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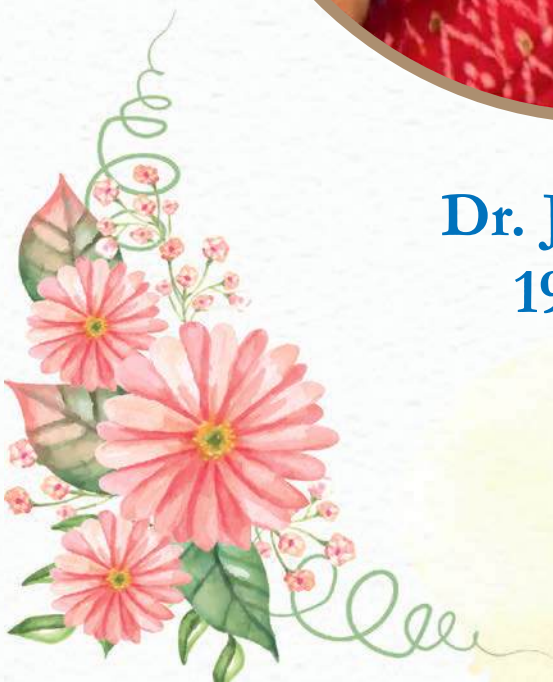




In Remembrance



Dr. Jeroo Coyaji
1941 - 2025





Dr. Kurus Coyaji, Dr. Xerxes Coyaji and your extended families. We are all gathered here to condole with you on the passage of Dr. Jeroo Coyaji. Yours is truly an irreparable loss and I am sure that I carry everyone here with me when we convey our deepest sympathies to all of you, in a loss which many of us here feel personally too.

It is really difficult to speak of someone whom one knew so closely for over half a century and in so many different avatars, private as well as more public. It is my privilege today to try and share with you some of the qualities of head and heart which made her a genuinely very remarkable person.

Some key qualities stand out. Above all she was a person of integrity and strength of character based on a very firm set of values. Warmth and kindness were the fundamental traits of her personality, though she might well be sharp with people who deserved it. These qualities were underpinned with the gift of interacting on equal terms with a wide variety of people across the social and economic spectrum. People, whatever their station in life did not feel they were being spoken down to.

She got on particularly with children, who as you know always react well to being treated as intelligent equals. So, it isn't surprising that she has been a strong formative influence not only on her grandchildren and nieces but on other young people too. A voracious and versatile reader almost till the last, curiosity about the world was another feature and she was always well informed about affairs.

However, shot through in all that I have described above, was a remarkable and versatile sense of humour, never far from the surface. In particular a keen sense of the absurd and ridiculous in life and the ability to extract amusement from it – which was infectious.

Though she was an economist by training – a PhD under a very tough guide Dr. Dandekar of the Gokhale Institute – her trained mind along with her native grit and persistence led her to excellence in quite unrelated fields. Perhaps some of the later entrants to the KEM may not know her stellar role in the ethical development of the Blood Bank, which today I believe is one of the finest in the State. Similarly, these leadership qualities were also to the forefront of her long association with the social organization, the Bharatiya Samaj Seva Kendra. I am sure there are others here who will touch on these aspects.

To end - Jeroo Coyaji enriched the lives of many whom she touched – not least those of my own family and me. We will all miss her.

Dr. Farrokh Wadia






We gather here today to honour and remember Dr. Jeroo Coyaji, an extraordinary woman whose contributions will be remembered for years to come. She was the driving force behind the KEM Pune Blood Bank—a visionary leader and a true pioneer in her field.

Since becoming the Honorary Administrator of the KEM Hospital Blood Bank in 1972, she dedicated herself to its growth and excellence. Her relentless efforts transformed it into a leading centre of excellence, ensuring that her vision will continue to guide its future.

Although she will be deeply missed, she will always be remembered through her work, the principles she instilled in us, and the vision she shared with us.

