



“PALLCARE Seva”—A Beacon Amid the Catastrophic COVID-19 Times: Correspondence

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Dear Editor,

We would like to comment on the publication “‘PALLCARE Seva’—A Beacon Amid the Catastrophic COVID-19 Times: A Cross-Sectional Study from a Rural Oncology Institute in Western Maharashtra¹.” This study reports on an audit of the “PALLCARE Seva” telephone service calls.¹ General practitioners might be consulted in more than one-tenth of cases, according to Patil et al. The main tenets of our service were courtesy and compassion, helpfulness, addressing skepticism about the condition, and giving patients and caregivers a chance to express their ideas. The majority of callers—more than three-fourths—rated their interactions as positive and said they would suggest this service to other patients in need.¹

We both agree that the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak made the switch to broad service necessary. Utilizing a communication tool could be beneficial. However, the scenario in which it is appropriate varies. Poor infrastructure makes it challenging to access IT or a basic phone in many rural areas of developing nations. As a result, it is necessary to analyze the effectiveness of telephone conversations in light of the regional context. Furthermore, COVID-19's situation is constantly changing. The arrival of a new COVID-19 vaccination and

the emergence of a new variation can both have a big impact on the local situation. The shifting local COVID-19 epidemic scenario must be taken into consideration while assessing the effectiveness of phone calls.

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