

# OncoNet

## A paradigm for cancer management in developing countries

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# Cancer – a global problem

- 30% of all cancers can be prevented
- 40% of all cancers can be cured
- Cancer needs prolonged treatment and regular follow-up
- Principal forms of treatment: surgery, radiotherapy and chemotherapy
- Long periods of hospitalization and regular visits to the hospital
- Cured patients need lifelong follow-up

# Through the looking glass

- By 2015, two-thirds of all cancer patients will be in the developing world
- The developing world has only 5% of all health care resources



# God's Own Country

- Area: 38,863 sq. km
- Population (hundred thousand): 318.41
- Sex ratio: 1036 in favour of women
- Literacy: 90.92%
- Life expectancy: 68
- Birth rate (per 1000): 18.3
- Infant mortality (per 1000): 22

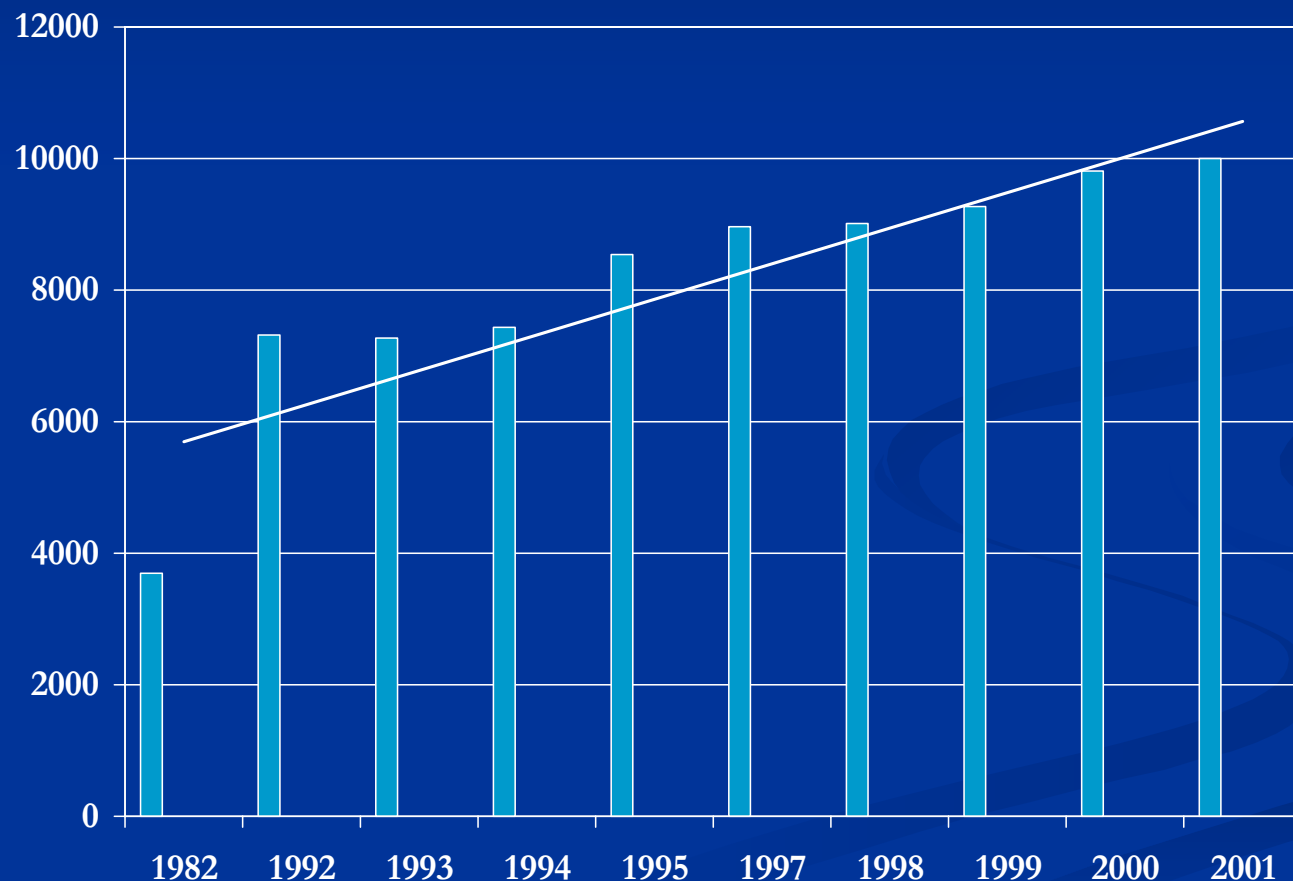


# Regional Cancer Centre, Trivandrum

- Tertiary referral cancer hospital with state of the art treatment facilities
- Seven oncology divisions with 75 trained professionals
- Caters to south India
- 12,000 new cases per year
- Annual follow-up: 100,000



