



43-year-old Aruna* lives in Pallamati village in the hills surrounding Vellore. She is unmarried and lives with her mother. Aruna makes ends meet by working as a labourer in nearby farm lands. Earlier this year, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. She comes regularly to CMC for chemotherapy.

Aruna developed a persistent cough. Her chest felt tight and she had difficulty breathing. To make things worse, she would throw up repeatedly bringing out phlegm. This made her very weak and she could not go to work. Worried, her mother brought Aruna to CMC Vellore. On observing her, the team at the

Pulmonary Medicine Department diagnosed her to have Bronchiectasis, a condition where her lungs airways were infected, making it hard to clear mucus.

Aruna was immediately started on treatment. She responded well and improved. She was discharged after ten days of admission. Her bills were largely subsidised by the Department and CMC's charitable funds. Aruna was all smiles on the day of discharge from the general ward. She knows her treatment was made possible by kind friends who support CMC Vellore and is extremely grateful! Thanks to your contributions, many like her have access to the health care they need.



Aruna in the ward with her mother

Thank you for your thoughtful giving!

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