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Scudder Memorial Hospital, Ranipet

From the desk of the Medical Superintendent

Greetings to you in the Precious Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

“Whatever happens, always be thankful. This is how God wants you to live in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thess. 5:18.



Traditionally, we set aside a special day for Thanksgiving once a month or year. But for every Christian, each day can be a day of Thanksgiving. **"Thankfulness!"** is one of the most important qualities we can develop as Christians.

We can be thankful always, not only because He says it is His will to do so but because we know that we are HIS CHILDREN... and therefore all that He has is ours, we cannot be losers!

We must be consistent in our thanksgiving. The more intentional we are about offering thanks to God, the easier it becomes to see His blessings in our lives. That is why we are repeatedly commanded in the Bible to be thankful in all things.

We must not allow a spirit of ingratitude to harden our heart and chill our relationship with God and with others. No one can bless us like our heavenly Father. Let us be diligent in thanking Him for His grace and goodness.

God has absolute control over all things so that we can give **"Thanks"** with assurance.
MAKE GRATITUDE YOUR ATTITUDE!

SMH family is indebted to the support, encouragement and prayers of our beloved Bishop, Presbyters & Church Leaders of CSI Vellore Diocese, Scudder Association & Reformed Church of America, SMH Alumni and well-wishers across the country and overseas.

The Blood Bank, Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Radiotherapy Unit and Solar Energy Plant proposals continue to be in focus for our future plans for development.

We beseech Lord Almighty our provider who will fulfil all the needs in His Time through His people. The Lord has entrusted the ministry of healing to us and we earnestly solicit your prayers and continued partnership in this journey.

“The beginning of man's rebellion against God was, and is, the lack of a thankful heart.”. Are we thankful no matter what?

OUR VISION

"To continue the Healing Ministry of Jesus Christ by providing quality, accessible and affordable health care to all"

OUR MISSION

"To provide holistic health care and education to the people and to build a just and healthy community through Jesus Christ"

In His Mission

(Dr. C. Anbu Suresh Rao)

Developmental Milestones to continue the Scudder Healing Ministry (2010-2024)

Since 1866, the Scudder Memorial Hospital, Ranipet stands as a beacon of light, bringing the poor, underprivileged and deprived people of our community to the Great Physician, the Saviour of the World.

Rev. Dr. John Scudder and his wife Mrs. Harrier Scudder, in 1819, sacrificially sowed the seed of the Preaching, Teaching and Healing Ministry. In 1866, his son Dr. Silas Scudder opened the Scudder Memorial Hospital at Ranipet, where over forty-seven members of the Scudder Family have continued in the Healing Ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We thankfully remember the selfless and yeoman service of Indian Missionaries Dr. Julius Savarirayan, Dr. Ernest Baskar, Dr. Suguna Chandrashekar, Dr. Ruben Jesudas, Dr. Prema David, Dr. Mary Vijaya, Dr. Abraham Isaac, Dr. Chitra, Dr. David Sadhu, Dr. Jai Singh, Dr. G. Samraj who have carried and passed on the **Torch of the Healing Mission**.

From the year 2009 to 2010, the Hospital suffered from lack of leadership, dearth of finances and human resource to carry on the ministry. The hospital was staffed with only five Doctors, a meager number of outpatients and an Inpatients bed occupancy of only 15%. Salaries to over 200 employees was pending and outstanding bills to be cleared of over ninety-three lakhs.

In prayer and with complete trust and obedience, we received the promise,

“Not by Might, Nor by Power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of Hosts” Zechariah 4:6

By the Grace of God, we have overcome several hurdles and established the essential clinical facilities to serve the poor and needy people. The Accident and Emergency Unit with SARI Bay, Six Modular Operation Theatres, 18 Bedded Private Surgical Suite with 3 bedded HDU, 13 Bedded Dialysis Unit, 6 bedded HDU, 2 bedded PICU, 16 Slice CT Scan, Cath. Lab, Maxillofacial and Craniofacial Unit are the major achievements in the past 14 years.

