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Mangaluru: The stakeholders of day care centre for Haematological disorders in Wenlock RAPCC, the first centre under public private partnership (PPP), took a pledge on improving quality of life of Thalassemics on August 15.

The day care centre with six beds was inaugurated by the oldest Thalassemic patient Vinith, Wenlock hospital Superintendent and District Surgeon Dr Rajeshwari Devi H R. "Thalassemia is the biggest non-communicable disease (NCD) affecting children. We hope that through this centre patients with Thalassemia will lead a normal life as like other Thalassemics in the world. I am stressed Rakesh of Bengaluru based Sankalp India Foundation (SIF).



Wenlock hospital Superintendent and District Surgeon Dr Rajeshwari Devi H R affectionately pats a Thalassemic child from Puttur after the inauguration of the day care centre for Haematological disorders in Wenlock's RAPCC on Tuesday. District Intervention Officer and Nodal Officer for Hemoglobinopathies Dr U V Shenoy, Wenlock hospital Resident Medical Officer Dr Julian Saldanha, Rakesh of Sankalp India

Foundation and Paediatrician Dr Balakrishna Rao N are also seen

Rakesh informed that the day care centre in RAPCC building is its fourth centre in the state besides facilitating consultation with international experts, organising HLA'(Human Leuk antigen) typing camps, will maintain the medical record of each patient (Thal-care). "The care centre should become a centre of excellence for clinical management of Thalasse District Early Intervention Officer and Nodal Officer for Hemoglobinopathies Dr U V Shenoy s



Dr Shenoy also thanked Tahseen Khan of Indian Women's Association (IWA), Kuwa sponsoring medicines and scholarships to Thalassemics for past seven years. The iron-che drugs, folic acid, calcium tablets will be supplied free of cost by IWA, he said. Dr Shenoy thanked Kalpa Trust and Seva Bharathi for maintaining blood donors registry, supporting pa awareness meetings among others.

Earlier Wenlock hospital Superintendent District Surgeon Dr Rajeshwari Devi H R informed the day care centre will be shifted to a permanent three-storey building being constructed b RAPCC building. Wenlock hospital Resident Medical Officer (RMO) Dr Julian Saldanha Paediatrician Dr Balakrishna Rao were also present.

Centre favours Super-transfusion

District Wenlock hospital's Regional Transfusion Centre Senior specialist Dr Sarath Kumar informed that high quality of blood (triple saline-washed) is used during blood transfusior

patients with Thalassemia. Among the three types, the centre is in favour of super-transf regimen (advocating above 12 gms of haemoglobin per deciliter). Many Thalassemics receive blood transfusion when the haemoglobin level is as low as 9 grams per deciliter, rued Rake Bengaluru based Sankalp India Foundation (SIF).

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