Dr. Rakesh Shah



Dr Jeroo Coyaji, Administrator Blood Bank KEMH, was true legend in the field of blood banking. She dedicated more than 52 yrs of her life to ensure that needy patients receive safe and timely blood transfusions. Her tireless efforts, unwavering commitment and selfless dedication inspired countless individuals and saved countless lives. As a pioneer in blood banking, she played a pivotal role in shaping our blood bank. Her innovative approaches, expertise and leadership helped to establish blood bank as a model for excellence. Blood bank was awarded twice for best performance by Government of Maharashtra

There are many firsts to her credit like component separation in 1988, inhouse HIV testing, leucoreduction, NAT for HIV, HBV, HCV, Phenotyping and antibody detection, antibody identification and issue of antigen negative blood, She adopted all modern technologies for blood safety.

She was a mentor and source of inspiration to many. Her kindness, empathy and generosity touched the hearts of everyone she met.

She was associated with many other organisations like BSSK, Parsee panchayat etc and had held responsible positions in those organisations.

The countless lives she touched, the families she helped, lessons she taught will continue to inspire us. Her legacy will live on.

Dr. Anand Chaphekar





I knew Jeroo for more than 45 years. We used to meet on the TDH Building steps whenever she came to the blood bank. She would inquire about my daughters and tell me about her grandsons, They were studying in Mumbai and how she missed them.

If we made any request regarding blood, it was immediately met with. She obliged us by sending small quantity of blood bags and with leucoreduction, so that febrile reactions to transfusion were reduced.

She was a voracious reader. Since I am also fond of reading, we exchanged views about various books over the phone. The last time I spoke to her, she was reading "The Enchanted Forest" by Chitra Karuni Bannerjee and really liking it. A Parsi Lady enjoying a book on Sita! My heartfelt condolences to Kurus, Xerxes and Perin.

Dr. Sudha Chaudhari



We all are deeply saddened about the passing of Dr. Jeroo Coyaji. Her departure is a significant loss not only to her family (here I mean the entire K.E.M. Family) and friends but also to the entire community, she so selflessly served.

She was a remarkable individual whose dedication to her profession as a teacher, as an administrator, as a social worker, as finance manager, as a motivator, as a counsellor & many many other professions she worked at was unparalleled.

In the Blood Banking field mam's contribution went far beyond the administrative work. She was a true pioneer, a visionary who understood the critical importance of voluntary blood donation long before. She spearheaded a movement to raise awareness going door to door, speaking passionately about the need for blood & power of selfless giving. She inspired countless individuals to roll up their sleeves and contribute to saving lives. She understood that blood donation was not just a medical necessity but community responsibility . She instilled that belief in every one she encountered.

For more than five decades, Madam dedicated her life to K.E.M. blood bank. Think about that, for a moment more than five decades of unwavering commitment .She wasn't just an administrator, she was the heart & sole of the blood bank.

Her vast knowledge was invaluable . Her strategic thinking was unparalleled. She had an uncanny ability to navigate complex situations , even negotiating the acquisition of essential equipment with tight budgetary constraints. She was master negotiator . She was really a true master negotiator ensuring the blood bank always had the resources it needed to function effectively.



And if all this wasn't enough her heart extended to the most vulnerable members of society the orphans. She worked tirelessly providing them a safe & loving home for childrens who had nowhere else to turn. She nurtured them, cared for them & gave them the opportunity to thrive. She was a mother figure to many offering love, support and a chance at a bright future.

In this difficult time may the memories of Dr. Jeroo Coyaji bring us all comfort and her soul rest in eternal peace . Our heartfelt thoughts & prayers are with the Coyaji family.

Savita Sawant

प्रसन्न व्यक्तिमत्व, हसरा चेहरा व टापटीप राहणीमान जोपासणाऱ्या आपल्या जेरू मॅडमचे काही दिवसांपूर्वी वयाच्या ८४ व्या वर्षी आजारपणामुळे दुःखद निधन झाले.