# Yearly patient attendance at RCC, Trivandrum





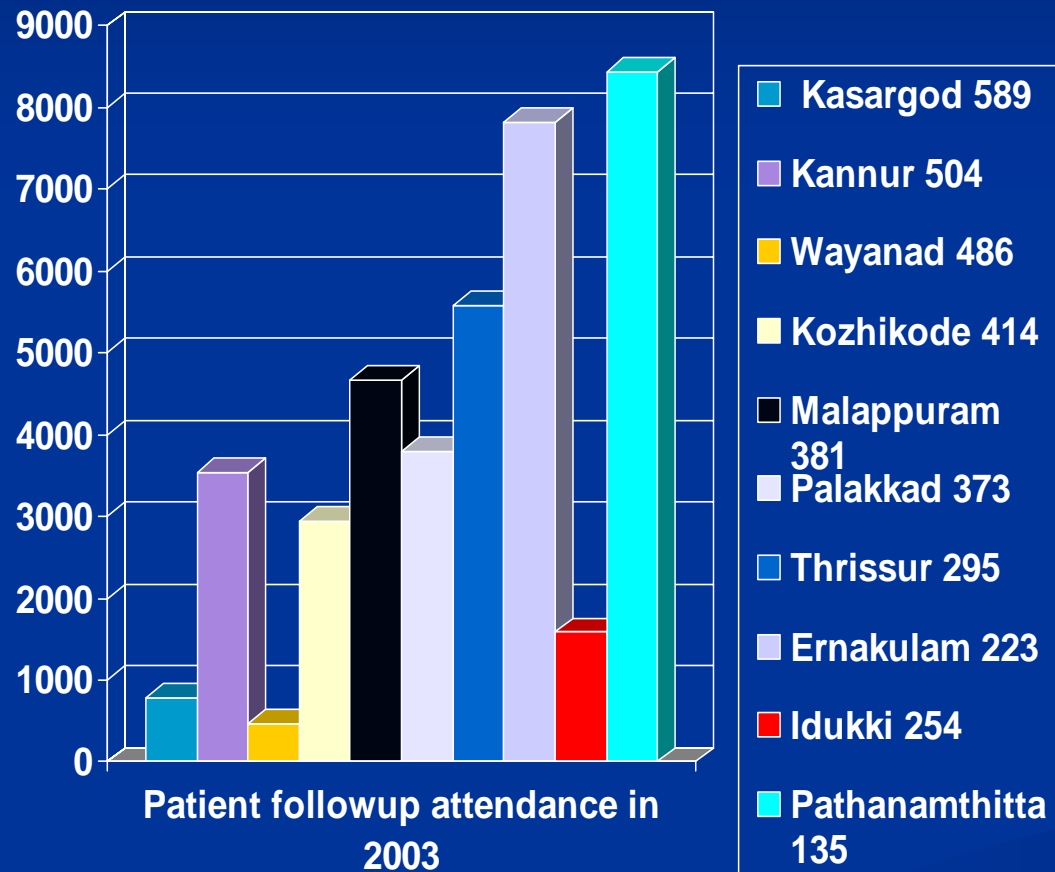
**50-60 new patients per day**

**500 patients on daily follow up**

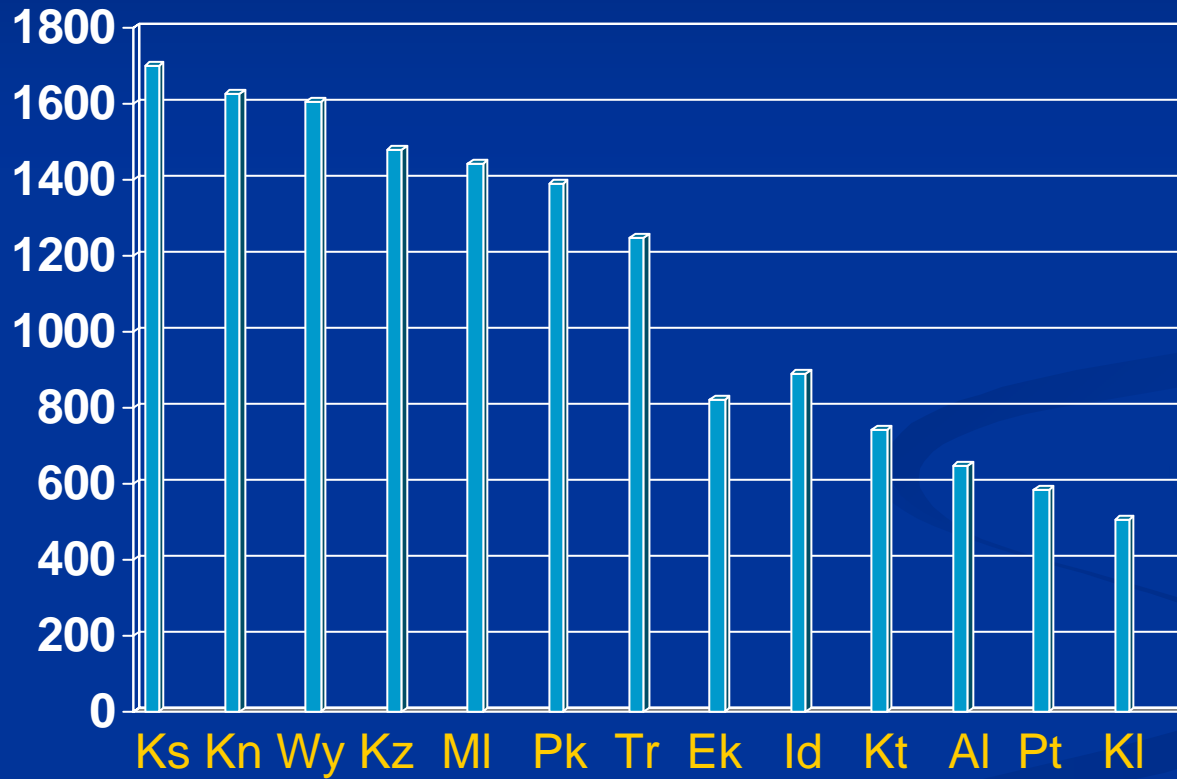




