



A REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CAMP Held at PRASANTHI NILAYAM, November 18-27, 2015

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Aum Sri Sai Ram

"It is a great good fortune to be able to love and serve the suffering humanity. The Sathya Sai Hospital doctors render service to the patients with noble feelings and purity of heart. With such dedicated doctors serving here, this has become an ideal hospital." —Sri Sathya Sai Baba, June, 10, 2001



Introduction

The Sri Sathya Sai International Medical Camp got off a splendid start with preparations beginning a few days ahead of the camp's start date of November 18. With the impending 90th Birthday Celebrations of Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, a large number of people from a wide array of countries signed up as medical and non-medical volunteers for the camp.



Inauguration

Dr. Narendranath Reddy, Chairman of Prasanthi Council, inaugurated the camp on the morning of November 18. Arriving at 7 am, he attended the prayers and addressed the volunteers that had gathered for the camp. Dr Reddy was pleased that volunteers came from many different countries. He shared inspirational stories with the gathering. One of them was an occasion where he asked Swami to sign a book. To his dismay, the electricity went out. Swami said to Dr Reddy, "do you think I cannot see in the dark? I can see the ant crawling in the corner!" Dr Reddy also commented on how fortunate the participants at the camp were, to be given the opportunity to serve at the medical camp.

Dr Narendranath Reddy, Chairman, Prasanthi Council.





Medical camp Inauguration



HEALTH CARE TEAM

The medical camp is represented by 104 volunteers from 13 countries which include USA, UK, Australia, Netherlands, India, Malaysia, Singapore, UAE, Canada, West Indies, South Africa, Italy and Russia.

Camp Personnel

Medical Professionals: There were 38 medical doctors at the camp spanning various specialties like pediatrics, dermatology, cardiology, Infectious disease, hematology/oncology, Gastroenterology, Nephrology, Psychiatry, ENT, Wound care and internal medicine.

Nursing: There were 6 full time nurses staffing the Acute Care room to do EKG's, nebulizer treatments, IV fluids, wound care.

Pharmacy: The pharmacy section was staffed by 4 pharmacists, doctors as well as volunteers assisted in inventory management, filling prescriptions and explaining dosage information explicitly to the patients.

Volunteers: 53 volunteers assisted the Camp with all non-medical duties such as registration, patient flow, vital signs recording (weight and Blood Pressure), translation from Telugu, Hindi, Spanish into English and vice versa, and pharmacy tasks. In additional, Seva Dals from the Andhra Pradesh state cadre were deployed by their units to help out the camp.

	Total	Male	Female	
Doctors	38	21	17	
Nurses	6	0	6	
Nurse Practitioner	1 0		1	
Pharmacists	4	3	1	
Optometrist	1	0	1	
Medical Student	1	1	0	
General Volunteers	53	25	28	

Structure of the Medical camp

The Medical Camp premises were divided into two distinct areas: one wing served the women patients, while the other served male patients. In addition to separate consulting rooms, the two wings shared an Acute Care room staffed with 6 full time nurses, a pharmacy and a medical education room. The courtyard of the building served as the registration area, and was staffed with volunteers from around the world. The volunteers registered the patients, noted down vital signs such as weight and blood pressure of the patients on a registration slip, and managed the flow of patients to the consulting rooms and other facilities. The medical education room was used in the mornings to impart valuable lifestyle tips to diabetic patients who came in for blood sugar tests.

Day to Day Schedule

During this 90th Birthday of Bhagawan, there was an unprecedented turn out of patients from neighboring villages, other states of India, from abroad and delegates attending the 10th World Conference as well.

The day started early for the participants at the camp. At 7 AM Doctors and volunteers assembled in the Altar room - where an elaborate altar was set up for Bhagawan Baba - to chant prayers. The powerful prayers chanted every day included the Ganesha adharva sheersham, Rudram, Sai Rudram and the Durga Suktam and ended with Arathi. After an hour of energizing prayers everyone took up positions to start seeing the patients.

The day started with checking fasting blood sugars and rendering medical education. There was a constant flow of patients from morning 8 AM till 730 PM. The patients were very happy with the care rendered by the physicians and volunteers from all the 13 countries. Indeed it was a great experience for the new comers on this holy occasion to render service to our fellow brothers and sisters. Soon, every wing of the make-shift hospital - the consulting rooms, pharmacy, Acute care - were all flooded with people until the closing time of 7 pm.



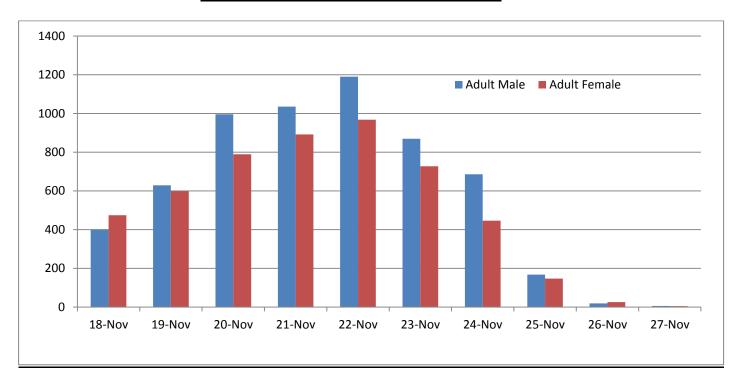
Daily Statistics

As anticipated, due to the large crowds attending the 90th Birthday Celebrations, the Camp got off to a busy start on Nov 18. The table below presents the total number of Clinic visits by day.

