



Cankids is urgently looking for a Palliative Care Doctor for a 4-6 month project on Pediatric Palliative Care in North India.

The Cankids Pediatric Palliative Care project (PPCP) commenced in 2009 and grew to strength from September last year, under Dr Anjay Babu and the PPCP team, focusing on finding gaps in the existing system in Government hospitals, and filling the same, providing quality palliative care services from moment of diagnosis onwards.

The project is exciting, exceptional and the first of its kind – with a complete and holistic focus integrating pain management, symptom control, counseling, wish granting, terminal care and bereavement support through the entire period of treatment for children with cancer and their families..

Services will be available to any family with a child faced with cancer, in any Cankids Unit hospitals, to begin with in Delhi NCR. It integrates with all the other Cankids support services and reflects Continuity of Care which is an integral part of our mission statement.

The work space is both in the cancer hospitals we work in as well as India's first Pediatric Palliative Care Center as a Day Care and Transition Home we are providing near AIIMS and Safdurjung Hospital for the NCR of Delhi and northern India.

The PPCP team presently includes the PPCP Palliative care physician, Sr Psychologist, Counselor, Volunteers, Project Officer, Parent Support Group Members. Once the Center comes up we would add on 1 more Doctor and 2-3 nurses and attendants.

By July 2011, Cankids has supported over 300 children providing quality palliative care,

The Palliative Care Physician could be someone who could either take it on as a 4 - 6 month project, including training a younger doctor OR a full time job with a 2 year time commitment. Hindi is not an imperative. We can offer Rs 45000/ all inclusive, and for the 6 month project duration place to stay.

Brief details of the PPCP project:

The Cankids Vision is that when worldwide 70-80% childhood cancer is curable, than in our country too 70 - 80% must survive the disease. We are the only organization in India that provides the entire range of support services from moment of cancer diagnosis, through treatment and after, to cancer affected children and their families. Since inception in January 2004, to date we have supported over 5000 children with cancer and their families, importantly in their medical treatment.

Unfortunately in India, 70-90% children still continue to die of Cancer due to lack of awareness, late diagnosis, inadequate cancer treatment facilities and importantly lack of finance. In the press of numbers of patients, especially in Government hospitals, pain, symptom management and psycho-

social support get low priority. Once a child becomes terminally ill, the other children who are still curative become the priority from the point of view of the doctor's time and the hospital's resources.

*Providing the **continuity of care** and integrating curative treatment and palliative care are important part of the Cankids mission statement. Accordingly we launched a **PEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE PROJECT (PPCP)** in July 2009.*

*IN Dec 2010 premises for a **PPCP Center** have been made available at Gautam Nagar near 2 major Govt hospitals AIIMS and Safdurjung. It is also next to the Green Park Metro station , making the Center accessible to other cancer centers in the city. The Center will be run as a **DAY CARE AND TRANSITION HOME** – with an OPD, 10 inpatient cubicles, a Therapy room, counseling room, Doctors consultation room and training facilities, kitchen and a cafeteria over 3 floors. The Center will provide support for Palliative Care across Delhi and to other Cancer Centers in Northern India as well as other parts of the country where Cankids has Units.*

The Center will be ready to operate by December end . Staying accommodation for the Dr would be on the 3rd floor of the Center premises.

Please contact Sonia Sekhri, our Project leader, who is also taking care of funding support. She would be happy to follow up with mail or phone calls and answer any questions you may have. Sonia's email id is sonaisekhri@cankidsindia.org. Her phone number is +91 9811049194

Please feel free to contact me directly as well.

Many thanks for your help, and your ongoing support and help to Cankids.

Regards,

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