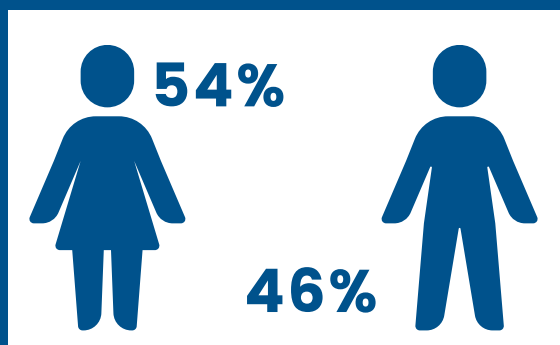


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Sarala is a final year student in a local nursing college. Her father runs a small tea stall. Her mother takes care of Sarala's autistic younger brother. 21-year-old Sarala looks forward to completing her studies and getting a job as a nurse to support her family. She narrates her story:



A few months ago, I developed high fever. My father picked me up from my hostel and took me straight to LCECU (CMC's Low Cost Effective Care Unit). My condition did not improve, and the doctors at LCECU referred me to CMC's Main Hospital. I was rushed to the Emergency and then admitted under the Department of General Medicine. The doctors diagnosed me with thrombocytopenia, a blood disorder characterized by low platelet count. They told me I need treatment for hypothyroidism, diabetes and abnormal uterine bleeding. My knowledge as a nursing student made me afraid – how will I return to normal life? But the doctors and nurses encouraged me to be

brave. I understand better about the physical ailments faced by my family, and what I study at college makes more sense to me now. As a nurse, I want to help others to understand their health problems. I pray for healing for the patients I meet.

Sarala is learning to manage her illnesses and continues to visit CMC for regular check ups.

Thank you for your thoughtful giving!

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