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Proceedings of the 31st Empanelment and Disciplinary
Committee meeting of Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust held on
27th February, 2015 in the Conference Hall, Suvarna Arogya
Suraksha Trust, Bangalore

Members Present

1. Dr. Sudarshan H. Secretary, Karuna Trust, Chairman
   Bangalore

2. Dr. Devadasan, IPH, Bangalore Member

3. Dr. Eshwarappa, Deputy Director (Medical), Member
   DoHFW

4. Sri P. Srinivas, Project Head, M/s M.D. India, Member
   Bangalore

5. Dr. Vishwaradhyya, Director, Medical Member Secretary
   Management, SAST

Others present

1. Dr. P. Bore Gowda, Executive Director, SAST, Bangalore.
2. Sri M.M. Shariff, Director (Finance), SAST, Bangalore.
3. Dr. Narayana Swamy, Deputy Director, SAST, Bangalore
4. Dr. Sandeep Korey, Deputy Director (I/c), SAST, Bangalore

The Director (Medical Management), Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust welcomed the Chairman and all Members to the 31st Empanelment and Disciplinary Committee meeting and requested the Chairman to preside over the meeting.

Sub No. 31.1

Confirmation of the Proceedings of 30th EDC meeting held on

The proceedings of the 30th Empanelment Disciplinary Committee meeting was confirmed.
Review of action taken on the proceedings of the 30th meeting held on 23.12.2014.

While reviewing the action on the previous meeting proceedings, the Committee discussed on the following subjects:

30.04 – The Executive Director, SAST informed about the reminders being sent in advance for renewal of hospitals.

30.08 – The Executive Director brought to the notice of EDC about the NRHM Executive Committee Meeting’s decision on RBSK regarding referring of cases by DEICs for tertiary treatment. But after realising only 6 DEICs are constituted, NRHM has decided to allow all taluk level Paediatric Surgeons, District Surgeons, DHOs and Heads of the Paediatric departments of Government Medical Colleges to refer the children for tertiary treatment. It was also decided to convene a meeting of all heads of Paediatric departments of all the Govt Medical Colleges.

30.09 – The Chairman suggested to have Death Audit Committee for all specialities. The Executive Director briefed about the present performance of M&V agency.

30.11 – The Committee decided to impose double the amount charged by Dr. Kumar raj Urs as penalty.

Remaining Action taken on the proceedings were reviewed by the Committee and unanimously approved.

Sub No. 31.3

Empanelment of hospitals within the State and outside the State under VAS scheme.

The Director (MM) had brought to the Committee’s notice that 5 private hospitals have been empanelled. Of which, 4 are within the State and 1 outside the State. Also, 2 Govt hospitals have been empanelled.

The Executive Director informed that in Ashraya Hospital and Holy Cross Hospital, Chikmangalur Dr. Karthik Vijay is appointed as Urologist, therefore both the hospitals were empanelled for Urology speciality.
Tatwadarsha Hospital, Dharwad is a 200 bedded hospital inspected by both Dr. Vishwaradhya and Dr. Dhangre. It is a well equipped and having full infrastructure and run by some private Doctors and a few Doctors working in KIMS. Therefore this hospital was empanelled for all the specialities except Oncology.

BVDU Medical College and Hospital, Sangli has all infrastructure facilities for Urology, Ploytrauma and Neuro Surgery but in Oncology they have tie-up with Siddivinayaka Ganapati Cancer Hospital, Miraj for Radiation and Medical oncology facilities.

**Decision:**

*After discussions, the Committee noted the empanelment of hospitals and ratified the action taken.*

**Sub No. 31.4**

**Renewal of Network Hospitals under VAS scheme.**

The Director (MM) informed that out of 25 network hospitals for renewal of empanelment, 21 hospitals have renewed and 4 hospitals is yet to renew their empanelment.

**Decision:**

*After discussions, the Committee ratified the action taken in renewal of empanelment of hospitals.*

**Sub No. 31.5**

**Empannelment of Super Specialists/Specialists as treating Doctors under VAS scheme.**

The Director (MM) informed that total 38 Super Specialists/Specialists were empanelled and of which 37 are newly empanelled and 1 is shifted from one network hospital to other.

**Decision:**

*After discussions, the Committee ratified the action taken for empanelment of Super Specialists/Specialists as treating Doctors.*
Sub No. 31.6

Approval of additional specialities to Network Hospitals under VAS scheme.

