

Dear Member,

Subject. Financial assistance to poor patients by CSI Kerala

The following guidelines were formulated in the last GBM of CSI Kerala Chapter held at Calicut on May 3rd.

Who is eligible for Financial assistance?

The financial assistance will be given to emergency life saving cases preferably to primary angioplasty and also to pacemaker implantation and emergency CABG or emergency cardiac surgeries depending on the merit and usefulness (to be decided by the treating doctor).

Only CSI member doctors are eligible to make the request.

What is the amount to be given to each patient?

Assistance of Rs 50000/- will be given per patient. Total of 15 patients can be helped in one year.

How many applications can be allowed from one centre?

One centre will be given assistance for one case per one month. If there is no other application from another centre, the same centre can be considered again in the next month.

Whom to contact?

You can contact any of the following numbers

Secretary - Dr Cibu Mathew	mobile 9447393765)
Treasurer - Dr Rupesh George	mobile 9961993220)
President - Prof. Sunitha Viswanathan	mobile 9447737403)
Prof. Sudhayakumar	mobile 9447157154)

Any one of the members of the committee will be available over phone. If one member is not available please contact the other person. The committee members will communicate between them once the financial assistance is released.

How to do it?

The treating doctor in case of urgent need for a procedure which may be lifesaving can contact any of the 4 members. After getting concurrence from the committee, the doctor can proceed with the procedure and the cheque will be issued to the **patients name** as early as possible or in 3days time approximately.

1. Decide on the urgent intervention where procedure cannot be done due to financial constraint.
2. Contact any number above and get permission to utilize financial assistance (the amount is limited and if already allotted to one centre may not be able to help that centre again immediately)
3. Proceed with the urgent treatment.
4. Submit the necessary records in 24 hours to CSI office (given below). (The hospital PRO can help in it. Please discuss with the hospital administration regarding this)
5. Cheque will be issued in the patients name only- not in the hospitals name. However the cheque will be sent to you only and not directly to patient and you will hand over to patient.

Make it a combined effort

The treating doctor has to ensure that waiving off of the fees are done from the hospital/ professional fee to the tune of at least Rs.10000/- and as a suggestion, patient also should pay some amount so that treatment is not entirely free so as to make the effort in financial assistance a combined initiative.

What is to be done after the procedure? Documents!

(for any doubt contact CSI office and Mr Aneesh will help you

Mobile number 9809210354)

The following is needed in all cases for documentation and tax verification

1, Application from patient (Hand written is enough).

To be mentioned are- all should be clear!

- Address of patient
- House No
- Ward No
- Name of Panchayath
- Name of Village
- District
- Contact Number: mobile and /landline

2, Recent photograph (1 Nos).

3, Adhar Card Copy or Voter ID Card Copy

4, Ration Card Copy

5, Patient Bank Account Details.

6, Supporting letter from treating hospital with signature of consultant. The letter from the Consultant should include the diagnosis and treatment.

After release of financial assistance

Later after all the work is done, the treating doctor will have to produce evidence of utilization by way of hospital bill or treatment summary. This is needed for office filing and auditing. Statement from the patient that the amount has been received and utilised for the purpose should be sent to the CSI office.

Please feel free to contact me for any clarification

With warm regards,

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Secretary CSI-K