रुग्णालयाला २०१२ साली १०० वर्षे पूर्ण झाली. त्यानिमित्ताने व्यवस्थापनाने शतक महोत्सव साजरा करण्याचे निश्चित केले. यानिमित्ताने एक स्मरणिका काढण्याचे ठरवण्यात आले. यासाठी लागणारी माहिती जशी की रुग्णालयाचा इतिहास, रुग्णालयाची उत्तरोत्तर होत गेलेल्या प्रगतीचा आढावा, तसेच १०० वर्षात रुग्णालयास भेट दिलेल्या अनेक राजकीय व्यक्ती जसे की भारताचे पंतप्रधान डॉ. पंडित जवाहरलाल नेहरू , माननीय इंदिरा गांधी तसेच इतर सामाजिक व दानशूर व्यक्ती यांची माहिती, रुग्णालयाचे दुर्मिळ फोटो, १०० वर्षांमध्ये योगदान केलेल्या अध्यक्ष , विश्वस्त, व्यवस्थापक यांची माहिती गोळा करण्याचे खूप जिकिरीचे काम होते. ही स्मरणिका तयार करण्याची जबाबदारी जेरू मॅडमकडे सोपवण्यात आली. त्यांनी माझी तसेच श्री. सुभाष शिंदे, श्री. मराठे यांची मदत घेण्याचे ठरवले. त्यांच्या नेतृत्वाखाली १०० वर्षांचा उज्वल इतिहास सांगणाऱ्या या सुंदर स्मरणिकेचे प्रकशन मुख्य अतिथी तेव्हाचे केंद्र सरकारचे कृषी मंत्री माननीय श्री शरदचंद्रजी पवार यांच्या हस्ते करण्यात आले. याचे सर्व श्रेय जेरू मॅडम यांनाच जाते. रुग्णालय त्यांची त्यानिमित्ताने सदैव आठवण ठेवेल.

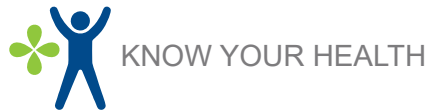
बानू कोयाजी मॅडम नंतर १५ ऑगस्ट व २६ जानेवारी यादिवशी झेंडा वंदन जेरू मॅडम यांच्या हस्ते करण्याची प्रथा सुरु झाली. झेंडा वंदनानंतर लाडू चिवडा वाटप त्या स्वहस्ते करत व त्यात त्यांना फार आनंद वाटत असे. झेंडा वंदनानंतर काही मोजक्या उपस्थित डॉक्टर वर्ग, एक्सिक्युटीव्ह व काही कामगारांसोबत त्यांचा चहा पाण्याचा कार्यक्रम होत असत त्यात त्या सर्वांची विचारपूस करत मनमोकळ्या गप्पा मारत असे. त्याचप्रमाणे ४ ऑक्टोबर या रुग्णालयाच्या वर्धापन दिनानिमित्त आवर्जून उपस्थित राहून त्या कार्यक्रमाची शोभा वाढवत असे.

असे हे उमदे व्यक्तिमत्व आज आपल्यात नाही. त्यांच्या आत्म्यास शांती लाभो हीच ईश्वरचरणी प्रार्थना

श्री. विजय यादव

A circular portrait of an elderly man with glasses and a light purple shirt, surrounded by a ring of white calla lilies with green leaves. The entire graphic is set against a light blue background within a blue-bordered frame.

Heartfelt Condolences
We are deeply saddened by the passing of
Dr. Shyamkant Dighe,
who dedicated many years of his life to KEM Hospital
as a skilled and compassionate Neurosurgeon.
Dr. Dighe's contribution to KEM Hospital will always be
remembered with great respect and gratitude.



Cancer Awareness Rally on World Cancer Day

To mark World Cancer Day, KEM Hospital Pune organised an awareness rally to honour cancer survivors and promote awareness about cancer.

This awareness drive saw huge support from patients of all age groups as young as 2 yrs age. Over 450 participants, including cancer survivors who successfully completed their treatment at KEM Hospital Pune, along with their families, doctors, nurses, hospital staff, and management team members, joined the rally to emphasise the significance of early diagnosis and timely treatment.

