

14 MOTHERS AFFLICTED BY SURGICAL SITE INFECTION AT YAVATMAL



YAVATMAL/NAGPUR: Fourteen women who underwent caesarean section deliveries at Yavatmal's Vasantrao Naik Government Medical College and Hospital in April were afflicted by Surgical Site Infections (SSI). Instead of being discharged after 10 days, as is usual, some of these 14 patients are still in the gynaecology ward a month later.

Their relatives have alleged that the infection was caused due to the negligence of doctors and staff. Taking cognisance of their complaints, Directorate of Medical Education and Research (DMER) sent a five-member committee to Yavatmal on Tuesday to record the statements of patients, on-duty officers, and the dean. The committee will also decide further course of action. Bebitai Kadhav, whose niece Jaishree Babre is one of the 14 patients, said her niece is suffering unbearable pain due to the negligence of doctors. "She was complaining of pain right from the day of her delivery on April 21. But doctors ignored her. When we noticed pus and blood oozing out of some stitches, doctors decided to apply fresh stitches. It was even more painful for her. The newborn baby is also suffering as she is not getting her mother's care," Kadhav said.

Krishna Bondre, whose sister is undergoing treatment since April 18, and Dnyaneshwar Paithankar, whose wife is suffering "Against our capacity of 120, we have more than 180 patients any day. More than 80% of our patients come from the rural areas. They hardly have any previous records or undergone sonography. Many expecting mothers are too weak for normal delivery. With HB count as low as 2, they can be easily afflicted by infections," he said.

He added the hospital has conducted 2,871 deliveries by C-section in last one year, and 118 of these cases developed infections. "This is 4% of total cases. The national rate of SSI is nearly 22%. The same in Maharashtra is 7.8%. At our hospital, we have successfully kept it as low as 4%," he said.

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11 LOSE SIGHT AFTER BOTCHED SURGERY IN INDORE



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BHOPAL: Eleven persons lost their vision to different degrees following suspected infection after they were operated upon for cataract in Indore Eye Hospital, a health official said on Saturday. Indore is also the home town of Madhya Pradesh Health Minister Tulsiram Silawat. The authorities have sealed the operation theatre and ordered investigations into the incident. "Out of 13 patients who were operated upon for cataract on August 8 under National Programme for Control of Blindness, 11 have complained of blurred vision," Chief Medical and Health Officer Praveen Jadiya said On August 9, eye drops were administered to the patients after which they complained of inflammation and blurred vision. On checking their eyes, many patients said they could see only a black shadow. After investigation, the doctors admitted that there was an infection in the eyes of the patients. The hospital's chief ophthalmologist, Dr. Sudhir Mahashabde said the cause of the infection has not yet been ascertained. The state has revoked the license of the hospital. Chief Minister Kamal Nath has announced an assistance of Rs 50,000 to each patient and ordered treatment through specialists from the Shankar Nethralaya of Chennai. The patients who are aged between 45 and 85 years, have been shifted to Choithram hospital for further treatment, said the authorities. "I have completely lost my sight," said Rami Bai, 50, in a choked voice. District Collector Lokesh Kumar Jatav said the Red Cross Society was helping the patients. Silawat said that a seven-member panel headed by Indore Divisional Commissioner will probe the "unfortunate" incident. The minister also said that this is a disturbing incident. "Our priority is to provide the best treatment to the patients," he added. Among the patients is a couple who have completely lost their vision. This is the second time the hospital is involved in such negligence. Ten patients had lost their sight during a similar camp in 2010

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