

## Vikram Hospital launches 'Home Care Service for Cancer Patients'

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Vikram Hospital (Bengaluru) has announced the launch of its best-in-class 'Home Care Service' for cancer patients to tackle the increasing cases of cancer in Bengaluru. The service will be available only in Bengaluru for now and will expand to other cities of Karnataka depending upon the demand. Latest figures available with Population Based Cancer Registry of Indian Council of Medical Research states that, Bengaluru has the highest number of cases of Cancer in India with 113 males and 139 female cancer patients per 100,000 population.

**Dr. Somesh Mittal, Managing Director & CEO, Vikram Hospital (Bengaluru) said,** "We strive for excellence in best possible service to patients with the highest regards to quality, patient safety and patient satisfaction. Our 'Home Care Service' in Oncology will include treatment of cancer patients including advanced cancers, basic intravenous drugs, safer chemotherapy, pain and palliative care, post chemotherapy care, post radiotherapy and postoperative care. Our team comprising primary care doctor, nurse and attendants will be equipped with basic medical equipment like bedside monitors, ECG machine Blood Pressure instruments, Pulse oximetry, IV Stands, Home Oxygen Concentrators, etc. at all the time and their charges will be based only on usage."

Commenting on the demand for Home Care Service **Dr. Somesh Mittal** further added, "The demand for Oncology home care is huge as there is a large subset of patients on home palliative care who need pain management, supportive care and medical review from time to time, but cannot travel to hospital as arranging ambulance, etc. takes a lot of time and resources. However, patients prefer to be connected to the primary treating team always because of trust, empathy and compassion and hence we have included Home Care Service in Oncology."