# Patient follow-up 2003



# Expense for each visit

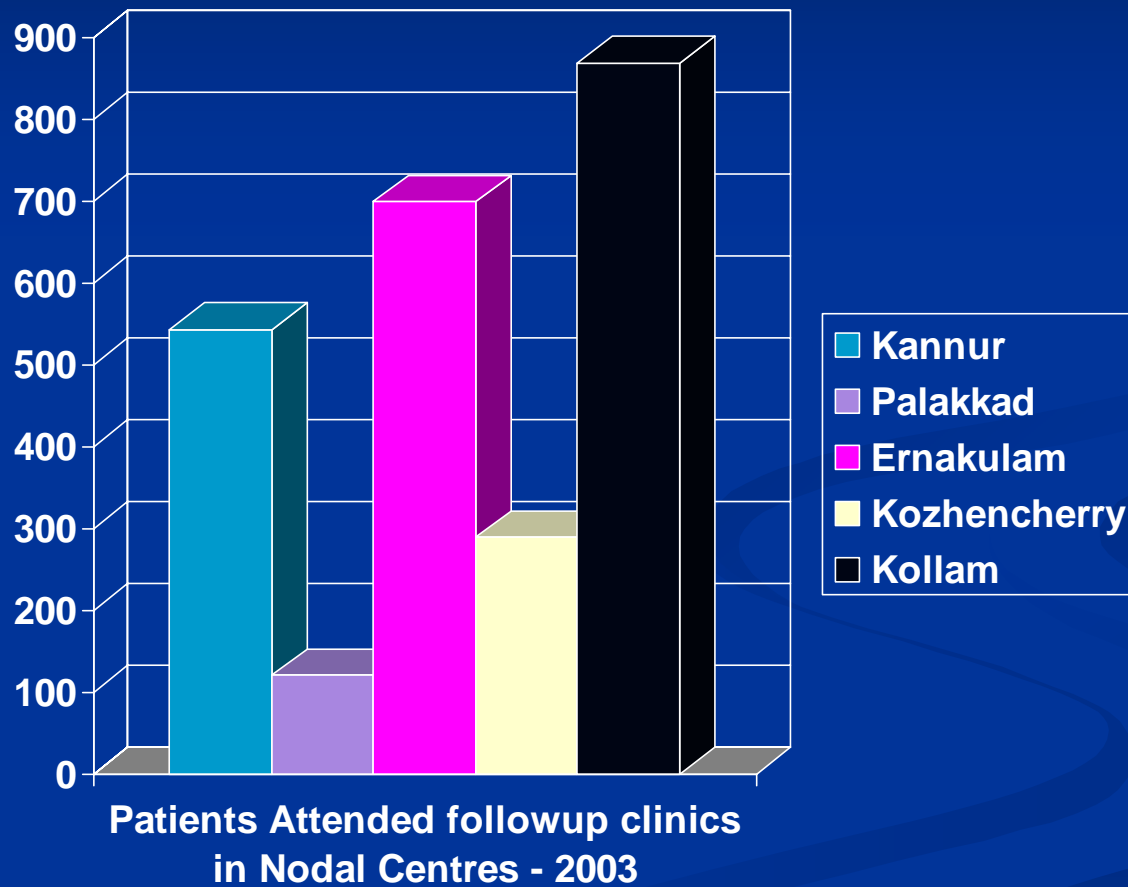


# In the past

- Monthly follow-up clinics
- Early detection, cancer education, and palliative services
