



**National Cancer Control Programme**  
Ministry of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine  
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## VACANCIES FOR THE POSTS OF RESEARCH ASSISTANT TERMS OF REFERENCE

**Project on 'Delays in breast cancer care' data collection: August-September, 2017**

### **Background of the project**

National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) invites application from eligible candidates for the post of Research Assistant for a research project on 'Delays in breast cancer care'. This research project intends to explore the types of delays, reasons for these delays and the quality adjusted life years of patients. Findings of this study will be helpful in planning preventive measures to improve the outcome of breast cancer patients in Sri Lanka.

NCCP plans to collect data for this project by interviewing diagnosed female breast cancer patients who have undergone at least one round of chemotherapy/radiotherapy and who are attending clinics at four provincial state cancer treatment units during a stipulated period of time.

Number of patients to be interviewed, number of data collectors and number of days allocated to each provincial cancer treatment centre are as below.

<b>Cancer Treatment Unit</b>	<b>Estimated Number of patients to be interviewed</b>	<b>Number of data collectors</b>	<b>Allocated number of days to finish data collection</b>
Apeksha Hospital - Maharagama	440	3	62 working days
Teaching Hospital - Kandy	164	2	38 working days
Teaching Hospital - Karapitiya	100	2	22 working days
Teaching Hospital - Kurunegala	100	2	22 working days

Applications are invited from qualified persons as given below to function as Research Assistants to collect data through patient interviews from each of the above mentioned institutions.

Applicants may mention more than one Cancer Treatment Unit listing in order according to the preference, but will be allocated to a single hospital as data collection will be going on in all four institutions simultaneously. NCCP will take the final decision on recruiting and the distribution of institutions among eligible applicants. Recruited Research Assistants will be trained on data collection before commencing the activity.

### **Qualifications:**

Applicants should hold a medical degree (MBBS or equivalent) awarded by a local or foreign medical institution recognized by the University Grants Commission. No experience is required.

### **Age:**

There is no age limit. However, preference will be given to those age is not more than 35 years at the date of closure of applications.

**Remuneration:**

Five hundred Rupees (Rs. 500.00) will be paid per one completed set of questionnaire.

**Commencement of the project**

Commencement will be immediately after the recruitment of data collectors.

Interested and qualified applicants are requested to submit their complete CV with contact details and copies of degree certificate on or before 08. 08. 2017 by post or through email. Postal mails should mention "Delays in breast cancer care project" on left hand upper corner of the envelope. Applicants also may hand over the application by visiting the National Cancer Control Programme at the address below.

Please contact Dr. Sumudu Hewage on 0718-505811 for information.

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