

**Government of Himachal Pradesh  
Department of Health & Family Welfare**

**No. HFW-A-F(8)1/2024**

**Dated: 03-09-2024**

**NOTIFICATION**

In pursuant to the recommendations of Indian Council of Medical Research(ICMR), the Governor, Himachal Pradesh is pleased to notify "Cancer" as a "Notifiable Disease" in Himachal Pradesh as it is observed that mandatory Cancer reporting is absolutely necessary for Cancer Prevention, Control and Research Programme in the State.

The estimation of Cancer burden and its distribution with respect to time, place and person is essential for evidence based planning and mobilizing there sources. The Cancer registries are not being maintained properly at health Facilities and a lot of Cancer cases are remaining un-reported;

The Government of Himachal Pradesh, after due consideration of the matter has also found it imperative that all diagnosed cancer incidence should be reported to appropriate authority. The data received on Cancer in the State would be used to frame policy on prevention and control of cancer, expansion of treatment facilities and cancer research and training centre in the State;

Therefore, Government of Himachal Pradesh hereby declares that "Cancer" is a "Notifiable Disease" in the "State of Himachal Pradesh" and accordingly, all persons concerned in Hospitals (Private and Government), Pathological, Clinical and Radiological Labs, Institutions imparting Medical Education and providing diagnostic treatment, Palliative Care and any other healthcare related facilities will mandatorily report diagnosed cases of cancer to the respective District Nodal Officer for Cancer Registry or Institutional Nodal Officer for Cancer Registry in case of Medical Colleges. Further, they will send the patient for pathological confirmation when they become cognizant of the existence or suspicion of Cancer in a patient. The pathologist after confirming the same would complete and send the information in prescribed format to the respective Nodal Officer.



**Type of Cancer cases to be included:** All Cancer cases diagnosed or treated at any health center and, all reported cancer deaths in the State of Himachal Pradesh. Cancer cases include

- Malignant neoplasms such as carcinoma, sarcoma, melanoma, lymphoma and leukemia
- All tumors (malignant, in-situ, borderline and benign) of the brain and other parts of central nervous system including pituitary gland, craniopharyngeal duct and pineal gland.

**Type of tumors that are not reportable under this notification:** All benign (except brain tumors), borderline and in-situ cancers need not be reported. All suspicious Cancer cases need not be reported until there is a confirmed diagnosis.

Whosoever is reporting or notifying Cancer shall maintain a prescribed register and retain a copy of the complete format that has been submitted to the concerned Nodal Officer for all new cases diagnosed or being treated in the State of Himachal Pradesh with effect from the date of this notification. This should be done within the period not exceeding two weeks from the date of diagnosis.

**The notification would apply to:**

- All Medical Colleges & Hospital (Govt. and Private) including AIIMS, Bilaspur
- All State/Central Government /Private hospital/ dispensaries, autonomous Medical Institution, nursing homes and hospices providing cancer treatment /care.
- All hospital covered by ESI, Industries, Railway, Civil/Army and other Central and State Government agencies.
- Pathology and Radiology imaging laboratories.
- AYUSH hospitals providing Cancer care.
- Non-Governmental Organizations and insurance (Government or private) companies.
- Vital Statistics Department / Registrar of Births and Deaths
- Any other hospitals/medical institution not covered above; this includes SOWA-



RIGPA, Unani and any other facilities

- Any other Govt./Private sector scheme or programme collecting data on cancer cases.

The diagnosing or treating doctor who becomes cognizant of the cancer disease should ensure that the pathologist should be updated of the clinical details of such patients for the purpose of notifying the disease effectively.

It will be responsibility of every doctor/ pathologist/ medical establishment to notify the Cancer preferably on a real time basis, but not more than two weeks from the date of diagnosis. The Director, Health and Family Welfare/Director, Medical Education & Research/ Mission Director, National Health Mission shall oversee the implementation of Cancer Registry in the State.

By Order

M. Sudha Devi, IAS  
Secretary (Health) to the  
Government of Himachal Pradesh

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1. The Chief Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.
2. The Mission Director, National Health Mission, Shimla-09.
3. The Director, Health Services, H.P., Shimla-09.
4. The Director, Medical Education & Research, HP, Shimla-09.
5. The Director, Health & Safety Regulation, HP, Shimla-02.
6. The Director, Ayurveda, HP, Shimla-09.
7. All Deputy Commissioners, Himachal Pradesh, District
8. The Director, AIIMS Bilaspur.
9. All Principals & Medical Superintendents of Government and Private College, HP
10. All Chief Medical Officers/Medical Superintendents, Himachal Pradesh.
11. The Medical Superintendent HHMH & Reh.-cum-Chief Executive Officer, HP State Mental Health Authority, Shimla-05.
12. All Heads of the Private Health Institution of Himachal Pradesh

Special Secretary (Health) to the  
Government of Himachal Pradesh

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