

**DECLARATION OF RIGHTS OF
PEOPLE WITH CANCER**
For the wall of people with cancer
(adapted by Cancer Sahyog from the Declaration of Rights
Brought out by Cancer Link, U.K.)

I have the right:

... **to equal concern and attention** whatever my gender, caste, age, life style, degree of able- bodidness, socio-economic status, or religious belief.

... **to be treated with respect and dignity**, and to have my physical, emotional, spiritual, social and psychological needs taken seriously and responded to throughout my life, whatever my prognosis.

... **to know I have cancer**, to be told in a sensitive manner and to share in all decision- making about my treatment and care in honest and informative discussions with relevant specialists and other health Professionals.

...**to be informed fully about treatment** options and to have explained to me the benefits, side effects and risks of any treatment.

... **to be asked for any informed consent** before I am entered into any clinical trial.

... **to a second opinion**, to refuse treatment or to use complementary therapies without prejudice to continued medical support.

... **to have any special welfare needs acknowledged**, including those arising out of physical disability and benefit claims responded to promptly.

...**to be considered for medical and life insurance.**

...**to be granted medical leave** as and when required during treatment , and after for periods check-ups.

... **to be employed**, promoted or accepted on return to work according to my ability and experience and not according to assumptions about my disease and its progression.

... **to easy access to information** about local and national services, cancer support and self helps groups and practitioners that may be useful in meeting my needs.

... **to receive support and information** to help me understand and come to terms with my disease, and to receive similar support for my family and friends.

... **to receive quality care** even though I may not able to afford it.

... **to receive continuing care**, ensuring my quality of life, after my cancer comes back and is no longer considered curable.

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I have read the Declaration of Rights of people with Cancer, and give my support to the document.

I am willing for my name to be used in support of the Declaration, and Cancer Sahyog can quote me as follows:

Signed

NAME & ADDRESSES (please print)

GROUP / ORGANISATION/ POSITION (if appropriate)

I should like _____ number of copies for further distribution.
