

PAEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY SERVICE AT SGNHC

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Out patient clinic in Paediatric cardiology started in Jan 2004. We ran it twice a week then. In the beginning, the number of Out Patient Department (OPD) attendance was very small, not crossing 10 in one OPD day. Most of the patients were referred cases from the valley area with suspected Congenital Heart Diseases (CHD) and Rheumatic Fever. In later days, the OPD number significantly increased and OPD days was scheduled 3 days a week, in alternate days. Most of the OPD patients are referrals from cases from different parts of the country (mostly outside the valley) which is just opposite to 3 yrs back. Similarly, the cases with complex type of CHD are found in increasing numbers e.g. D- Transposition of Great Arteries (D- TGA), Double Outlet Right Ventricle (DORV, different types), Single Ventricle, Complete A-V Septal Defect etc. Sick children who attend OPD who need emergency management in heart failure due to CHD or RHD, in cyanotic spell etc., are immediately taken to the emergency room for needful management, and make them stable for safe transfer to near by Paediatric Centre (Kanti Children Hospital) for admission. This current situation may have created some inconvenience to the patient and his/her family but this centre is going to start Paediatric Cardiology Inpatient service in the near future to cater the full needs of Paediatric cardiac patients.

