

ADVISORY NOTE NO-06
REQUIREMENT OF BLOOD FOR ECHS PATIENTS ADMITTED IN
EMPANELLED/NON -EMPANELLED HOSPITALS

1. ECHS members had highlighted the problem of arranging blood for patients admitted in empanelled/non-empanelled hospitals. The problem gets compounded when the ECHS patients have no family support.
2. To assist the needy ECHS members, DGMS (Army) has recommended the following :_
 - (a) Self-help groups be established polyclinic-wise comprising ex-servicemen/their family members/other volunteers. These self -help groups to register volunteers who could donate blood when required.
 - (b) Self-help groups could maintain liaison with blood banks run by Red Cross/Rotary Club/other NGOs on internet (Viz, WWW.bharatbloodbank.com), Indian blood donors.com, bloodgivers.com etc) to ensure availability of blood.
 - (c) In case of dire emergency, local Stn Cdrs could be approached for arranging donors.
 - (d) In all above cases, first donors should be family members and friends of the patient.
3. Above guidelines are considered very appropriate and practical. It is therefore advised that all ex-servicemen's Organizations facilitate establishment of such an arrangement at all ECHS Stns.

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