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# HOW IS ADDICTION TREATMENT (ATF) FACILITY UNIQUE

Addiction Treatment Facility



# Let us have a look at some of the unique features of Addiction Treatment Facility (ATF)



Implemented by

**Government Hospitals**

(Addiction treatment services are available as a part of a basket of health services).

Leadership and supervision

An ATF works under the day-to-day direct supervision of a nodal officer (usually a senior doctor, mostly psychiatrist) who is in the regular job of the government hospital.



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## Infrastructure

- The basic infrastructure for the ATF is provided by the hospital. Many features of the infrastructure and support services are shared between the hospital and ATF contributing to cost effectiveness.
- Hospitals receive only a one-time grant for refurbishment / furniture / equipment etc and not for infrastructure on a recurring basis..
- In case of inpatient ATFs the food etc. is provided by the hospital (and not built-in in the scheme budget).



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## Treatment services for patients

- Since Substance Use Disorders are chronic, relapsing mental health conditions, emphasis in ATFs is largely on the medical treatment.
- The ATF scheme envisages OUTPATIENT treatment as the ESSENTIAL component of the treatment services. The in-patient facility (which is required for a minority of patients with substance use disorders) is an 'add-on' feature, available with some ATFs.
- The outpatient treatment services provided by ATF include a combination of psychosocial and pharmacological (prescribing medicines) treatment approaches based upon the standard treatment guidelines. This includes long-term medicines which are dispensed free of cost.

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- Even if the inpatient treatment is available, unnecessary long-term stay is avoided. In the inpatient ATFs most patients would be discharged within 3-4 weeks (with the advice to continue their follow-up in the outpatient clinic).
- In case of in-patient services, since ATF are located in government hospitals, there is round the clock availability of medical and paramedical staff ensuring 24-hour care for patients. In addition, patients being treated at ATF can be referred to another specialty with the same hospital or to another hospital in case of such a requirement.



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