Thalassemia & Sickle Cell Society

"Poverty and Illiteracy can struck harder report than any other possible hit,



Mahadevi- 7 Yrs

This is a story of a mother explaining her plight or rather a difficult situation of her unfortunate encounter with thalassemia. To top this up, condition of poverty and illiteracy struck harder than any other possible hit. Laxmi was married to a person from a nearby village. Being a daily wage worker, loading bricks on a truck can hardly fetch enough to run a family, this is what both the couple could do to run their life. As days passed she gave birth to her first daughter Mahadevi.

Life turned its course when Mahadevi turned to 1.5 years, she falll sick and after series of examination and tests it was discovered that the kid has thalassemia and needed blood transfusion whole her life. By then Laxmi was already pregnant with her second kid and soon gave birth to her second daughter Vashnavi.

For the parents there was another blow when Vashnavi would often fall sick and by the age of one she was also diagnosed thalassemic. Hard days for

parent's to keep the two infant alive at a very tender age. Poverty impacts children, families and individuals in a variety of different ways some of them this family is stuck with are Malnutrition, education & proper shelter. The disease is manageable with regular blood transfusions and iron chelation drugs, but affordability is the question, when asked how do you manage your kids, it was told that they are not going to school as of now, when it is hard to meet two ends meal for a laborer, forget about schooling or even good or new clothes in their birthday, having a full stomach sumptuous meal at home is more than enough that too is hard to do mission.

To top it all the family had the third daughter, with the understanding that since the first two kids are thalassemic the 3rd kid will be normal, when asked why do you have just an understanding, mother pointed to her counseling and her interpretation "I was not given the right counseling. I was told that one child will be thalassemia and other child will be normal". Being almost illiterate it becomes hard to put the analogy together unless it is explained well in a layman's perspective. After coming to TSCS she understands what does a probability of 50% means. Right counseling and proper knowledge could have been the key to avoid many unforeseen circumstances that this family is going through.

Today parents bring all the 3 kids month after month to TSCS and they are supported with Free Blood and Medication. Since we have a large number of these children in our city, TSCS thought it is appropriate to give them daycare. So these children can stay in a comfortable environment get the blood collected, cross match and transfusions and then go home by



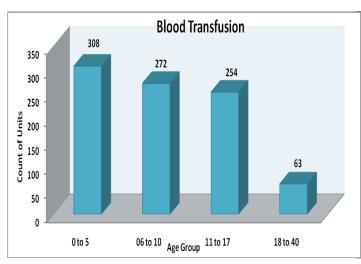


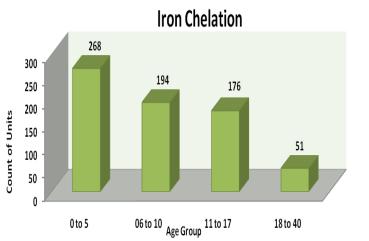
Vashnavi-5 Yrs



Swapna-3 Yrs

Transfusion Details





Total number of patients for the month of **June 2019** including all patients group were **897** some patients were given 2 units of blood, the total units provided where **1124**

HPLC at Society Couples/siblings	CVS referred to CDFD New registrations		Splenectomy
40	NIL	14	0

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Can Thalassemia Patients Marry?

It is generally advised that the parents who are the carrier of thalassemia should not plan a child as there is 75% chance of passing off this disease to the next generation and the baby being either a carrier or sufferer of thalassemia.



When one parent is a patient and another a carrier Risk for child to: - Heve Platassame: 20% - Become a carrier 0% Mother: Thalassamma Carrier Thalassamma Carrier Thalassamma Carrier Thalassamma Carrier Thalassamma Thalassamma Carrier Thalassamma Thalass

Particulars	Units
Sensitisation programmes organised	22
Blood donation camps	19
Opening Stock	364
Collected units of blood	1541
Discard of blood units	33
Closing Stock	463
Units provided to thalassemia + general free issues	1124
General paid issues	285
FFP ISSUES	2058



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