Chief guest of the programme was Mrs. H.G. Mansukhani the former head of the Medical Social Work Department, also from KEM Hospital Pune, Shirin Wadia, Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Rakesh Shah, Chief Operating Officer, Dr. Vishwanath Yemul, Medical Administrator, Dr. Sarita Kokane, Paediatric Haematologist along with Dr. Lalit Kumar Dhoka, President Lions Club of Pimpri Chinchwad, President IAP and Medijain all these dignitaries were present at the inauguration of the small interactive session followed by rally.

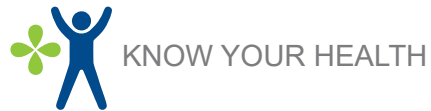


This initiative was part of Prerna, a support group established in 1994 by the hospital's Medical Social Work department to assist children battling cancer and their parents by fostering mutual support and expert guidance.

The programme featured an inspiring message from Dr. Kannan Subramanian, HOD, Consultant – Haematology of KEM Pune, as well as a felicitation ceremony for donors Mr. and Mrs. Sachin Kumar and cancer survivors. Additionally, children who had successfully completed their treatment and excelled in their 10th and 12th board exams were honoured for their achievements.

Shirin Wadia, Chief Executive Officer, KEM Hospital, Pune said that a key highlight of this initiative was the overwhelming participation of patients, reflecting the deep bond between staff and patients that extends beyond treatment. Our consultants and medical social workers continue to monitor the health and progress of these children even after their treatment. We would like to express our gratitude to the patients and their family members today for participating in this initiative there by raising awareness and inspiring others to fight cancer with early intervention.

Dr. Rakesh Shah, Chief Operating Officer of KEM Hospital, Pune, stated that this year's theme, "United by Unique," emphasizes the individuality of each person's journey in battling



cancer. The Perna support group serves as a platform for individuals to share their diverse experiences, unite, and inspire others in their fight against cancer. This rally aims to raise awareness about the significance of early diagnosis and timely treatment.







Inauguration of Specialised Dermatology Clinics

Keeping in mind evolving trends and the need for specialised care for patients requiring extra attention, the Department of Dermatology at KEM Hospital, Pune, has taken a significant step forward.



Starting from February 12, 2025, specialised dermatology clinics will be introduced in the following sub-specialties:

Female Genital Dermatoses:

Dr. Dhanashree Bhide | **Friday, 1:00 – 2:30 PM**

Aesthetics:

Dr. Rashmi Soni Lohiya | **Monday, 1:00 – 2:30 PM**

Male Genital Dermatoses:

Dr. Swaraj Potdar | **Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:30 PM**

MOHS Micrographic Surgery:

Dr. Kusumika Kanak | **Tuesday, 1:00 – 2:30 PM**

The inauguration was conducted by Dr. Ashok Parakh, a Senior Dermatologist at KEM Hospital, Pune, in the esteemed presence of KEM Management team - Dr. Xerxes Coyaji, Medical Director, Ms. Shirin Wadia, CEO, Dr. Rakesh Shah, COO, Dr. Vishwanath Yemul, Medical Administrator, and the hospital's staff members.

The objective of launching these specialty clinics is to provide comprehensive care under one roof, preventing patients from shuttling between specialties, which often leads to delays in diagnosis. Additionally, this initiative will facilitate systematic research in these less-explored areas.

We look forward to the support and collaboration of our colleagues from other subspecialties in making this endeavour a success.





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Renal Unit conducts Academic activity for Nephrology students



Enthusiastic academic nephrologists from several parts of the country contribute their time Renal Unit, Renal Unit KEM Hospital conducted a CME and mock-exam for DNB nephrology students under the auspices of the Indian Society of Nephrology- West Zone's initiative to enhance academic development of the students.

The event was held on 28th Feb & 1st March 2025 on the KEMH premises.

