

Surgery Statistics 2009

**B.K.L.Walawalkar Hospital, Diagnostic & Research Centre, Dervan
1st to 8th February 2009 - Surgery Camp Patients**

Patients hear about our pending visit and can travel for days to get to the hospital to have treatment.

All patients in India are means tested; if they can afford the full amount they would pay it however they are few in numbers. Some can afford a contribution which may be a fraction of the costs and others get treatment free of charge.

The fact we go to do voluntary work and send equipment free of charge helps the hospital to give concessions for treatment.

251 Surgery patients were seen during our visit

General Surgery:

60 patients were operated on for either, hernia, laparoscopic gall bladder removal, thyroid surgery.

Patients ages ranged from 1yr to 80yrs male and female.

Ophthalmic surgery:

135 cataract operations were carried out, these patients are mainly elderly however the provision of sight enhances their life by 500% For example cataract surgery for 1 eye may amount to R16,000 (£220.00) the cost to the patient could be as little R420 (£6.00)

Urology Surgery

16 patients were operated on with ages between 2yrs old and 50yrs the majority of these patients had kidney or bladder stones removed.

ENT Surgery:

7 patients were treated ranging from 13yrs to 55yrs of age charges ranged from free to £100.00

Orthopaedic Surgery:

21 patients were operated on for knee replacement, spinal surgery, correction of deformity aged from 3yrs to 80yrs, some patients got free treatment others paid towards their treatment where possible.

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