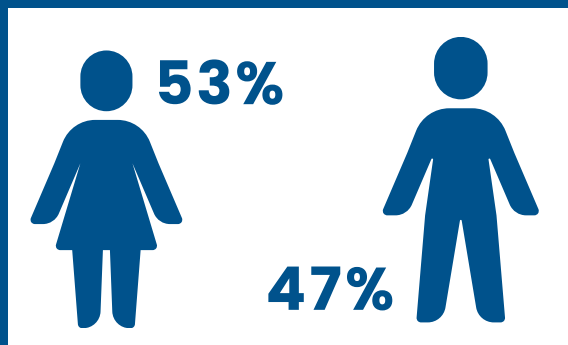
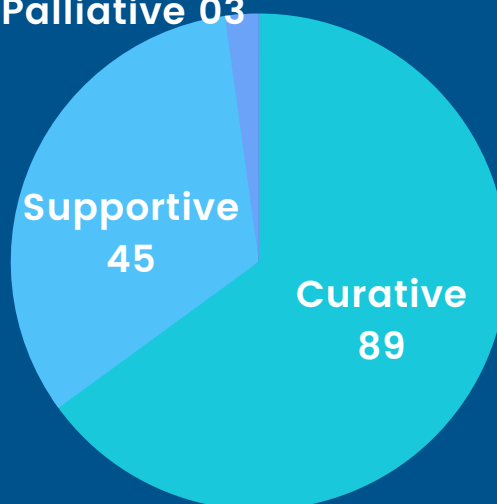


Patients supported 137
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Types of Treatment

Palliative 03



54-year-old Gowri* lives in a small village near Vellore. Gowri's husband passed away many years ago. Her son lives far away and is unable to support Gowri. Her daughter is separated from an abusive husband and lives with Gowri. Both mother and daughter are daily wage labourers. However, Gowri's joint pains keep her from working regularly. She is a patient at CMC on treatment for diabetes and hypertension. Gowri was managing her aches and pains, but suddenly developed a persistent cough. After 2 weeks, the cough worsened to the point where she was breathless. Her worried daughter rushed Gowri to CMC Vellore.

The Department of General Medicine suspected she had an acute infective exacerbation of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). Her breathing was shallow and her heartrate was rapid. She was admitted in the general ward immediately and started on antibiotics. Tests revealed she had mild respiratory failure but was able to manage without oxygen support. Gowri responded to the treatment and was discharged when her fever and joint pain got better. Her daughter was immensely relieved at her mother's recovery. She says tearfully, *"My mother falls ill very often. I am grateful for the financial support now and each time she comes to CMC"*.

Thank you for your thoughtful giving!

**patient details shared with consent & name changed to protect their privacy*