I One-day CME comprising of 2 sessions

a. Paediatric Nephrology:

Three case-based panel discussions were conducted to highlight practical aspects of diagnosis and management of pediatric kidney disorders; audience interaction was encouraged throughout the session. Faculty included pediatric nephrologists, Dr Nisha Krishnamurti (SRCC Hospital, Mumbai), Lt. Col. Suprita Kalra (CH(SC), Pune), Dr. Punit Chhajed (Jupiter Hospital, Pune), Drs Jyoti Sharma, Jyoti Singhal (KEMH, Pune). They addressed issues that were specific for children or where management in children was different in children. Some of the topics addressed were diagnosis and management urinary-tract infections, abnormal bladder/ bladder behaviour, posterior urethral valves, vesico-ureteral reflux, nephrotic syndrome, hypertension, growth monitoring, etc.

b. Adult Nephrology:

Four sessions on topics of importance for exam-going students were addressed by Dr Shruti Tapiawala (Nephrologist & Transplant Physician, Gleneagles Hospital, Mumbai), Dr Sishir Gang (Nephrologist, Muljibhai Patel Urological Hospital, Nadiad) and Dr Valentine Lobo, Dr Sagar Kulkarni (KEMH, Pune).



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II Mock Exam:

Thirteen students presented cases and 25 contributed to discussion on spots (histopathology slides, radiology/ radionuclide images and case scenarios). The cases, selected from KEMH wards and OPDs, covered the spectrum in nephrology such as glomerular diseases, CKD, AKI, HD, PD and transplantation. We were able to offer them pragmatic experience by including pediatric cases. The faculty included Dr N Gopalkrishnan (Madras Medical College, Chennai), Dr Alan Almeida (PD Hinduja Hospital, Mumbai), Dr Kalpana Mehta (BYL Nair Hospital, Mumbai), Dr Sishir Gang (Muljibhai Patel Urological Hospital, Nadiad), Dr Kshitija Gadekar (MGM Medical College, Aurangabad), Dr Tushar Dighe and Dr Atul Mulay (Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital, Pune), Dr Charan Bale (DY Patil Medical College, Pune), Dr Tarun Jeloka (Manipal Hospital, Pune) and Drs Valentine Lobo and Jyoti Sharma (KEMH Pune).

The CME was attended by 45 enthusiastic students from across the West Zone and also the students from Coimbatore, Hyderabad and Kochi. The feedback from them was very encouraging. Specifically, that they would be more confident in presenting a paediatric nephrology case in an examination, as well as in managing a case in their practice. They found that attending the examination had been a very informative experience for them.





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IVF Camp



Who Can Register

Patients with the following health issues can enroll for the camp

FEMALE INFERTILITY ISSUES

- Blocked Fallopian Tubes
- Endometriosis
- PCOS
- Previous failed IVF cycle
- Poor ovarian reserve
- Recurrent miscarriages
- Long standing infertility
- Unexplained infertility

MALE INFERTILITY ISSUES

- Oligospermia
- Azoospermia
- Ejaculatory Dysfunction
- Asthenozoospermia
- Teratozoospermia
- High DNA Fragmentation Index





Ayurveda Check up Camp for Joint Pain

KEM Hospital PUNE
Quality and ethics in patient care

FREE AYURVEDIC CHECK-UP CAMP FOR JOINT PAIN

Free check-up camp for muscle and joint stiffness and pain, frozen shoulder, viral fever, Chikungunya during winters.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE CAMP

- Free check-up by experts and experienced Ayurveda doctors
- Selected free Ayurvedic medicines

DATE
22 February 2025

TIME
01:00 PM to 04:00 PM

VENUE
4th Floor, Parking Tower, KEM Hospital Pune

For Registration Contact: 020-26217460 /020-66037460





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Cheers to 75 years!

Our team had the privilege of celebrating the 75th birthday of Ms. Bharati Patil, a Paediatric Occupational Therapist at TDH Rehabilitation & Morris Child Development Centre. She is a remarkable individual who has dedicated more than 40 years of service to this center. With warmth and unwavering dedication, Bharati Madam has been the backbone of our team, touching the lives of countless individuals with compassion and expertise.

The entire team gathered to celebrate her birthday and honor her incredible four-decade journey. Seniors in the team, including Dr. Sudha Chaudhari, Ms. Bindu Patni, Dr. Ujjwal Nene, and Dr. Archana Kadam, shared heartfelt memories and stories of her contributions. This special milestone was marked with cake and candles, laughter, and gratitude.

