



Friends of Ludhiana

Christian Medical College (CMC) Ludhiana
Punjab, North India

PRAYER TOPICS

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Prayer Topics – June

Week 23 : 3rd to 9th June

The **DEPARTMENT OF ANAESTHESIA AND CRITICAL CARE** has facilities to provide anaesthesia for various surgical specialties and superspeciality procedures such as Neuro-anaesthesia, Cardiac anaesthesia, Paediatric



and Urogenital surgery. A pre-anaesthetic clinic is held for patients who have to undergo surgical procedures. The department manages two intensive care units (ICU) comprised of 13 beds where one professor and two associate professors are posted along with junior doctors at any time. The department also offers pain and palliative care services for both inpatients and outpatients, catering to patients with acute and chronic pain.

The **PULMONARY AND CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE DEPARTMENT** is involved in the diagnosis and management of various respiratory illnesses, infectious and non-infectious. It conducts pulmonary function tests, blood gas analysis, bronchoscopy, pleural biopsies and a sleep study. Its outpatient services include an asthma self-management programme and smoking cessation treatments. The department's work is coordinated with the Cardio-Thoracic Surgery and Anaesthesia Departments to ensure high quality care for inpatients.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- *the provision of a new ICU with upgraded*

facilities

- *two international updates in collaboration with the Mayo Clinic, USA*

PRAY FOR

- *students training for MD Anaesthesia (four students a year) and DA (six diploma students a year)*
- *critically ill patients spending time in ICU*

Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."

Lamentations 3 v.21-24

Week 24 : 10th to 16th June

The **ADMISSION** process for all undergraduate (medical, dental, physiotherapy, BSc nursing and paramedical) students begins in June. Applications for all the colleges are handled by the **REGISTRAR'S OFFICE** and the staff there deal with the vast amount of paperwork for each application. Entrance exams are held in centres across a number of Indian states and once results are known the selection committee meets to decide which students should be admitted.

ANNUAL ADMISSIONS IN JULY

75 students for MBBS (medicine)
40 students for BDS (dentistry)
60 students for BSc(N) (nursing)
20 students for BPT (physiotherapy)

PRAISE GOD FOR

- *the excellent reputation of all the Institution's colleges*
- *the process of all admissions brought into one office*
- *the tireless work of the Registrar and his staff*

- *permission for an increase of 50% in the number of medical student admissions from 2011*

PRAY FOR

- *those appearing for and those marking entrance tests*
- *staff handling paperwork for many applications*
- *a new sponsorship policy being implemented for medical students*

But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. 2 Thessalonians 2 v.13

Week 25 : 17th to 23rd June



The **PHARMACY DEPARTMENT** is responsible for the supply of prescription drugs for use in the hospital. Apart from the main pharmacy counter there are smaller pharmacy counters in other areas of the hospital – OPD, Operation Theatre, Private Wards, Cardiology/ICCU Ward. The drugs available in the hospital pharmacy are of high quality and purchased from standard companies. The hospitals Drug Committee recommends the stock after scrutiny of the profiles of the companies and their medicines. The staff therefore encourage patients to obtain their prescriptions from within the hospital rather than seek cheaper (and maybe less effective) alternatives outside.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- *the computerisation of the Pharmacy*
- *the opening of new satellite pharmacy counters*
- *medicines available 24 hours a day*

PRAY FOR

- *more qualified teaching staff*
- *patients to purchase medications from within CMC rather than the cheaper (and*

perhaps not so effective) alternatives in the city

A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones. Proverbs 17 v.22

Week 26 : 24th to 30th June

The **DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL INFORMATICS** (DOMI) began in June 1994 to look after the Information Technology infrastructure of the hospital and is responsible for the planning, procuring, and implementation of all IT related activities. DOMI creates, maintains, and makes accessible an extensive management information system of all financial and management data. It maintains the hardware that includes servers, personal computers, thin clients, scanners, printers, and the local area network. It also has to maintain and troubleshoot a lot of software problems.

The DOMI also maintains and preserves the CCTV footage for scrutiny by the security personnel or even by the police to identify people who may have been involved in acts of vandalism or theft in the hospital.



The Department maintains the internet lease line for the institution distributing the bandwidth to the hospital and five colleges. The department also facilitates the online subscription of journals in the library and video conferences. The DOMI maintains the Picture Archiving and Communication Systems (PACS) for the hospital providing online digital x-ray images and test results to consultants on the wards, facilitating quick and timely treatment to the patients.

The Department works closely with the Registrar's office to operate a complex system of the admission process that is transparent and fair and verifiable.

The DOMI maintains the biometric attendance machines, maintains the employee attendance records, develops and issues smart cards and identity cards to employees, coordinates the maintenance of the website, and provides complete IT support to all the departments.

PRAISE GOD FOR

- *the software systems in place so far*
- *greater ease of communication by e-mail and mobile phone*
- *qualified IT personnel*

PRAY FOR

- *new hardware to support the extensive and complex IT activities across the institution*

- *new IT cabling needed to network the whole institution*

If the axe is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed but skill will bring success.

Ecclesiastes 10 v.10

Pray for Dr. Abraham Thomas and the administrative team for wisdom to further develop the work of CMC – its pioneering treatments, its care for the poor, its training of doctors, nurses and dentists for the rural hospitals of India - so that it remains a beacon for Christ's grace in the Punjab.

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