The 3rd of September, **Rev. Dr. John Scudder's** birthday has been celebrated as **Hospital Day** since 2010. The new clinical specialities, medical equipment or building construction are inaugurated on 3rd September each year in loving memory of the Founder of this 200 years old Healing, Teaching and Preaching Mission

Developments & Dedications at SMH 2010 to 2024 An Era of Revival, Restoration and Renewal

2010

- 7 Bedded Dialysis Unit with the support of a Private Renal Centre from Chennai.
- The Patients Waiting Area near Maintenance Dept. were inaugurated on 3rd September 2010



2011

- CT Scan with the support of a Private Hospital in Ranipet
 - Dorothy Scudder Conference Hall were dedicated on 3rd September 2011
- All the IP Wards, OPD Clinics and Corridors were renovated and painted.



Milestones in the Mission: A Journey of Faith in Action since 2010

2012

- 6 Bedded Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
 - 250 KVA Transformer, Donated by CMC, Vellore
- were inaugurated on 3rd September 2012



2013

- 13 Bedded Accident & Emergency Unit, supported by RCA, USA
- Prayer Hall near ICU
- Main Pharmacy
- Heavy Duty Laundry Machine
- AHS Academic Block (Gr. Floor)
- Drinking Water RO Plant for Patients



2014

- Ida Scudder Ward
- 500 MA Digital X-Ray
- 2 Bedded Paediatric ICU
- St. Teresa Isolation Ward
- Dr. Silas Scudder Ward
- 250 KVA Generator
- Cash Counter
- Community Dental Unit



2015

- Modular Operation Theatres with Recovery Room
- Anaesthesia Workstation and OT Table
- Pulmonary Medicine Clinic with Spirometry
- 25-Seater Staff Bus
- Patients Waiting Area in 1st Floor near E1 Ward
- Community Health Clinic at Egambaranallur Village



2016

- Doctors Quarters Block supported by Dr. James Hamilton Taylor, USA
- 20 Bedded Scudder Surgical Suite Private Rooms
- ICU Ventilators and Urometry
- Noordyk Student Nurses' Hostel
- The Sesquicentennial (150 Years) Souvenir was released



Milestones in the Faith Journey of our Healing Ministry since 2010

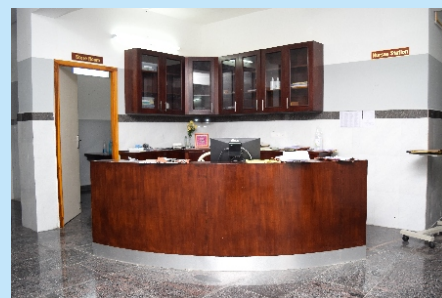
2017

- Mrs. Harriet Scudder Dialysis Unit II
- Community Health Clinic at Kaveripakkam and Jambukulam
- Scudder Imaging Center and Digital lab.
- Paediatric & Dermatology Clinics
- Modular OT with AHU at Ophthalmology Unit
- Physiotherapy Extension
- Entry Level Certification for NABH (National Accreditation Board for Hospitals)



2018

- 25 Bedded Scudder Surgical Suite with 3 Bedded HDU
- Bolero 9-Seater Van
- Palliative Care Unit
- 500 KVA Transformer
- Student Nurses Hostel (Gr. Floor)
- Staff Nurses Hostel
- B.Sc. Nursing Degree Course



2019

- 500 KVA Generator
- 16 Slice CT Scan
- Histopathology Unit
- Auto Analyzer
- Dialysis Outpatients Clinic
- Post Basic B.Sc. Nursing Course
- B.Sc. Laboratory and Radiography Degree Course



2020

- Schillers Mobile Cath. Lab Machine
- C-Arm Machine
- Auto Analyzer for Laboratory
- Dental Equipment & Implants
- 40-Seater School Bus and Marazzo 7-Seater car
- Final Assessment for NABH (National Accreditation Board for Hospitals)



2021

- Oxygen Generator Plant supported by TATA Trust and Scudder Association, USA
- SARI Bay at Casualty
- 16 Slice CT Scan
- OPD Block - Cardiology, General Medicine, Dermatology
- NABH & NABL (Microbiology) Accreditation
- Molecular Lab - CBNAAT, TRUENAT RTPCR Covid Testing
- Digital X-Ray Unit II
- Sleep Apnea Lab
- EECO Mini Ambulance
- Rennie Scudder Staff Quarters



Milestones in the Faith Journey of our Healing Ministry since 2010

2022

- New Pinnacle Agile Cath Lab Machine
- New Echo machine
- 6 Bedded High Dependency Unit
- Clinical Biochemistry
- Orthopedic OPD Patients Waiting Lounge
- Ortho. Dressing Room
- Student Nurses Hostel 2nd Floor & Modular Kitchen



