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UPDATES FROM KANNIGAPURAM CAMPUS

Dear friends,

Construction work has been proceeding steadily at the Kannigapuram campus, despite the ongoing pandemic. There have been many challenges because of the lockdown, but we are grateful to the district administration for their support.

Some of the completed wards and ICUs were converted to a COVID Care facility, and were a great support to the institution when there was a major shortage of oxygen and beds.

Last week, one of the final stretches of the access road to the hospital was laid. With this, we begin a series of updates for the community on the status of the construction and the wide range of facilities in the new campus.

Building a hospital of this magnitude is a massive undertaking involving thousands of people. We thank the construction crew and their supervisors, and all our staff – those on site and the many actively involved with various aspects of the project.

New Campus Development Team

**THIS WEEK'S
FEATURED
STORY**

**Dialysis
Services**



The access road leading up to the hospital from the highway.

The main portico with entrances to the trauma service and chest pain service in the block on the right



DIALYSIS SERVICES



Nephrology services have been offered at CMC Vellore for over six decades, serving people from different parts of India as well as from some neighbouring countries. The department is, perhaps, most well-known for conducting the first haemodialysis in India, in 1961, and the first successful kidney transplantation, in 1971.

Presently, the haemodialysis unit offers dialysis to about 100 patients with chronic kidney disease each day, in addition to those with acute kidney injury. Central venous catheter insertions are needed in most patients for starting haemodialysis.

Some patients opt for home-based therapy and Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis (CAPD). This involves placing a catheter into the abdomen and putting special dialysis fluid into the belly for a few hours each day. Training for CAPD as well as catheter insertion for patients is carried out at the Artificial Kidney Lab.

A 40-bedded hemodialysis facility and a 10-bedded peritoneal dialysis facility are being set up at the Kannigapuram Campus.

Some of the dialysis beds in the Town Campus in Vellore will be retained for local patients and those with severe acute kidney injury, who require dialysis support until recovery of kidney function.



The bicarbonate tank, where bicarbonate mixing for each dialysis is done, is to be installed soon.



One of the haemodialysis rooms undergoing final cleaning.



The peritoneal dialysis facility waiting for finishing touches.