The Director (MM) briefed to the Committee that few additional specialities have been approved to 10 NWHs.

The Executive Director informed that Adichunchanagiri and JSS hospitals have done more cases compared to previous months.

Decision:

After discussions, the Committee ratified the action taken in approving the additional specialities to network hospitals.

Sub No. 31.7

Inspection of Hospitals under VAS scheme.

The Member Secretary, EDC informed that 1 hospital has submitted application for empanelment, 4 hospitals are inspected and 3 hospitals have sought approval of additional specialities under VAS Scheme.

Decision:

After detailed discussions, the Committee decided as under:

A) Inspection of Hospitals under VAS Scheme – Decided to inspect by the Executive Director, SAST and Chairman, EDC.

B) The Hospitals are inspected and placed before the committee for decision under VAS Scheme.

a) Shri Balaji Hrudayalaya, Hubli – Deferred because Cardiologist is from KIMS Hospital and there is no CTVS.

b) Karbhari Multispeciality Hospital, Gulbarga – approved

c) United Hospital, Gulbarga – approved for Neuro Surgery and Ploytrauma.

d) Sai Preet Bhalke Hospital, Bidar – presently approved for Burns, Urology and Neuro Surgery if the hospital provides in-house super specialists. As there is no Cardiology setup or the Oncology setup both are deferred until they provide both basic infrastructure and manpower.
C) The Hospitals sought for additional speciality under VAS Scheme
   a) Sridevi Multispeciality Hospital, Honnavar – will be reviewed after signing the revised MoU.
   b) Patil Nursing Home, Gulbarga – deferred.
   c) R.L. Jalappa Hospital and Research Centre, Kolar – approved.

Sub No. 31.8

Empanelment of hospitals under Rajiv Arogya Bhagya Scheme.

The Project Manager, RAB Scheme informed the Committee that total 113 hospitals have been empanelled and 10 hospital’s application are under process under RAB scheme. He also brought to the Committee’s notice that regarding rates, some hospitals have quoted more and some are reasonable and some hospitals are satisfied with our rates.

Decision:

After discussions, the Committee decided as follows:

i) The Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust is authorised to negotiate with the hospitals who have quoted higher rates and to counsel them to reduce the rates to normal limits.

ii) Arogyamitras should really educate the patient by showing the different rates of different hospitals.

iii) It was also decided to allow the hospitals who have quoted high rates to operate the scheme for General Ward till they reduce their rates.

Sub No. 31.9

Empanelment of hospitals under Jyothi Sanjeevini Scheme.

The Project Manager, JSS scheme informed that 126 hospitals have been empanelled under this scheme of which 101 is within the State and 25 hospitals are from outside the State.

Decision:

The Committee noted the details of JSS Scheme.
Sub No. 31.10

Decision of Karnataka Medical Council (KMC) against Dr. Sedamkar Rajashekar of Shree Hospital, Bidar.

The Executive Director explained the decision of the KMC, Bangalore and suspension of Dr. Rajashekar Sedamkar of Shree Hospital, Bidar.

Decision:

After detailed discussion, the Committee expressed their happiness.

Sub No. 31.11

Complaints against Network Hospitals regarding collection of money from VAS beneficiaries.

The Director (Medical Management) informed that during processing claims proposals and also while making enquiry with the VAS beneficiaries who are treated by network hospitals it is noticed that some of the network hospitals are collecting money from VAS beneficiaries for treatment and also for investigations over and above the charges fixed by the Trust and requested the Committee to decide on the actions to be initiated on the default NWHs.

The Chairman enquired with Implementation Support Agency about inconvenience to the beneficiaries and also felt that ISA/Arogyamitras are not strictly following-up in calling the beneficiaries.

Sri. Srinivasan, Project Head, ISA brought to his notice that regularly Call Centre staff are following-up this and the introduction of declaration form which shall be signed by both the hospital authorities and also by the beneficiary would arrest this menace. The Executive Director explained that a system of Arogya Mithra visiting every patient once a day and record the same in the form prescribed, is introduced recently. He/She shall also ensure that the collected money is refunded before the discharge.

