

# CENTRAL DRUG REPOSITORY FOR CANCER PATIENTS MRIDUL ARORA

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Better diagnosis and advancement in treatment of cancer in rapidly-developing India, have resulted in improved outcomes, but at a cost

Health insurance schemes are yet to benefit poor people in small towns and villages.

For this purpose BREAST CANCER PATIENTS BENEFIT FOUNDATION, New Delhi, has set up a

**'CENTRAL DRUG REPOSITORY'** 

Once you choose hope, anything is possible





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## WHAT IS CDR :

The BCPBF's most vital program is 'CENTRAL DRUG REPOSITORY' (CDR) an honest attempt at providing subsidized / free lifesaving cancer drugs to "Below Poverty Line" patients. Since its inception in April 2009, approximately 125 patients have benefitted by getting drugs worth approximately 1.5 million \$.

It aims to provide succor and treatment where the public health system is either inadequate, or absent altogether, standard treatment is expensive and targeted chemotherapy either unavailable, or unaffordable

The CDR's sole purpose is to ease such financial pressure.

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# HOW CDR WORKS:

- CDR buys drugs or receives on request some free / subsidized drugs like HERCEPTIN, TYCERB, SUTENT, GLEEVAC etc. from pharmaceuticals.
- Drugs are stored in a sterile environment & disbursed after a speedy investigation of the financial status of the claimant, cutting all red tape.
- It also extends CDR facilities to the patients coming from countries like Afghanistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nigeria, Tanzania and Mauritius etc
- Formation of CDR has resulted in a wakeup call for the Pharma Industry towards CSR.
- Encourages the under privileged to come forward for treatment rather than think of it as unaffordable and abandon it altogether.
- This has resulted in markedly higher Disease Free Survival rates & greater awareness of the curability of cancer, if detected early, specially for the under privileged.