2023

- 100 KLD Sewage Treatment Plant supported by Rotary Club of Ranipet - Global Grant
- Renovated OT 1 and OT 2 for Craniofacial Surgery,
- SHIP - IT Office, 17 Bedded Intensive Care Unit
- Phacoemulsification Machine and EEG Machine
- Biomedical Waste Management plant
- 400 MA Digital X-ray and 100 MA Mobile X-ray Machines
- New OG Block with Newborn Care Unit



2024

- Renovated Hospital Chapel
- OT & IP Pharmacy
- Prosthetics & Orthotics Unit
- New Ultrasound Machine
- New ECG Machine
- New Fetal Monitor
- New Deck Mount Bipap Machine



The success of Scudder Memorial Hospital, Ranipet over the years is purely due to the committed and dedicated Medical, Nursing, Paraclinical and Administrative staff members who understood the Vision, Mission, Ethics and Values of the founders. Those patients and relatives who enter the SMH premises witnessed the presence of God and His healing touch through the compassionate service provided by the staff.

We offer our sincere thanks to all the Bishops and Officers of CSI Vellore Diocese for their prayers, support and guidance. We thank all the members of Diocesan Medical Board, Hospital Management Committee and Hospital Administrative Committee for their unwavering contributions for the overall hospital development. We thank all the Presbyters, Secretaries and Treasurers of all the Churches, SMH Alumni, Well-wishers, NGOs and Donors of SMH for their encouragement and generous contribution.

Special thanks to the President and all the members of Scudder Association especially Mr. Jack Scudder, Dr. James Hamilton Taylor, Dr. Susan Taylor, Ms. Sue Swanson, Dr. Rob Fish, Mr. Charles Scudder, Mr. Richardson, Ms. Betsy and Leaders of Reformed Church of America for their continuous prayers and support to carry on the Ministry.

We thank and praise God for His Faithfulness. We are confident that we will grow from strength to strength with His continued presence and guidance. His Grace is sufficient for us to continue His Healing Ministry in future.

THE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Medical Education - Diplomate in National Board (DNB) Course

The three years full time post-graduation level program, Diplomate National Board program in Orthopaedics was started from 2023. One candidate has been selected for the training period 2023 - 2027.

THE SCHOOL AND SCUDDER COLLEGE OF NURSING



DIPLOMA IN GENERAL NURSING AND MIDWIFERY COURSE - SINCE 1921

B. SC. NURSING DEGREE COURSE - SINCE 2018

POST BASIC B. SC. NURSING COURSE - SINCE 2019

AUXILIARY NURSE AND MIDWIFE COURSE - SINCE 2024

The School of Nursing successfully completed **100 years of Nursing Education** (1921 - 2021). A **Centenary Souvenir** was released to mark the occasion. Over 2500 Nurses have been trained at the School of Nursing to care, serve, heal and spread God's Love. The sacrificial services of former Deans, Principals and Faculties of our School of Nursing were remembered and honoured.

By the Grace of God, we received the Government Order to start the Scudder College of Nursing in 2018 with minority status after few years of struggle and hardship to admit 25 students under Management quota and 25 students under Government quota. The Bishop & Officers of CSI Vellore Diocese kindly accepted our request and granted permission to utilize the Beattie Memorial Teaching (BMT) Institute's class rooms and the hostel rooms to accommodate our B. Sc. Nursing Students.

New Student Nurses' Hostel (G + 2 Floors) in loving memory of Mrs. Noordyk was constructed to accommodate the nursing students. The 50-seater and 40-seater buses have been purchased for the use of nursing students to visit the community health centers. A modular kitchen with boilers was installed in 2022.

God has been gracious to start the two-year Post Basic B. Sc. Nursing Program from 2019 and two-year Auxiliary Nurse and Midwife (ANM) program from 2024. Over 120 trained nurses are graduating each year from our college.

THE SCUDDER INSTITUTE OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCE



PARAMEDICAL DIPLOMA COURSES SINCE 1981

The one-year Paramedical Diploma in Medical Laboratory Course was started four decades ago in 1981. The one year Diploma course was upgraded to Two Year Course from 1994 onwards. Two more courses were started in 2013 viz., Diploma in Medical Records Technology and Diploma in Radio Diagnosis Technology.