Happy 75th birthday, Bharati Madam! Here's to many more years of inspiration and joy.

Ms Richa Mulay

Medical Social Worker





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Tell Me It's impossible – And I'll Make It My Goal !

Dr. Neelam Vaid, HOD, Big Ears & ENT Surgeon, known for her expertise in the operating room, recently achieved an extraordinary milestone—completing a 100 km endurance run in the harsh desert terrain of Rajasthan at the age of 60.

To celebrate her achievement and inspire others, a special session was organised by the TDH – Morris Child Development team, where she shared her incredible journey. During the session, Dr. Vaid amazed everyone as she spoke about the months of rigorous training,





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mental resilience, and the challenges she overcame to accomplish such a feat. She shared the motto that defines her relentless drive: “Tell me it’s impossible, and I’ll make it my goal!”

Her words resonated deeply, revealing a side of her that many had never seen before. In that moment, she transformed from a strict professional into a true figure of inspiration. She emphasised the importance of perseverance, a healthy lifestyle, and pushing the boundaries of age and endurance.

Dr. Vaid’s session was truly inspiring and insightful. Her determination, discipline, and passion for fitness serve as a shining example for all of us.

Wishing her all the best for future challenges—may she continue to break barriers and achieve even greater milestones!

Retirement Function

The Retirement Function for Mr. Ravindranath Sawan, Chief Radiographer, was held on 26th Feb 2025.





DR. GAURAV PAWAR

MS (Orthopaedics),
DNB (Orthopaedics),
MRCS, Mch (Hip & Knee),
has joined us as an
Associate Consultant
Orthopedic Surgeon
w.e.f 7th February 2025.



DR. AKHIL HAZARI

M.S. (General Surgery)
has been appointed as
Full Time Junior Consultant
Surgeon
w.e.f 1st Feb 2025.



DR. SHYAM THAKKAR

M.S. (Orthopaedics),
has joined our hospital as an
Associate Consultant Foot &
Ankle Surgeon
w.e.f 17 Feb 2025.



**DR. SANA AHMED S.
SAYYAD**

DNB (Orthopaedics),
has joined us as an Associate
Consultant Orthopaedic
Surgeon.



**DR. VISHWAJEET
RAJENDARA CHAVAN**

M.S. (Orthopaedics),
has joined our hospital as
an Associate Consultant
Orthopaedic Surgeon.



DR. BHUSHAN BHAGAT

M.S.(General Surgery),
M. Ch. (Onco Surgery)
has joined us as a
Panel Consultant
Onco Surgeon.



Dr. Pranay Kondewar
M.S. (Orthopaedics),
has joined our hospital
as a Full time Junior
Consultant Orthopaedic
Surgeon.



ACHIEVEMENTS



Congratulations to
DR. JOYSHANKAR JANA

on successfully passing the exam and becoming a Fellow of
the Indian Academy of Pain Medicine.



ACHIEVEMENTS



Congratulations to our Neurosurgeon, **DR. SARANG ROTE**, on being elected as the Secretary of MCNS (Maharashtra & Goa State Neurosurgeons Association) for the term 2025-2028!



Congratulations to our Neonatology fellow, **DR. CHANDANA N. S.**, for securing second place in the NNF Fellowship Exit Exam 2025 in Delhi! A big thanks to Dr. Umesh Vaidya for his guidance and mentorship.



Congratulations to both **DR. SUSNA HUSSAIN** and **DR. REVATHI T V** of our DNB Emergency Medicine students for passing their exams on the first attempt! We are proud to see our third batch of DNB Emergency Medicine graduates excel and complete their journey with flying colours from the KEM Emergency Medicine Department.





STAR PERFORMER

MS. SUREKHA JANJIRE (SISTER IN-CHARGE - SNICU)

We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for the exceptional care and dedication you provide to your patients. Your compassion, professionalism, and unwavering commitment make a significant difference in their lives. Your kindness and tireless efforts do not go unnoticed, and we are truly grateful for your service.