The Chairman suggested to constitute a Grievances Cell at State/District levels and insisted that monthly report from ISA should be placed before EDC.
Decision:

After detailed discussions the Committee suggested to keep proper track in identifying the irregularities of NWHs and directed ISA to place monthly report before EDC. Further the Committee decided to impose penalty as follows:

a) For the first deviation double the amount collected, second deviation 3 times the amount collected and for third deviation 4 times the amount collected.

b) If this is continued dis-empanelment of hospital.

Sub No. 31.12

Irregularities in the working of The Karnataka Cancer Therapy and Research Institute, Hubli.

The Director (MM) brought to the notice of the Committee that Karnataka Cancer Therapy and Research Institute, Hubli is in the habit of collecting money from patients. The field staff including the Regional Consultant, Gulbarga, District Manager, Dharwad have been visiting frequently and warning the tier consequences of the irregularities. Inspite of this, the hospital has continued to collect the money for investigations, for treatment also from the following patients.

a) Sent preauthorisation proposal on 4.12.2014 under Code-611 Composite Resection and Reconstruction. Instead of operating, the hospital has changed the plan of treatment within 4 days and referred the patient to B.R. Patil Hospital (which is not empanelled by the Trust) on the ground that the case is inoperable. This patient was provided with Chemotherapy and collected Rs. 15,000/- per cycle. Again this patient was admitted as outpatient and given second Chemotherapy and collected Rs. 20,272/- per cycle.

b) Not refunding the investigation charges of Rs. 8,260/- collected from patient Shaikh Aziz.

c) Pt.Huligemma Katti Preauth No. VAS_H_19567248035 – Rs. 18,623/-

d) Pt. Sayyed Kembavi – Preauth No. H_19567241675 – Rs. 23,948/-

e) Pt. Siddawwa Madar – Preauth No. VAS_H_19567253303 – Rs. 10,957/-
f) Pt. Salima Manturu - VAS_H_19567247611 - Rs. 8,137/-
g) Pt. Nilamma p H- Peauth No. H_19567243904 - Rs. 7,480/-

Even in the new Jyothi Sanjeevini Scheme also the hospital has collected Rs.7,910/- Preauth No. H_19567252767 from Pt. Mahantawwa.

Altogether the hospital has collected Rs. 1,20,587/-

The Director (MM) requested the Committee to take stringent action against this hospital.

**Decision:**

After detailed discussions, the Committee perused the details of all the cases from whom the hospital has collected amount by violating the conditions of MoU and decided to stop giving preauth for the new cases and also decided to recover double the amount collected i.e., Rs. 2,41,174/- from the hospital.

Additional Agenda 31.12.1

Violation of rules of SAST by Dr. Nischit D'Souza.

The Director (MM) explained that Dr. Nischit D'souza first empanelled as treating Doctor with Yenepoya Hospital, Mangalore and Beneka Hospital, Ujire under Genito Urinary Speciality. It is noticed that he has treated 18 cases of Global Multispeciality Hospital, Mangalore without he being empanelled in the new hospital.

**Decision:**

After detailed discussions, the Committee decided to recover the amount of Rs. 1,06,500/- being the 20% of the claim amount of all the cases treated by him. The amount has to be paid by Dr. Nischit D'souza to the SAST and the hospital is warned not to resort to encourage such unauthorised Doctor to perform surgeries in their hospital and the hospital would be penalised heavily if the same trend is noticed in future.
Additional Agenda 31.12.2

Irregularities in the working of Shri Siddhivinayaka Ganapathi Cancer Hospital, Miraj.

The Director (MM) explained that Shri Siddhivinayaka Ganapathi Cancer Hospital, Miraj is in the habit of collecting money from VAS beneficiaries. In case of patient Yamanappa Chadagund of Yadgir, the hospital has collected Rs. 40,000/- and they have not started treatment. Many more cases of this type were brought to the notice of the hospital authorities but no improvement in the working of the hospital.

Decision:

After detailed discussions, the Committee decided to collect the money from the hospital and penalty shall be levied as proposed below:

a) For the first instance, amount equivalent to the amount collected by the hospital.

b) For repeated incidents double the amount and further repetition 4 times the amount and if it is repeated further, suspension of the empanelment.

The meeting concluded with vote of thanks by the Director (Medical Management), SAST.

Sd/-
(Dr. H. Sudarshan)
Chairman
Empanelment and Disciplinary Committee
Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust
Bangalore

(Proceedings approved by the Chairman)

Director, Medical Management and
Member Secretary, EDC
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