The Institute of Scudder Allied Health Science Unit was established in 2014 and in 2018 several other CMAI - Two Year Diploma Courses like Diploma in Orthopaedic Technician Course, Diploma in Dialysis Technology, Diploma in Anesthesia & Critical Care Technology were started followed by Diploma in Optometry and Ophthalmic Technology Course in 2019.

Having excelled in training, Allied Health Professionals with advanced knowledge and skills, the Institute widened in 2019 by commencing two Allied Health Science Bachelor Degree Courses viz., B. Sc. Medical Laboratory Technology and B. Sc. Radiography & Imaging Technology affiliated under the Tamil Nadu MGR Medical University, Chennai.

Two-year CMAI Diploma Courses	Three-year Degree Courses
Dip. in Medical Laboratory Technology	1. B.Sc. in Medical Laboratory Technology
Dip. in Medical Radio Diagnosis Technology	2. B.Sc. in Medical Radiodiagnosis Technology
Dip. in Medical Records Technology	
Dip. in Anesthesia & Critical Care Technology	
Dip. in Dialysis Technology	
Dip. in Ortho. Technician Course	
Dip. in Optometry Course	

SMH Happenings - Major News & Events

158th Hospital Day Thanksgiving and Rededication Service

158th Hospital Day to commemorate the Birthday of Rev. Dr. John Scudder was celebrated on 2nd & 3rd September at our Hospital Chapel.

On 2nd September, evening the Praise and Worship service was organized. Dr. Anish, Medical Superintendent of Christian Fellowship Hospital, Oddanchatram shared the word of God. The staff members and students participated with enthusiasm, praised and received the word of God.

On 3rd September, a special Thanksgiving and Rededication service was organized. The service was graced by the presence of our beloved Bishop Rt Rev Dr H Sharma Nithyanandham, who delivered a powerful message of God's love and grace. We were also honored to have Mrs Vivian Churness from the USA deliver heartfelt greetings.

The Presbyters and Church leaders joined the staff and students to thank God for His faithfulness and mercy.

The HR Department organized Annual Sports Events for the staff and students. Prizes and participation certificates were issued by the Bishop.

We are grateful for the opportunity to come together in prayer and reflection, and to give thanks for the blessings we receive each day.



SMH Happenings - Major News & Events

Basic Life Support (BLS) Training

Saving Lives, One Skill at a Time!

We're proud to share that the Indian Medical Association (IMA) conducted a successful Basic Life Support (BLS) training program at our hospital on 6th September 2024.

Our dedicated doctors, nurses, and paramedical staff participated in this vital training, enhancing their life-saving skills.

This hands-on training equipped our team with the latest techniques and knowledge in BLS, ensuring they're prepared to handle any emergency situation effectively. A total of 65 employees benefitted from this valuable training.



Physiotherapy Day 2024



On September 11, 2024, the Physiotherapy Department at Scudder Memorial Hospital celebrated World Physiotherapy Day 2024 with a theme focused on low back pain. The event aimed to raise awareness among patients about the causes and consequences of low back pain through an engaging skit.

Mrs. J. Jeslin, Head of Physiotherapy Department, led an informative session on preventive measures and precautions for low back pain. The celebration was graced by esteemed guests, including Dr. Anbu Suresh Rao, our Medical Superintendent, Dr. Prashanth, Associate Professor, PMR from CMC Vellore, and doctors from the Orthopedic Department.

Staff and students from Scudder Memorial Hospital also actively participated in the event, making it a resounding success.

Patient Safety Week

Patient Safety Week was celebrated on the theme “Improving Diagnosis for Patient Safety”. The following events were organized by the Nursing Service Department.

1. Role Play on the theme “Patient Safety is our responsibility”
2. Poster Presentation on the topic “Patient Safety utmost priority”



3. Quiz Competition on Patient Safety
4. Slogan Competition on “Safe Environment for Patient Safety”
5. Reflection on Missed Diagnosis for doctors



The Valedictory program was conducted on 4th October. Dr. Rup Solomon, Deputy Medical Superintendent and Consultant Physician was the chief guest. Certificates were distributed to all the award winners

SMH Happenings - Major News & Events

Caring for Our 108-Year-Old Geriatric Patient.

Scudder Memorial Hospital is pleased to provide care for our 108-year-old geriatric patient, Mrs. Rathinammal. She resides on Kanakesavan Mudaliar Street in Arcot. Mrs.



