

Mission & Objective of ART Center and Pediatric Center of Excellence in HIV Care (pCoE)

The objective of establishing pCoEs was that these centers shall be model treatment centers, and will ensure provision of high quality pediatric HIV care and capacity building activities in pediatric HIV across the country.

At present, the center endeavors to provide all the essential services to children and adults living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV). These include

1. Care of HIV infected children & adults:
 - Comprehensive care to HIV infected adults and children including free anti-retroviral medication and drugs for opportunistic infection.
 - General Pediatric Care including growth monitoring, immunization and treatment of intercurrent illnesses.
 - Pediatric Sub-specialty care including hematology, pulmonology, neurology, endocrinology, dermatology, ophthalmology, psychiatry and dentistry.
 - Pediatric Counseling including Nutrition.
 - Psychosocial Support
2. Management of infants born to women with HIV infection following a standardized care protocol including provision of prevention of parent to child transmission of HIV services (PPTCT).
3. Provision of post exposure prophylaxis to hospital health care staff with occupational exposure to HIV.

Besides these, special roles and responsibilities of pCoE are :

1. Programmatic and clinical capacity Building and mentoring of ART Centers situated in 9 states of North India linked to our Center for this purpose.
2. Function as referral center for HIV infected children from North Indian States of Delhi, Uttar Pradesh Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Rajasthan, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.
3. Research including operational research in field of Pediatric HIV/AIDS
4. Participation in Development of National Guidelines & Policies related to pediatric HIV/AIDS
5. Conduct patient and staff educational activities and training related to HIV awareness, sensitivity and stigma reduction
6. Pediatric State AIDS Control Expert Panel (pSACEP) for reviewing and deciding on referred pediatric cases for 2nd line ART.
7. Provision of 2nd line ARV drugs.

Teaching and research activities including Regional Distance Learning Seminar (RDLS) and National Distance Learning Seminar (NDLS).