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To

1 May 2020

The Honourable Prime Minister

Dear Sir,

Warm greetings from Venous Association of India (VAI)!

For and on behalf of VAI, we would like to express sincere gratitude for the measures taken by the Government to combat the unprecedented era of Covid-19 to manage such a vast country with vast number of citizens. Your prudent leadership is being saluted not only in India but also across the Globe and the new responsibility in Public health; the symbol of National pride. We are proud to be part of your actions and proposals for the Indians.

As the apex National organization and representative of Vascular surgeons and Endovascular specialists all over the country, we would like to put forward the following issues for your consideration:

1. We will have to start treating patients keeping in mind, the situation evolving due to Covid-19. We already overcame different viral infections like HIV / HBV / HCV etc. with extra care for Doctors and other healthcare staff by sustainable guidelines and implementation protocol. We are one of those few nations having law for 'no refusal' of HIV positive patients. Moreover 'right to life' (pronounced as 'right to healthcare') is regarded as fundamental right in The Constitution. Unlike HIV, the Covid-19 can transmit through cough fomite / sweat and even touch! As a professional body we envisioned:
 - i) Excellent quality PPE kits and masks is most important for ALL involved in healthcare system. As you know, that a hospital working cell is made of Doctor, Assistant, Nurse, Ward boy, Ayahs, and Reception attendant and Security person etc. All will require some sort of protective shield according to possible exposure. The core Doctor and subordinate will need higher grade PPE level and others a good shielding with a structured training for proper use.
 - b) To safe guard all the best method will be COVID RAPID TESTING, available at designated laboratories or Centers and easily performed for screening.: eg: HIV negative are treated on a standard hospital protocol and HIV +ve are treated with different protocol or different location having the setup.
2. The health care workers to be tested for the same as routine and vaccinated (when available). Those who are unfortunate to be tested positive, most likely not going to, but have to be quarantined treated (as per guidelines and protocol on board) and cost of this treatment should be supported by the Government.

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3. The abuse on the health care personals must be STOPPED for the greater good of the society and Mother India. Though an extraordinary ordinance is passed, but earliest if some examples are set it will alert society in general and boost up strength of the workers. We need a proper sustainable law and enforcement over and above the current amendment in the epidemic act.
4. All insurance companies and covers for health related issues, where a person is insured / covered, such person should not be refused the cover whether it is under exclusion clauses or not.
5. One local VAI or any organization for that matter, under a central leadership for emergency help in case of assault of a health worker (Means doctor or any other healthcare staff), hospitalization or death related issues: a direct cause to effect route should be established with the local police and other law enforcing authorities. This would mean in each town a doctor is identified and the police informed that on call of this person immediate actions have to be taken. At every town / city level this can be easily done by various associations choosing one or a panel of doctors/ responsible person.
6. All teaching programs and video conferencing by associations for continued learning and scientific deliberations should be recognized by the Government and taken for CME crediting.
7. VASCULAR ULTRASOUND machines (Linear Probe 5 to 13 MHz) should be allowed in any hospital medical wards and be allowed to carry from one to other place for emergency vascular access. Ultrasound is the basic tool for therapeutic approach towards a collapsing patient. Unless you have a vascular access no treatment is possible for any type of a serious patient.

A specific protocol should be added: all cases where such a machine was used

- a. It should be recorded in the case paper.
- b. The head of the ward/ hospital/ institution whatever applicable will be informed and Permission obtained.
- c. Information regarding the use of Linear vascular Doppler probe will be informed to local District Medical Government officer (DMO), See Annexures on Procedures, and every such center should cc to VAI office secretary. (vaisecretary@gmail.com).

Though the country is at a standstill, every organization eg. Builders, manufacturers, marketing yards small scale industries, and many more are attempting to re-start their work by modifying or reshaping their procedure codes.

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Medical fraternity being the one which comes in closest contact with a person for general examination to performing planned or emergency procedures also needs some protection, authorizations and relaxation in existing protocols for betterment.

Therefore, I like to request your good self to extend your administrative support to the healthcare team to provide their best with morale boost in this Covid-19 crisis and be kind enough to do the needful at your earliest.

Awaiting your valuable response.

Thanking you,

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