Rathinammal is a female patient, widowed from Nadeson Naikar, and is cared for by her only son, Dhasnamoorthy, who is 70 years old and not married. Mrs. Rathinammal has been bedridden for over a year and requires a continuous bladder drain catheter due to recurrent urinary tract infections and a metabolic disorder. Our dedicated team of doctors from the emergency, medicine, and surgery departments has been treating her, ensuring her comfort with regular follow-ups for many years.



ED Workshop

The Emergency Department at Scudder Memorial Hospital (SMH) is committed to fostering academic growth and encouraging the teaching and learning of modern emergency medicine for emergency doctors, ED nurses, and paramedics.

On October 19, 2024, the Department of Emergency Medicine organized a pre-conference workshop on mechanical ventilation.



This one-day workshop focused on mechanical ventilation techniques and their application in the emergency room for various conditions, featuring hands-on training led by faculty from our hospital and the Department of Emergency Medicine at CMC Vellore.

The event was a great success, training approximately 35 participants, including doctors and paramedics from outside institutions. This workshop served as a precursor to the upcoming Emergency Medicine Conference in Chennai, scheduled for November 7-9, organized by the Society of Emergency Medicine India (SEMI)



Diabetic & General Medical Camp at SMH Campus and CSI Church, Gummanathangal



SMH Happenings - Major News & Events

Radiation Safety Workshop

Radiation safety is a concern for patients, physicians, and staff in many departments, including Radiology, Interventional Cardiology, and Orthopedics.

Radiation protection aims to reduce unnecessary radiation exposure with a goal to minimize the harmful effects of ionizing radiation. Three methods of radiation protection are time, distance and shielding.



This training enlightened about dose limits of radiation and various deterministic and stochastic effects of radiation. They were also educated about the usage of TLD badge and personal protective equipment. The session was led by Dr. Madhavi, Associate Professor from CMC vellore.

World Heart Day - Awareness Programme



Tree Planting by IDBI Bank, Ranipet



The SMH Family pays tribute to **Dr. Jayakaran Isaac**, Former Principal of Voorhees College and Secretary of CSI Vellore Diocese as he entered into the Lord's Glory on 31 August 2024.

A great Scholar, Theologian and Church Leader, he was also very kind and compassionate, a perfect gentleman. We Praise and Thank God for his life and witness to the Christian Community and Institutions.

We pray for God's Peace and Comfort to his family members.



The SMH Family pays tribute to **Mr. D. George Stephen**, Former Treasurer of CSI Vellore Diocese and Scudder Memorial Hospital, Ranipet as he entered into the Lord's Glory on 21st September 2024.

He was an effective Evangelist and energetic Administrator in our Diocese, he also generously contributed to building new churches in the villages.

We Praise and Thank God for his life and witness to spread the Gospel.

We pray for God's Peace and Comfort to his family members.



DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT

NEW RECRUITMENTS : We welcome **Dr. Jophy Philips Cherry**, Consultant Ophthalmology and **Dr. Athul S S**, Consultant General Surgery as they join the SMH family to partake in the Healing Ministry.

WEDDING BELLS : We congratulate **Dr. Aravindan**, Consultant Anaesthesia and **Ms. Annal Shanta Kumari**, Physiotherapist who entered into a new phase in their lives respectively. SMH family members wish them long and happy married lives.

OBITUARY : **Mrs. Shantha Kumari**, Diabetic Educator had her eternal call on 8th September 2024. SMH Family was deeply saddened by her sudden and untimely passing away due to road accident. She joined SMH in 2014 as clinical nurse and worked in Dialysis Unit and SSS Ward as in-charge. She was very promising nurse leader and was loved by her patients and colleagues. She completed Post Basic B.Sc. Nursing at Scudder College of Nursing and rejoined in April 2024 as Diabetic Educator. We pray for her husband & family members.



SITUATIONS VACANT	
General Physician	MD / DNB
General Surgeon	MS / DNB
Orthopaedic Surgeon	MS / DNB (with Minimum 5 years of Experience)
Emergency Physician	MD / DNB / MEM
Obs. & Gyn. Consultant	MS / MD / DNB / DGO
Pediatric Consultant	MD / DNB
Junior Medical Officers	MBBS

Salary as per the Diocesan Medical Board Norms. Application with a copy of Educational Qualification, Experience & Registration Certificates to be sent to the address mentioned below :

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