- Specialists travel to these centres with medical records
- Average monthly follow-up: 80

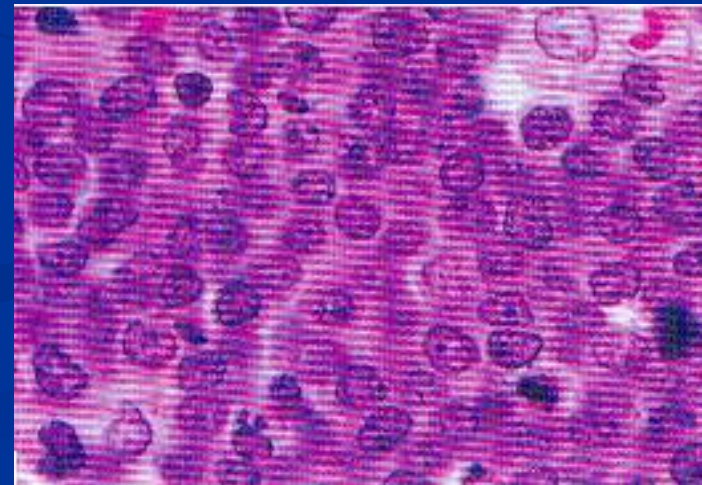
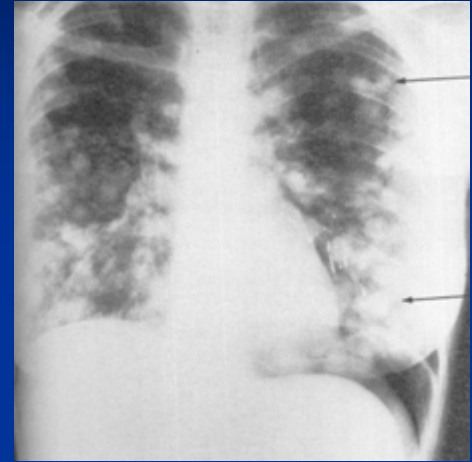


