this works out to be much cheaper. The sample of the Sanitizer have been tried by Mehta's hospital.
3. Sample letters to State Chief Secretaries was circulated and the state chapters can modify accordingly and circulate in their state.
4. Dr. Sujit wanted to know more about the re sterilization of the N 95 face mask. He was of the opinion that that these mask could be sterilized using cooking oven at 70 degree. The literature of this was requested to be circulated to all. Dr. Prasanth suggested that ethylene dioxide Sterilization can be one of the options to which Dr. Naveen also agreed. For the case of gloves it can be plasma sterilized, Dr. Naveen was requested to share the

literature on the same. Dr. Rahul suggested that the mask could be dried for 3 days and be re-used, he was also requested to share literature on the same.

5. Dr. Voona was of the opinion that a shipment of PPE can be imported from China to India, and he was requested to send a proposal to take this forward.
6. Regarding the taking over of Private hospitals by the Govt. for operation, negotiations are going on in some of the states. It was decided to hold on to this idea for the time being.
7. Dr. Prashant wanted the state of Karnataka to increase the number of testing centres. Dr. Alex requested him to get in touch with Dr. C N Manjunath who is the head of the task force for labs.
8. ECHS/CGHS have released some amount and hospitals to receive by 2nd week of April.
9. Regarding the insurance by the Govt. for the COVID workers, query was that whether the private sector would also be covered. Dr. Naresh Shetty suggested if the Govt. does not cover, than the hospitals can themselves get a premium cover for 90 days. Dr. Alex said that he will connect with star insurance to find out the same.
10. Dr. Naresh was also of the opinion that priority was to taking care of human resources and we need to ask the govt. that atleast 30 days of PPE are available, along with insurance coverage which will build confidence of the healthcare workers.
11. It was also discussed that separate and better facilities be provided for doctor and nurses who voluntarily opt for COVID patient care.
12. States to take up this matter with their health secretaries and Chief Secretaries.
13. Next zoom video call meeting on Friday 3rd April at 3 pm

