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COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Advisory for patients planning to visit the hospital

The Government of India and Government of Karnataka have instructed all citizens to avoid crowded places in view of the ongoing corona virus pandemic. The crowd in the hospital is more likely to include patients with COVID-19. Hence, there is a real risk of those visiting the hospital becoming infected with COVID-19. Further, elderly and children are more vulnerable.

We sincerely regret the inconvenience likely to be caused to patients. However, it is in the interest of the patients that we have arrived at this decision.

The public at large is advised the following:

- 1. Patients with minor ailments seeking medical advice are strongly advised not to visit the hospital, in view of disproportionately high risk of exposure to infections (including COVID-19 infection) in the crowded hospital setting.**
- 2. All patients needing elective (non-emergency) surgical procedures and interventions / treatment such as family counselling are strongly advised to delay their visit till restrictions are lifted.**
- 3. ONLY PATIENTS WITH A CRITICAL AILMENT NEEDING URGENT TERTIARY CARE SHOULD COME TO THE HOSPITAL.**
- 4. Outstation patients and attenders are advised not to travel and seek guidance in local hospitals / health centres.**

Each patient is requested to understand the risk of exposure to a large hospital and balance against the genuine benefit of such a visit.

Director