

KURIAKOSE ELIAS COLLEGE

BEST PRACTICE-2

K. E. COLLEGE *BLOOD DONORS' CLUB*

Objectives of the Practice

The KE College *Blood Donors' Club* was started with the sole intention of providing blood for transfusions to needy patients at very short notice. By donating blood we are letting a life flow in its continuity. It brings smile on the faces of dear and near ones of the persons facing a major medical emergency.

The Context

The College being situated in a region that lies in close vicinity to the only Medical College Hospital in Kottayam District and more than five reputed specialty and super specialty hospitals, a fully functioning *Blood Donors' Club* could always help the needy patients in cases of emergencies.

The Practice

Direct blood transfusions from person to person are considered to be safer than transfusions that use stored supplies. Our implementation strategy is to enact the club as a bridge between donors and patients. Hospitals or the needy parties officially communicate the matter to the college office and suitable donors are sent to the hospitals.

Evidence of Success

Regular evaluation is conducted to analyse the functioning of the club. The resource mobilization proves to be very effective taken the proximity of the college to the major hospitals in the region and also easy availability of the donors.

- ***Blood Donation Camp***

The KE College *Blood Donors' Club* in association with the NSS unit of the college and Blood Bank, Govt. Medical College Hospital, Kottayam organized a blood donation camp named *RED DROP* on Aug 1st, 2019. Principal Dr. Antony Thomas inaugurated the camp. Dr. Chitra from Medical College Hospital, Kottayam sensitized the students about the need of blood donation. The camp was arranged in such a manner that 8 students could donate blood simultaneously. Since the camp was held in the college campus, more

participation from the girl students was ensured. Totally 64 students donated blood as part of the blood donation camp.

- **Blood Donors Award**

The N.S.S. unit of our college was honoured by the blood donation cell of Medical College as the best unit for giving the maximum number of donors to the patients of Medical College. The Award was handed over on October 1st in a function hosted by Medical College.

Problems Encountered and Resources Required

The club also faces some practical difficulties. It is difficult to reach out to the donors who have already left the college who are in the existing database. Secondly, the increased number of hospitals nearby results in higher demands which makes it impractical to fulfill the demands. Sending donor students during the college working hours proves to be problematic. The first problem has been gradually overcome by updating the database with the latest contact details. The second problem needs to be resolved taking the assistance of the generous neighbourhood institutions in providing more donors to the club from the respective institutions. The concern of class hour attendance has been left to the discretion of the principal.

Certificate of appreciation from Medical College, Kottayam

