

Dr. NTR Vaidya Seva Trust

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Circular

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Sub:- Dr. NTRVST- Operations- Constitution of New Cochlear Technical Committee –
Conduct of Committee meetings at Trust Office, Chuttugunta –Intimation- Reg.

Ref: Trust prods. No. Dr NTR VST /Operations/F-21/298/2017 dated 16.06.2017.

It is to inform that the Cochlear Implantation Technical Committee vide prods. cited has been constituted with the following Specialists for evaluation of the cases referred by the Network Hospitals:

- i. Dr. N. Subrahmanyam, M.S., ENT Specialist,
Associated Professor, G. G. H., Guntur --- Chairman
- ii. Dr.Y. Subbarayudu, M.S., ENT Specialist/
Professor, Dept. of ENT, NRI Medical College Guntur ---Member
- iii. Dr.M.S.Raju, M.D., Pediatrician,
Professor & HOD, G. G. H., Guntur ---Member
- iv. Dr. N. Murali Krishna, M.D., Psychiatry/
Professor & HOD, G. G. H., Guntur --- Member
- v. Audiologist ---Special Invitee
- vi. Trust Doctor to be nominated by the Executive Officer (Operations)---Special Invitee

The meetings of the Cochlear Implantation Technical Committee will be held at Trust Office, Chuttugunta, Guntur on every Wednesday.

All the Network Hospitals shall ensure that the following instructions shall be observed before referring the cases to the Committee.

- i. They shall note that Cochlear implant may not be the first choice when considering deaf children below 5 years of age for pre-lingual deafness.
- ii. They shall properly evaluate the patient as per the guidelines given in the Scheme Manual before sending the patient for assessment by the committee.
- iii. They shall ensure that all the children must be habituated for using behind ear aids for about 3 to 6 months to assess utility of usage of hearing aids, Proof of having used conventional hearing aids along for sufficient time before advising cochlear implantation with details of process of speech therapy that they underwent from accredited rehabilitation personnel may be produced.
- iv. They shall give adequate pre-implant counseling to both child and parent by the Audiologist in order to derive maximum benefit from Cochlear Implantation.
- v. In case, no evaluated beneficiary available from the hospital on a given day of schedule, the hospital shall inform immediately by written mail so as to facilitate the Trust either to cancel the scheduled meeting or to allot it to another hospital.

- vi. They must perform the CI Surgeries on Trust approved cases within one month otherwise the preauth approval gets cancelled automatically.
- vii. They shall make available all the relevant documents in original along with pre-authorization forms to the Committee.
- viii. They shall arrange for the appearance of the fully evaluated patients along with both the parents to appear before the committee as per the schedule dates given by the Trust..
- ix. They shall ensure that the observers from their hospitals are deputed in time to the venue of the meeting.
- x. They shall follow the existing guidelines in vogue for implementation of Cochlear Implantation Scheme.

All the Network Hospitals may contact the Deputy Executive Office (Operations), Dr.NTR Vaidya Seva Trust for any further information in the matter through e-mail- ap_c218@NTRVaidyaseva.ap.gov.in or Mobile No.8333817363.

All the Network Hospitals are therefore requested to note and send the cases to the Technical Committee for evaluation on the scheduled dates as communicated by the Trust from time to time and as per the guidelines issued by the Trust.


Chief Executive Officer


To,
All the Network Hospitals empanelled for Cochlear Implantation Programme.

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