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The Gharbiah Province in Egypt
Population : 4.2 million, Surface Area: 1943,27 Km²

Gharbiah Cancer Society ( GCS ) : nonprofit, nongovernmental hospital, provides acute care to patients with cancer including surgery, chemo, and radiotherapy.


About 70 % of cases present in advanced stages (III&IV) with liver cancer the most frequent cancer in male and breast cancer as the most frequent cancer in females
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Palliative Care Program in GCS

GCS started a comprehensive palliative care services in April 2011 with 10-bed inpatient unit and 6 days/week outpatient clinic.

Through collaboration with NCI& SDH training program were provided for Physicians & Nurses

In a period of 24 months, PC provided to 195 patients

The opioids consumption was increased by 30 folds.

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