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Medical Grants

Increasing costs of surgery, hospitalization, medicines and follow up treatment place an enormous financial burden on families, especially when a member is suffering from a major illness or a congenital anomaly. The Trust helps patients with financial assistance to enable them to undergo surgery and for follow up treatment. The maximum disbursement for an individual patient is Rs 0.10 million and it covers expenses incurred towards costs of major surgeries like neurosurgery, cardiac surgery, plastic surgery for burns, cancer, kidney transplant, and others. These grants also cover ENT patients who suffer from bilateral profound sensorineural hearing loss and other physical handicaps. Though these grants are modest, they bring immense relief to the patients and their families.

In view of the difficulties faced by the Trust in assessing cases outside Mumbai, priority is given to cases within Mumbai, with a specific thrust to help poor patients from government and municipal hospitals. Individual medical grants are one-time grants and are not considered for the same patient again for a period of five years.

This year, the Trust has released grants for 1,296 cases against 2,348 appeals received. The total number of sanctions for the current year is 1,494. The total appeals regretted are 854.

Neurology and Neurosurgery

Young adults and children were treated for Gullian Barre's Syndrome at general hospitals and municipal hospitals in Mumbai. This is a viral disease affecting the brain, where the family has to incur an expense of approximate Rs 0.05 to 0.06 million along with the treatment of Immunoglobulin injections for a period of six weeks which enable the patients to improve their mobility and muscle coordination. Cases of Intra Cerebral Hemorrhage, Parkinson's Disease, Myasthenia Gravis and Growth Hormone Deficiency were also helped financially. The Trust contributes only a modest part of these expenses and recommends them to other Trusts for financial assistance.

Aid to the Handicapped

Young adults and children have been the recipients of these grants which have subsidized the cost of electrically operated artificial limbs and wheel chairs from Otto Bock India and Endolite India Ltd. Young accident victims and amputees of bone cancer were provided prosthesis and artificial limbs from the above centres.

Children in the age group of 1-5 years, who suffer from bilateral profound sensorineural hearing loss since birth have benefitted from the Cochlear Implant Surgery. This is an implant imported from Australia and fitted near the ear and the sound waves created by the implant enables the nerve to get activated, and helps the patient to improve the hearing and speech impairment. The Trust has also supported children and adults who require hearing aids.

Cardiac Surgery

Several children in the age group of 0-12 years have got a new lease of life, due to the shunt surgeries performed by pediatric surgeons at the Madras Medical Mission Hospital, Chennai, and other hospitals in the country thereby improving the cardiac function of the heart. The Narayana Hrudalaya, Bangalore and Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences, Cochin have also been added to the list. The Trust has given sanction to pediatric cardiac surgeries at municipal and government hospitals in Mumbai. Patients from rural areas that come to municipal and government hospitals, are provided

financial assistance in order to undergo the surgery, as many families are unable to afford the cost of surgery in Mumbai.

Permanent pacemaker implant surgeries have helped patients in the age group of 45-55 years to undergo the surgery and the cost of the implant has been subsidized by the Trust.

Burns Victims

Due to the increasing costs of plastic skin graft surgery, the Trust has substantially reimbursed the costs of surgery for rural patients, who come to Masina Hospital for treatment. Cosmetic reconstructive face surgery was also reimbursed to enable the patient to improve her appearance.

Kidney Transplant

Kidney and liver transplant patients have benefitted from medical grants that enable them to continue the Immuno Suppressants to avoid the rejection of the transplanted organ. Patients from major municipal hospitals are given sanctions for Immuno Suppressants at a subsidized rate from the Medical Social Service Department. The Trust has also supported patients undergoing dialysis at home (Continuous Peritoneal Ambulatory Dialysis) as well as in other dialysis centres in Mumbai.

Cancer

Medical grants have helped children and young adults to undergo autologous stem cell bone marrow transplants and other new advances in chemotherapy and radiation therapy, which have helped to give a new lease of life to these patients.