# Follow-up attendance at nodal centres



# Telemedicine and cancer

- Early intervention
- Avoid unnecessary referrals and admissions
- Waiting period for patients can be reduced
- Telepathology applications
- Teleradiology
- Patient follow-up
- Palliative care
- Continuing medical education



# Onconet Kerala

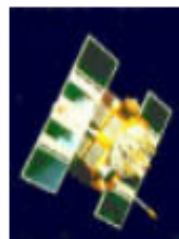
- Launched April 2001
- Technical assistance from C-DAC, Govt. of India
- Broad band network connecting RCC and peripheral nodes
- Video-conferencing, telepathology and teleradiology at all centres
- V-SAT from ISRO





# Scope of Onconet

- ❑ Establish high bandwidth connectivity between Regional Cancer Centre, Trivandrum and its peripheral centers at Kochi, Kannur, Palakkad, Kozhencherry and Kannur using (VSAT).
- ❑ Enhance the Tele-consultation clinic at all peripheral centers with high quality video conferencing, telepathology and teleradiology equipments. This facilitates remote expert consultation, capture, storage, transmission and sharing of pathology and radiology images.
- ❑ Develop a Web enabled Hospital Information System at Regional Cancer Centre tightly integrated with telemedicine system
- ❑ Development of a Knowledge Enabled Oncology System utilizing the vast amount of cancer related expertise in RCC.
- ❑ Setting up a Learning Resource Centre for reference by RCC staff and other oncologists.



