

## Delhi State Cancer Institute inks MoU with Merck Specialities

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### To accelerate access to cancer care in the country



Delhi State Cancer Institute (DSCI) and Merck Specialities have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strategically collaborate towards creating pathways to address and accelerate access to cancer care treatment to patients who need them the most.

With an aim to create definitive public health impact and reduce the burden of Head and Neck cancer and Colorectal cancer, the partnership through multiple interventions, aims to improve disease awareness, knowledge upgradation, capability enhancement to support early diagnosis and patient counselling provision.

DSCI along with Merck will drive community outreach awareness campaigns and related Initiatives such as anti-tobacco campaigns, market activation around head and neck Cancer and colorectal cancer, and educating people regarding the signs & symptoms and their associated complications by spreading the outreach in the identified district of East Delhi to increase the overall awareness within the community.

Merck will organise multiple patient screening Health Check-up Camps at the DSCI campus for essential oral examination of the patients. Under this MoU, a patient counselling kiosk has been set up at DSCI.

Dakhshayani and Amravati Health Education, the NGO partners have provided two patient counsellors to support the patients and caregivers' therapy needs, educating patients on treatment and its compliance, psychological care, and nutritional and diet assistance.