SEESHA is a charitable trust and is a sister concern of Jesus Calls ministries. One of the primary mandate of SEESHA is to care for the poor and the marginalised irrespective of caste, creed, color or religion. The Surgical Services Initiative is an initiative by group of surgeons interested in caring for the poor in the rural and remote areas through upgrading and standardizing the facilities there, though training and human resource and equipment sharing.

THE SURGICAL CAMPS

The aim of the surgical camp is to train and equip the rural surgical facility to carry out minimally invasive surgeries. The local surgeon is trained through an online course and hands on training during the regular surgical camps. These surgical camps continue till the local surgeon is trained to carry on by themselves.

The local rural surgical facility is responsible for the patients whom they collect for the surgical camps and take care after the surgical procedures. The visiting team would come with the equipment that is necessary and bring in nurses and technicians to train the local nurses and OR technicians.

THE REQUIREMENT

1) Local doctor or surgeons responsible for taking care of the patients’ right from admission to discharge.
2) The local doctor and the team should be willing to learn and continue on their own after the training is complete
3) Getting the local registration from the state medical council for the visiting surgeons
4) MOU with SEESHA – SSI for surgical camps
THE UNDERSTANDING AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The equipment belongs to SEESHA and the staff are from SEESHA. The surgeons are arranged by SSI. The usual understanding so far has been

A) The travel costs are reimbursed to the team coming for the surgical camp

B) The local arrangements are made by the inviting hospital. This includes the local travel, hospitality [food and accommodation] and the necessary things for the surgical camp if necessary [for example power generators]

C) The Instruments and disposables used charges are paid to SEESHA.

D) Usually 50% of the surgery charges are paid to SSI to pay the allowances to the operating surgeons and to generate a corpus fund of SSI till the time donations are possible for SSI. The local hospital charges the usual charges and the amount payable to SSI is negotiable as many of them are volunteers.

E) The travel costs are shared especially if surgical camps are in a few places near by

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COMMON PROCEDURES CARRIED OUT DURING SURGICAL CAMPS

- Single incision gas less surgeries
- Appendicectomies
- Hysterectomies
- Ovarian cystectomies
- Myomectomies
- Evaluation of infertility
- URS for ureteric and renal calculi: Removing ureteric and Kidney stones with through normal urinary passage. Sometimes two or three sittings are required.
- Treatment for urethral strictures, prostate and bladder stones and tumors
- Reconstructive surgeries
- Vaporization surgeries for Prostate and uterus