Communication Satellite



Video Conferencing



Video Conferencing



Tele-Pathology System



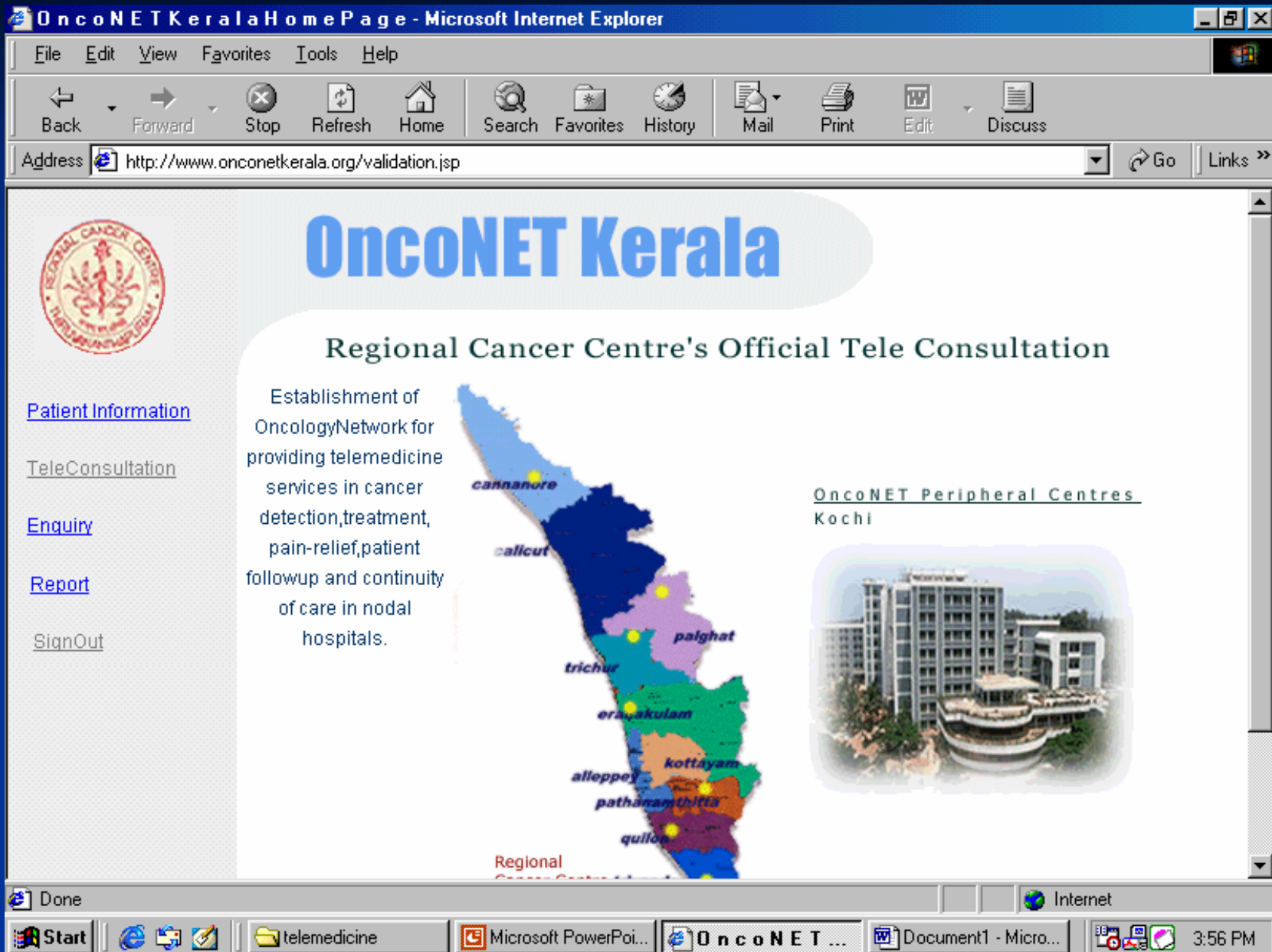
RCC HIS - Intranet



Video conferencing, telepathology & teleradiology systems at nodal centre



Tele-Radiology System



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## Patients Attending Clinic on 19/04/2003

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Clinic Venue - **Kochi**

| Serial # | Reg.No | Name               | Confirm                             |
|----------|--------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1        | 013770 | REGINA THOMAS      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2        | 011454 | SANKARAN P K       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3        | 010607 | MARY JOPPAN        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4        | 955426 | MARY K             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| 8        | 920401 | ANNIE M J          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 9        | 992587 | LAKSHMI            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 10       | 993323 | MOHAMMED K V       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 11       | 982636 | KALYANIKUTTYAMMA N | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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|                    |                            |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| ICD                | CECUM                      |
| Primary Site(ICDO) | CECUM                      |
| Primary Histology  | Signet ring cell carcinoma |
| Grade              | -----                      |

### History of Disease & Diagnosis

#### History & Previous Illnes

18/03/2000  
C/o abdominal pain, blood in stools - 6/12. No vomiting, no diarrhoea. Rt Hemicolectomy done on 15/02/2000, hisopathology report Signet ring cell carcinoma Rt colon. Referred here for Chemotherapy.

#### Physical Examination

18/03/2000  
Laparotomy scar + abdomen, Liver palpable 3 cm firm, no induration. No other mass palpable.

