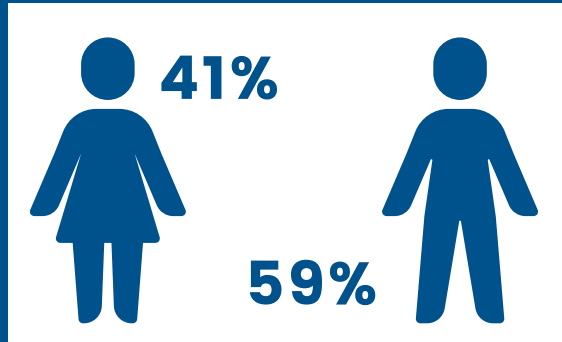
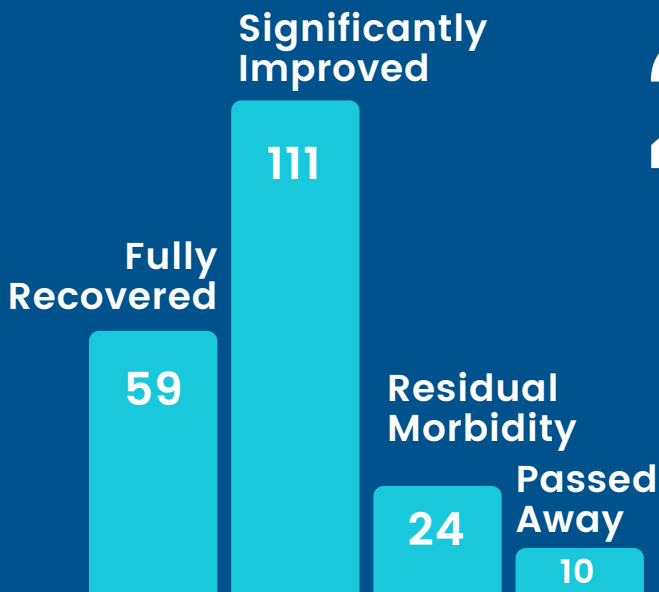


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22-year-old Tilaka* and her husband Govind live in a town near Vellore. Govind is a daily wage laborer in the local market. Their families did not approve of their marriage and refuse to support them. So the young couple live on their own.

Tilaka has diabetes and has been on treatment since her childhood. This year, to their delight, Tilaka became pregnant with their first child. Govind took extra care of her. Unfortunately, five months into the pregnancy, she fell ill with high fever. Worried, Govind brought her to CMC Vellore where she was admitted in the ICU. Her blood sugar levels were brought under control. Once she and her baby were out of danger, she was transferred to the ward. Relieved that she and their baby were better, Govind now started to panic about finances. He has spent all the money they had, so how would he pay for the treatment and food costs? He did not want to leave her alone and go to work for a daily wage.

Tilaka's treating team stepped in to help the young couple. The treatment costs were subsidized and nutritious meals were arranged from the canteen. "In a few months, we will come back to CMC for Tilaka's delivery", smiles Govind. "I am so grateful for the care we received here."

Thank you for your thoughtful giving!

**patient details shared with consent & name changed to protect their privacy*