

Name of the Practice:
Blood Donors' Directory**Objectives of the Practice**

- To assist needy patients in contacting voluntary Donors in emergency
- To encourage people to donate blood voluntarily
- To create and update a directory of volunteers so that the required blood is available on request
- To save lives by making the timely availability of the required group of blood

Context

A blood emergency can come up at any moment. Many of the blood seekers suffer because the demand for blood is much more than the number of blood donors. Moreover, at the time of emergency, people have no clue about whom to approach and how to arrange the blood. The college has attempted to build a group of self-motivated individuals who realize their responsibility towards humanity and are available as blood donors as and when required.

Practice

Student and Faculty blood donors register their details with the Red Ribbon Club. The College maintains an up-to-date record/database of the volunteers such as blood group, their contact number, and address, and is available with the Principal and the members of the Red Ribbon Club. The College presently has a total 68 volunteers who have registered themselves as blood donors. People from all over Goa have access to this facility on demand and can contact the College whenever the need arises. The College then contacts the blood donors, who then visit the blood bank or hospital for donating blood. This initiative is in addition to the blood donation camps organised once a year.

Evidence of Success

The college, till date, has helped more than 240 patients all over Goa.

A few cases:

Three volunteers Mr Nishant Shukla, Mr Akhil Bhat and Mr. Kisan Patil donated blood at Goa Medical College on 20th August 2018 during a medical emergency. On 26th September 2018 five volunteers Mr. Dayanand Rane, Mr. Rohan Rolt, Mr. Rahul Khadpe, Mr. Sameer Shet, Mr. Omkar Gaonkar and two faculty members Asst. Prof. Kedarnath Tadkod. and Asst Prof. Rudresh Mhamal donated blood for heart bypass surgery of Mr. Gajanan Mandrekar, resident of Mandrem Goa. Mr. Vasant Narulkar donated blood at Goa Medical College on 28th September 2018.

Uniqueness

Blood banks and hospitals may or may not have a list of blood donors. The College blood donor's directory not only helps save time during critical moments, but also prevents panicked running from pillar to post for the relatives of the patient. The easy availability of voluntary donors also prevents the unhealthy and illegal practice of selling blood by unscrupulous individuals, and acts as a step towards building a responsible citizenry in the students.