

FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION

It has been noticed that an information is being circulated through the internet as emails and as face book posts regarding the availability of a certain medicine called '**Imitinef mercilet**' at the Cancer Institute, Adyar, Chennai. The message also often makes the statement about this drug curing all blood cancers and it being offered free of charge at the Cancer Institute. We want to make it clear that this is a misleading message being circulated. We believe that the drug name mentioned is a distortion of the drug called '**imatinib mesylate**' which is a drug used to treat a type of blood cancer called 'chronic myeloid leukemia'. This drug is available all over India and is being prescribed at all Cancer Centers and is not exclusive to the Cancer Institute, Adyar, Chennai. The drug support programme is also active in all major cancer centers in the country.

Hence people who come across the misleading message via internet are requested not to circulate it.