STAR PERFORMER

MS. SAVITA PAITHANKAR (OFFICER - BILLING)

Your vigilance and proactive approach in handling billing tasks have truly made a difference. Your dedication and attention to detail ensure smooth operations, and we sincerely appreciate your hard work.





HEALTHCARE AWARENESS

KEM[®] Hospital PUNE

This International Epilepsy Day, Let's Break the Stigma & Raise Awareness!

This day is a reminder to spread awareness, support those living with epilepsy and advocate for early diagnosis and proper treatment.

**INTERNATIONAL
EPILEPSY
DAY**

KEM[®] Hospital PUNE

JOIN US FOR A CANCER AWARENESS RALLY! #UnitedByUnique

Date: February 4th, World Cancer Day | Time: 9:30 AM

The rally will feature inspiring cancer survivors who have been treated at our hospital and are now thriving examples of courage and determination.

Join us in spreading awareness, honouring them and reinforcing the message that cancer is beatable!

KEM[®] Hospital PUNE

Prioritise Your Well-Being This Sexual & Reproductive Health Awareness Day!

This day serves as a reminder to stay informed, make empowered choices and seek the right care when needed.

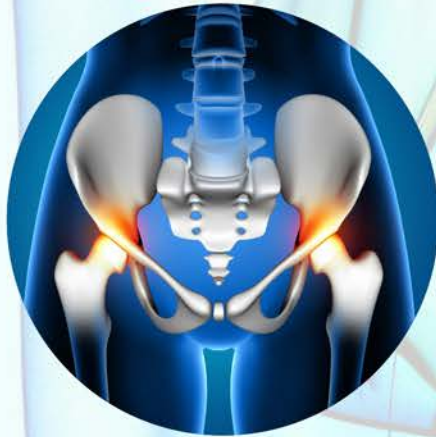
Freedom from Pain

Our Joint Replacement Unit

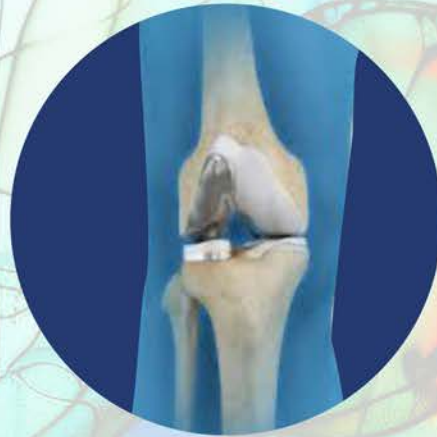
helps patients to restore mobility and lead a normal healthy life

Joint replacement Primary and Revision (Total and Partial)

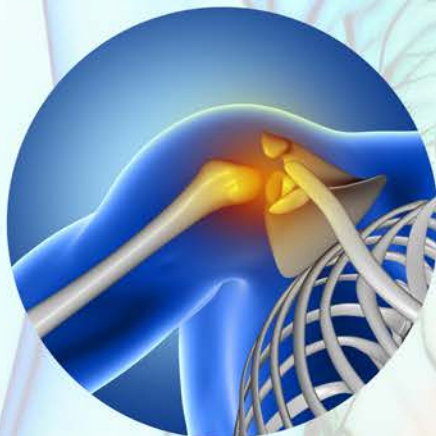
**Hip
Replacement**



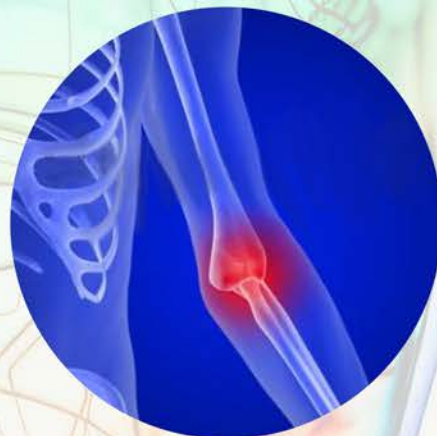
**Unicompartmental (Partial)
& Total Knee Replacement**



**Shoulder and Reverse
Shoulder Replacement**



**Elbow and Ankle
Replacement**



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