#### Investigation

14/02/2000  
Routine investigation : WNL. Colonoscopy: Carcinoma Caecum. CEA 8.7nanogram/ml. CT Abdomen and Pelvis P (oral & IV) venous phase) Status post surgery for carcinoma caecum. No recurrence or lymphadenopathy.

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## Followup Details

### Previous Details

27/03/2001--1-- 1 year 5 FU + LEV completed. CEA - 10.4 ng/ml, CBC,LFT,RFT,CXR,USS Abd. normal. Followup 2/12 with CEA.  
22/05/2001--1-- CEA 13.6 ng/ml Follow up 2/12 with CEA.  
26/07/2001--1-- Followup 2/12 with CEA.  
15/09/2001--1-- CEA 7.1 ng/ml. FU after three months with CEA  
15/12/2001--1-- follow up 6/12  
21/09/2002--1-- Follow up 3/12  
21/12/2002--1-- CEA (8.99), Abdomen USS, Follow up 1/12  
18/01/2003--1-- Followup 3/12  
19/04/2003--1-- CEA slightly increased Advice: Repeat CEA  
21/04/2003--8-- CEA slightly increased. Ad repeat CEA.

### New Details

Date  (dd/mm/yyyy)

Status



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|             |         |                 |  |
|-------------|---------|-----------------|--|
| Reg. No     | 0000    | Reg. Date       |  |
| Name        | xyz     | Age at Register |  |
| Birth Place | MANKODU | Duration Of St  |  |
| Sex         | Female  | Marital Status  |  |

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P O PANACHAMOODU, MANKOD District KKD

Pin ----

### Family Profile

|                 |       |               |        |
|-----------------|-------|---------------|--------|
| Family History  | ----  | Income        | -----  |
| Income Category | Free  | Father's Name | THOMAS |
| Mother's Name   | JOICE | Spouse's Name | SASI   |

### Diagnosis Details

|                 |                          |                    |                      |
|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Unit Name       | Radiation Oncology 2     | Attending Doctor   | Sreejith G Nair      |
| First Diagnosis | 06/March/2000            | Referred Hospital  | S A T HOSPITAL,MEDIC |
| Reference No.   | 7451                     | Last Followup Date | 26/February/2001     |
| Status          | Progression / Recurrence | Primary Site       | OVARY                |
| Histology       | ----                     | ICDO               | OVARY                |



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### Personal Profile

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| Sex            | <input type="text"/>             | Age    | <input type="text"/>                                |
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### Address

(All the correspondence will be made using this address)

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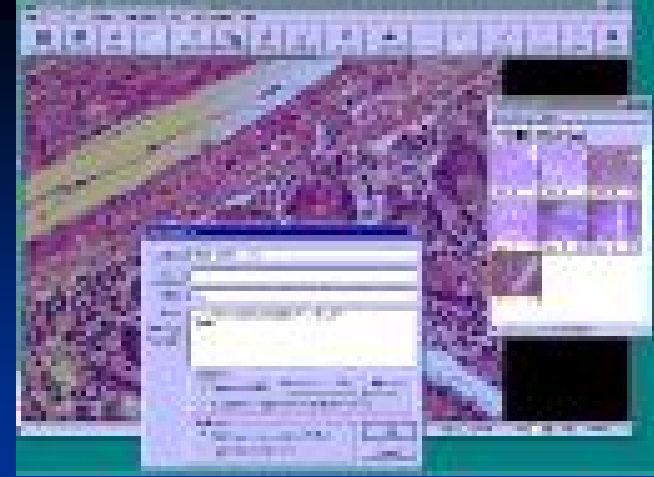
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### Remarks

