

## "Lockdown had a grave impact on cancer patients- Dr Parimala D John

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**Dr Parimala Devi John, Consulting OBGYN Specialist and Colposcopist, Fortis Hospital talks about the impact of COVID-19 on cancer patients**



"Lockdowns and travel restraints to curb the spread of COVID-19 had a grave impact on cancer patients in the last three months to access health care facilities. Lack of timely diagnosis and treatment also the fear of contracting the infection led to a surge of advanced cases across the country. While Cervical cancer is one of the most easily manageable cancers, unfortunately, the awareness around the disease remains low in India. Every seven minutes, one Indian woman dies of cervical cancer. Thus, today every woman should opt for early cervical cancer screening and testing for better management of the disease."

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