

GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI
DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION: SCHOOL BRANCH OLD SECRETARIAT:
DELHI-110054.

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Sub: Awareness about Thalassaemia

Thalassaemia major is a genetic disorder, passed from parents to children. Thalassaemia carriers are common in general population. Every year around 10,000 to 12,000 children are born with thalassaemia major in India. There are around three lakh thalassaemia affected people in India currently. According to CMR study 1 out of every 18 births is a Thalassaemia carrier in Delhi. In Delhi, around 200 births of Thalassaemia major take place every year. All these patients require repeated and regular blood transfusion (Every two to four weeks) and Iron chelation therapy for survival. The average cost per patient is Rs 50,000 to Rs. 2,00,000 per year which is bound to increase further with inflation. A Thalassaemia child on an average requires 30 units of blood every year. All these Thalassaemia major births can be completely prevented through awareness/sensitization & timely screening.

All Heads of Govt., Govt. Aided & Unaided Recognised Schools under DoE are hereby directed to invite any officer/ doctor from Health Department having expertise in Thalassaemia to deliver a special talk and sensitize the students & staff members about Thalassaemia on any working day from 01.05.2019 to 10.05.19 in the Morning Assembly.

This issues with approval of the Competent Authority.

Sd/-
DDE (School)

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