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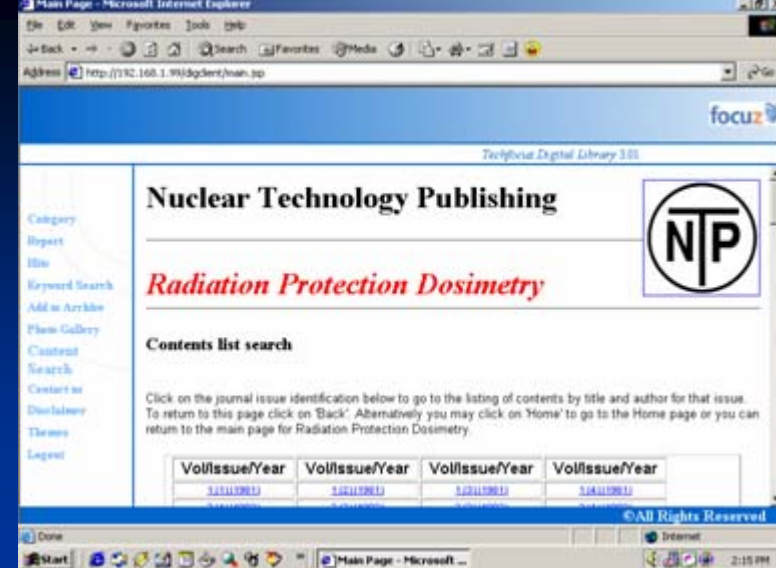
# Telepathology



- ❑ Second opinions and consultations with the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP) and UICC
- ❑ Preparation of digital images for clinical meetings and presentations



# Learning Resource Centre for Oncology



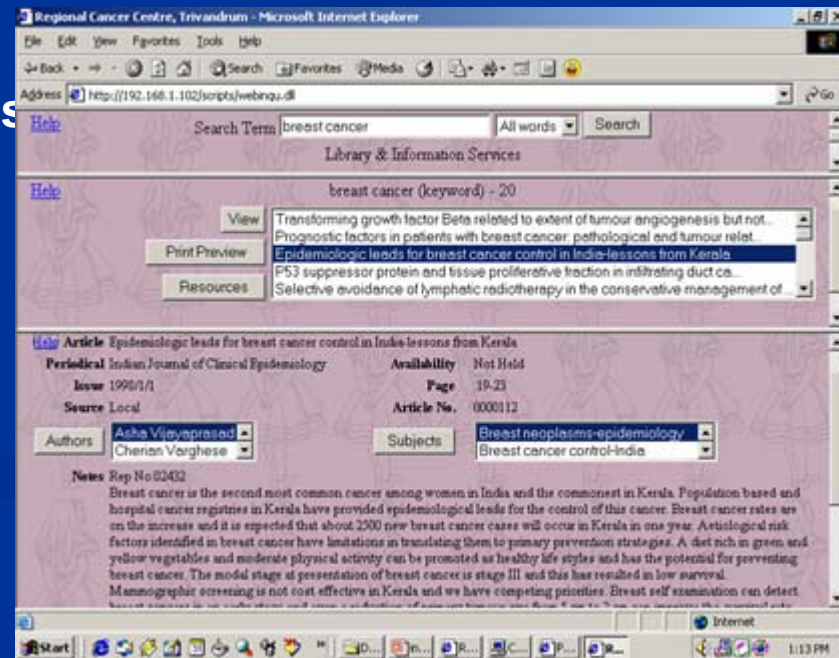
Learning Resource Centre for Oncology provides cancer related information to clinicians, researchers, health planners, health workers, and administrators across ISRO's telemedicine network. This facilitates quick access to all updated oncology information.





# Learning Resource Centre for Oncology

- Access various databases mounted on the CD ROM server
- The doctors and researchers can have access to all library in-house databases such as library catalogue, journal holdings, current journals, bibliographies, and resources



# Activities

- Monthly clinics at peripheral centres
- Specialist consultations for suburban and rural clinics
- CME programmes with Medical Colleges and other cancer hospitals in India
- Regular telepathology programmes with Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai

# In conclusion

- Early detection and treatment
- Early, appropriate and timely referral
- Optimization of limited treatment resources
- ?Cost-effective
- Telepathology and teleradiology applications



