

Non surgical treatment of cancer patients (primarily solid tumors) at SGPGI during COVID19 period

Department of Radiotherapy

All clinical services scaled down. OPD services minimized.

COVID related precautions being taken for the patient, attendants and HCW

1. A check point created at the entrance of the department. Thermal screening and self assessment checklist for the patients and attendants
2. Patients to be spaced apart at the machines
3. No attendants allowed beyond checkpoint (except for wheelchair/stretchers bound patients)
4. Machine area/rooms to maintain stringent cleaning protocols
5. Chemotherapy patients to lie on alternate beds at the time of chemotherapy administration. Allowed 1 caretaker only.

Chemotherapy

1. Scale down administration of chemotherapy wherever possible.
2. As and when chemotherapy has to be given, the regimens and intensity to be scaled down/deferred. Oral formulations preferred.
3. Encourage taking chemotherapy nearer to home, if possible.

Radiotherapy

1. Patients to be prioritized for Radiotherapy.
2. Rapidly proliferating tumors to be given preference. Defer radiotherapy for slow growing tumors.
3. Short course of radiotherapy (including single fraction RT) to be preferred over protracted protocols, which need the patient to report daily for long period of time.
4. High end and complex radiotherapy techniques to be avoided.
5. New cases requiring radiotherapy to be encouraged to opt for taking treatment at a facility near their home.
6. Patient may consult telephonically through the helpline, in case of any emergency.
7. Brachytherapy to be completed as per schedule

In case of any emergency/ query, patient may consult telephonically using the helpline number - 8004966376