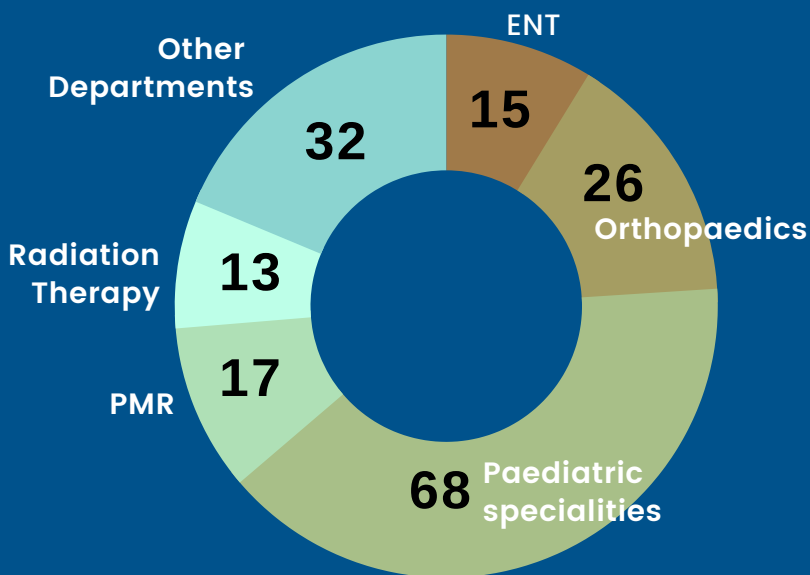
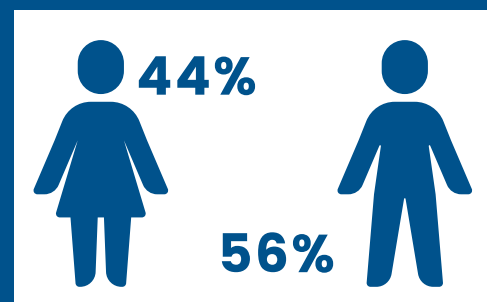


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Ruksana* and her husband are daily wage agricultural labourers from Jharkhand. They live in a small village 100 km from the capital city, Ranchi. Earlier this year, 31-year old Ruksana fell ill with fever, and breathing difficulty. Her husband took her to various hospitals in the city. She was told she might have tuberculosis (TB) or lung cancer. Her family spent a lot of money on tests. They were relieved to find that she did not have cancer. But Ruksana was still weak and breathless. Friends in their village advised them to travel to Vellore immediately as the treatment and care is good in CMC.



The long train journey was a struggle for Ruksana. From the railway station, she was rushed directly to CMC's Emergency Department. Ruksana tested positive for covid and was admitted under the Department of Respiratory Medicine. Her fluid-filled lungs were drained and she was stabilized on oxygen and non-invasive ventilation. On recovery from this infection, specialist doctors treated her underlying conditions – hypothyroidism, lupus and other complications. Three weeks of hospitalization costs were too much for the family to bear. Her husband paid all that he could. "We have come to CMC with great hope of recovery for my wife. Our 3 small children are waiting for her at home." Ruksana's treatment costs were supported by CMC's charitable funds like PTP and the Department special funds. The family travelled back home and returned to CMC 3 months later for a review. We are happy to report that she is doing well.

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