Respiratory Distress

Patients with sleep disorders or sleep apnoea are advised to use CPAP Machines (Continuous Positive Airway Pressure) with an oxygen concentrator to increase their comfort during sleep, as the absorption of oxygen through normal respiration is affected due to this disorder. SDTT grants have helped these patients to procure this machine at a subsidized rate and to overcome the disorder. Patients from municipal hospitals have been helped to a great extent.

Mental Illness

Patients from Anand Rehab Centre, Nallasopara have been helped to undergo rehabilitation and group therapy at the centre. This is the only facility in Mumbai for patients undergoing residential care for a period of six months.

CHARITY REGISTER 2005 - 2006

DISBURSEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL MEDICAL GRANTS FOR THE YEAR 2005-2006

Ailment	Amount (Rs in Million)	Total Number of Cases	%
Aid to the Handicapped	1.30	31	2.57
HIV/AIDS	0.04	2	0.08
Burns	0.99	22	1.96
Cancer	9.75	214	19.30
Cardiac Surgery	12.14	321	24.04
Chronic Illness	4.21	127	8.33
Dental	0.03	5	0.06
Ophthalmic	0.29	12	0.57
General Surgery	3.74	89	7.40
Gynaec	0.30	16	0.60
Kidney Transplant / Dialysis	5.05	149	10.00
Liver Transplant	0.35	4	0.69
Neurosurgery / Neurology	5.99	144	11.86
Orthopaedic	3.28	84	6.49
NICU Treatment for Premature Babies	0.67	16	1.33
Mental Illness	0.24	7	0.48
Respiratory Distress	0.95	21	1.88
Tuberculosis	1.19	32	2.36
Grand Total	50.51	1,296	100



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Education and Travel Grants

The Trust has been offering several scholarships for higher education. A panel of educationists interview candidates recommended by their respective colleges. These scholarships are provided till the student completes his or her first degree. A total of Rs 9.08 million was disbursed as individual educational grants during the year 2005-2006. The various scholarships administered by the Trust are listed below:

Sir Dorab Tata Merit Scholarships are given to students selected after inviting applications from nine Mumbai-based colleges. The scholarship amount ranges from Rs 3,000 per annum to Rs 9,600 per annum depending on the family income. During the year, 16 students were awarded Merit Scholarships from nine colleges in Mumbai.

General Educational Grants for undergraduate students are given, based on a selective criteria of merit and economic status of the family. Scholarships range from Rs 2,400 to Rs 50,000 per annum for students of arts, science and commerce and from Rs 5,000 to Rs 1,00,000 per annum for students of engineering and medicine. A total of 319 students were awarded scholarships during the year 2005-2006.

Dr SR Moolgaokar Scholarship is awarded to two or three students of the Medical Research Society at the JJ Hospital till they complete their MBBS degree course.

A scholarship is also earmarked to a student from **Training Ship Rajendra Chanakya** of Rs 6,000 per annum.

M. Phil scholarships for a total amount of Rs 0.13 million per annum, to two scholars of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences are given. A scholarship is also awarded to a student from the Department of Urban and Rural Community Development of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences of Rs 15,000 per annum.

Education/Travel grants for studies abroad as well as for attending conferences, presentation of papers for research and sports-related activities, ranging from Rs 20,000 to Rs 1,00,000 are given. Applications are received throughout the year and grants are processed based on an internal appraisal process.

An amount of Rs 10.03 million was disbursed to 214 individuals for international travel during the year.



EDUCATION TRAVEL GRANTS (INDIVIDUALS)

CATEGORY		No of Grants Disbursed	YEAR 2005-2006 Amount Disbursed Rs in Million	%
Education / Travel Grants for studies abroad		149	7.18	38
Travel Grants:		65	2.85	15
Attending Conferences	53			
Sports	2			
Research	1			
Others	9			
Other Education Grants		319	8.79	45
Sir Dorab Tata Merit Scholarships		69	0.28	1
SR Moolgaokar Scholarships		2	0.01	1
Total		604	19.11	100



Sir Dorab Tata Merit scholars of St Xavier's College, Mumbai