

## **PCAAC: COMMON FAQ regarding PRAANA CHARITABLE ALLERGY ASTHMA CLINIC (PCAAC)**

1. **What is PCAAC?** It is a charitable clinic where comprehensive services for Asthma and Allergic diseases will be managed by qualified specially trained specialists.

2. **Why do we need PCAAC ?** Asthma and Allergic conditions affect both children and adults. These diseases are getting more common; fortunately, treatment programs have also improved significantly. Unfortunately, some of the tests and treatment regimens are beyond the 'reach' of certain disadvantaged population. To fill up that gap, the concept of PCAAC has been initiated.

3. **How can PCAAC is set up?** It is very simple. PCAAC services are basically merged in an existing medical facility. The availability of services at PCAAC can be variable from place to place as well as from time to time, depending upon the availability of the Allergy specialist. PCAAC will be published at the clinic site and patients are seen only by appointments.

4. **What is done at the PCAAC ?** The patient will be registered and then evaluated by the Allergy specialist and their assistant (if needed). Allergy skin tests and Lung functions may be performed based upon the need and availability. Education of the patient and families regarding the allergic condition will be done. Free medications are given based upon the availability.

5. **Are there any charges for the services?** Based upon the discretion of the PRAANA consultant, the charges may be 'heavily subsidized ' or services could be 'completely free'.

6. **Can we donate funds or kind to PCAAC?** Surely. Based upon the need, PCAAC can surely use your volunteer time and services. Donations can also be sent directly to VEDANTHA CHARITIES (REGD), 1397, 4<sup>th</sup> Cross, Krishnamurthy Puram, Mysore 570004 Attn: Mr. Raghu. Receipts will be provided.

7. **Who finances the operations of the PCAAC?** Your **own doctor** (whom you are seeing today) is providing the space, facilities, personnel, equipment FREE OF CHARGE. **Vedantha Charities**, Mysore and **International Asthma Services**, Colorado USA are donating towards the testing materials and some of the equipment.

8. **Are there other PCAAC locations?** Yes 1. Mysore 2. Jodhpur, Rajasthan

**Future locations in the process:** Mhow, MP, Bangalore, Chennai, Srinagar Kashmir, Thanjavur TN, Guwahati Assam,

9. **What are the future plans?** Based upon the availability of specialists and funds, we are planning to open 10 PCAAC very year over the next 10 years.

10. **Does PCAAC work with other charitable foundations?** Yes. PCAAC does partner with other charitable foundations. Presently working with 1. AAPI CF (American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin, Charitable Foundation) 2. International Asthma Services, Colorado USA. 3. Colorado Allergy Asthma Society, Colorado U S A.

11. **Can PCAAC be dedicated as a memorial?** Yes definitely. Actually, the first PCAAC in Mysore is dedicated in the names of the parents and brother of Dr P K Vedanthan, Founder/architect of the PCAAC movement.