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Vellore Presentations Evening

7:00pm, Fri 10th June, 2021
Rosefield Uniting Church
2 Carlton St, Highgate

Speaker: Dr. Boopalan Ramasamy

“The Second Innings”

Dr Ramasamy will talk about his work at CMC Vellore, his post fellowship at Royal Adelaide Hospital, and his move to the RAH as a consultant.

All welcome!

Supper will be provided afterwards where you can chat with each other in an informal and relaxed setting.



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Upcoming Events At A Glance

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2022**

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SA FOV AGM Nov 2021

Rosefield Uniting Church, 5 Nov 2021

Dr J.V. Peter, Director of CMC, spoke to us live from CMC via Zoom and provided a fascinating talk on the COVID challenges faced by CMC, how they were dealt with, and the current COVID situation.

There was opportunity for a number of follow-up questions for Dr J.V. Peter from attendees at the AGM.

A very enjoyable evening concluded with a delicious supper.

Please consider attending our next AGM later in 2022!



Dr Renjy Nelson on stage with Dr J.V. Peter streaming live from Vellore

New Life and Hope - Karthi's Life Saving Liver Transplant at CMC Vellore

Little Karthi* was born with a liver problem. He was yellow with jaundice and underwent an operation at 2 months of age to correct the problem. His parents were heart-broken to hear that it had not worked and he needed a liver transplant. To save Karthi's life, both parents were ready for 'living liver donation'. But his father was diabetic and his mother had cancer in the past and they had two other young children to look after.

Karthi was put on the transplant waiting list and CMC's community team at RUHSA kept in touch with the family. Two years later, a liver was available for him. The surgery was a success and Karthi has recovered well. The family is very poor and CMC covered the entire cost of the transplant.

We are grateful to friends like you who support our patients.

**name changed and story used with consent*

Details contributed by the Department of Hepato Pancreato Biliary Surgery

Brief Notes from CMC Council Meeting, Jan 2022**Director's Report**

COVID – current wave is mild, only level 1 & 2 ICU admissions, mostly incidental diagnosis. At the peak had 1800 patients per week and 115 inpatients. Within next 2 weeks should be down.

Participating with the Tamil Nadu government in the vaccination campaign. 540 CMC nurses are involved.

Non COVID – Initially the Government made a decree to shut the OPD and IP for non-COVID. Within 24 hours it was revoked.

Finances are slightly down over past 3 weeks but picking up.

The donations from FCRA (foreign donors) were 30% (compared to 11% 4 years ago). Local donations are also increasing.

Reports by Associate Directors**Kannigapuram**

Expected to become fully functional in April 2022. The transfer of service has already started.

Housing complex with 534 houses will be completed by May 2022.



Heavy rains have been quite disruptive mainly affected the Stores and Ortho Equipment. No serious damage.

Quess / Fairfax Consortium funded Paediatric centre – The 700-bed complex within the KP campus will be done in 2 stages and expected to be completed by 2025 at the total cost of A\$40 million.

Chittoor

As mentioned earlier. It was the only campus which was not affected financially during the COVID pandemic.

OPD – 18,000 / month

IP – 800 / month

Recent developments - increase space for OPD, Pharmacy storage, Nursery and play area for children, staff residence, re treat centre.

Foundation stone for the College of Nursing was laid this week. 3rd batch of nursing students admitted. Awaiting university affiliation (AP State).

Master Plan for Chittoor – Over the next 3 – 4 years' time.

CMC administration is very serious about the future of Chittoor.

Bed numbers are expected to increase from 120 at present to 300 - the minimum number required for a medical college. They believe it is possible to achieve it by 2026. They have recruited Dr. George Mathews, a retired former principal of CMC to help them with the process.

A\$30 million allocated towards this project.



Working Women's Hostel Chittoor Campus

12-year-old Dilip* has been admitted in our Paediatric ward with multiple problems which were preventing him from leading a normal life. The doctors here have been caring for him ever since he was a baby. With the help of various donations, we were able to perform a corrective surgery for him. He is able to get a better and normal quality of life now. The donations played a central role in his improvement.

Now, Dilip looks forward to going back to school. "I can't wait to see my friends and teachers. Someday I dream to become a doctor," he smiles.
from CMC Newslines Mar 14, 2022



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