

## *Spenta & Rustom Mavalvala*

Karachi - Pakistan

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Dear Mr. Captain,

My husband, Rustom Mavalvala was diagnosed with acute Stage 4 Cancer of the Colon and Liver in July 2016. A year ago, the doctors presented a very bleak picture to us regarding Rustom's chances of survival – infact we were told that he would probably not survive the month given that an obstructive jaundice had already set in.

Initial surgery at the Aga Khan University Hospital was performed for diversion colostomy. Due to the negligence of the surgeon during surgery, Rustom went into renal failure. Also continuous post-surgery bleeding from the surgical wound weakened Rustom's condition further. We were shocked to discover later that this surgery was completely unnecessary and could have been avoided.

Rustom's chances of survival improved when by just stroke of luck, we were referred to Dr. Tariq Siddiqui, an eminent Hematologist and Oncologist serving as the Director of the Cancer Centre at the Dr. Ziauddin Hospital in Karachi. He was instrumental in pulling Rustom out of the jaws of death!

The treatment so far has entailed a cost of approximately Rs. 1 Crore which was funded partially by his employer Pakistan State Oil Company Limited and our personal savings which are now substantially depleted. We appeal for financial aid to save Rustom's life.

Seventeen chemotherapies later, Rustom is now ready for the two surgeries as recommended by Dr. Tariq Siddiqui in correspondence with foreign doctors.

Dr. Siddiqui advised us that Rustom's surgery will involve merging technical components of both transplantation and oncologic liver surgery to provide an aggressive approach to treating his liver malignancy. Therefore, he recommended the name of Dr. Alan Hemming at Jacobs Medical Center in La Jolla San Diego. Dr. Hemming is one of USA's leading liver surgeons, having performed more than a 1000 liver transplants and resections and has a particular interest in dealing with complex cases of liver and bile duct cancer.

### **ESTIMATED COST**

- Total Charges are estimated to be USD 107,382.26. UC San Diego Health offers a standard 45% off of the total charges as their standard self-pay discount, **which means that only a payment of USD59,060.24 must be paid in advance of services being rendered.**
- Kindly note that the attached estimate does not include costs for pre and post-operative appointments, tests (labs, imaging, etc.) or medications. The hospital has advised us to keep available USD 100,000 for this.
- Additionally, we are budgeting another USD 50,000 for Rustom's second surgery in due course.

**At this stage, the total budget that we are looking at is approx. USD 200,000.**

## **SOURCES OF FINANCING**

- Donations from multiple trusts in Pakistan and overseas
- Donations from our direct and indirect families
- Contributions from our employers, Pakistan State Oil and Standard Chartered Bank

Please feel rest assured that all expenses will be invoiced and supported by bills from the hospital. We would also like to state that we will refund all excess amounts so that the surplus can be used to help another fellow Zoroastrian in need.

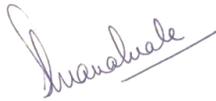
Rustom approaches retirement at the end of this year and I am due to retire in the next few years. Additionally, both our daughters are yet to complete their post-graduation degrees (MBA/Masters in Architecture).

It is important to understand that we are in a time crunch since our first pre-surgery appointment has been scheduled for June 8. As shown in the attached correspondence, we have received the surgeon's confirmation on May 2<sup>nd</sup> with structured costings, without which we were unable to make this formal request earlier.

We sincerely appeal to you to speedily process our request for donation so that we are able to avail the substantial 45% self-pay discount.

I hope that you would be supportive in this hour of need, for which my family and I will be eternally grateful.

Warm regards,



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