	Total Clinic		Adult	Children		
Date	Visits	Adult Male	Female	(M&F)	Foreigners*	
Nov 18	887	400	474	13	28	
Nov 19	1277	629	599	49	21	
Nov 20	1868	996	789	83	37	
Nov 21	2026	1035	892	99	28	
Nov 22	2384	1190	968	226	29	
Nov 23	1777	869	727	181	28	
Nov 24	1196	686	446	64	70	
Nov 25	339	168	147	24	25	
Nov 26	45	19	26	0	23	
Nov 27	11	6	5	0	2	
Grand Total	11810	5998	5073	739	291	

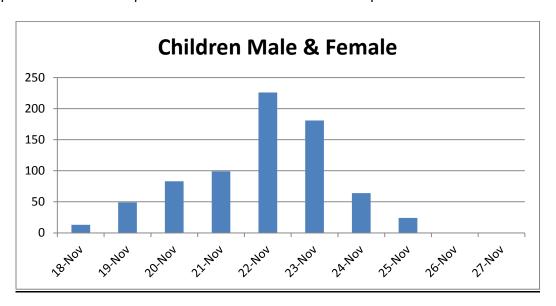
^{*}Note: Foreigners are already included in the Adult Male/Female columns (and therefore not added again). Data provided by the Registration desk at the Camp

Number of Clinic Visits by Gender and by Day

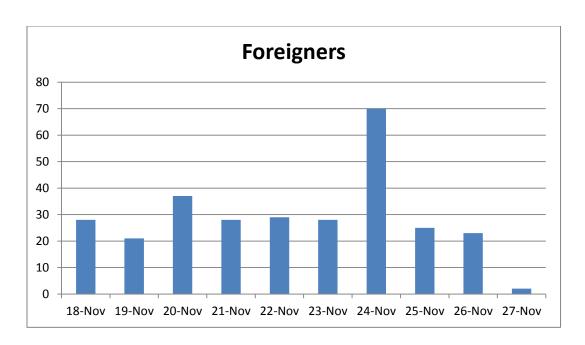




The camp also maintained separate statistics for children and for patients from overseas:



Children (Male & Female) Total = 739



Foreigners (Total = 266)



II. Types of Acute Care Treatment

Dates	Total Patients*	Blood Glucose Test	Nebulizer	I.V. Fluid	IM/SC/IV injections	Wound care	Splint/Ace	EKG	Ambu bag	Transfer
Nov-18	54	8	7	2	5	27	3	7	0	2
Nov-19	111	36	5	1	18	36	10	12	0	1
Nov-20	152	59	8	4	14	34	11	15	0	0
Nov-21	150	59	17	2	16	48	6	12	0	0
Nov-22	164	53	18	4	25	49	13	15	0	0
Nov-23	124	44	15	3	15	46	9	15	0	3
Nov-24	104	51	7	1	7	28	5	6	0	0
Nov-25	64	32	1	0	2	29	3	3	0	0
Grand Total	923	342	78	17	102	297	60	85	0	6

^{*&}quot;Total Patients" column may not match with the sum of all treatments in this table because some patients may have received more than one type of treatment. Data provided by Acute Care Providers at the Camp.

Eyeglasses:

With the help of an optometrist 1000 eyeglasses were distributed to the needy. Patients really appreciated this eyecare.

Hearing aids:

Patient with decreased hearing were screened and hearing aids were provided to the needy.

Walking Sticks & Canes:

Patient with severe osteoarthritis, gait instability and endemic fluorosis related degenerative joint diseases were treated and those who needed help to walk were given Walking sticks / canes which were of great help to the needy.

Medical Service to 10th World Conference Delegates:

The acute/regular medical needs of the delegates during the 3 days of 10th World Conference were taken care by the medical team. The Medical camp was open for them at N4 Building as well as an onsite Medical personnel were stationed at the conference venue to attend to the delegates.







MAIN REGISTRATION AREA



"Manava seva is Madhava seva"

(Service to Humanity is Service to God)





FEMALE REGISTRATION AREA



"Guru seva bina Nirvana nahi"

(Without service to him it is not possible to attain liberation)







MALE REGISTRATION









MALE OPD











FEMALE OPD











EYE CARE





"Sarvendria naam Nayanam pradhanam" (Out of all the organs, Eyes are the most important)







ACUTE CARE







PHARMACY



PHARMACY MEDICATION DISTRIBUTION







VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING PATIENT TRANSPORTATION AT THE CAMP



"Manasa Bhaja Rey Guru Charanam"



All the participants of the Camp are filled with gratitude towards Bhagawan Baba for providing this Opportunity of serving His devotees through the Medical Camp. We pray sincerely that Bhagawan may provide such an opportunity again and again to all of us.