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With the changing weather, city hospitals are gearing up to tackle the increasing number of cases of viral fever like dengue, chikungunya.

With the emergency of Government Multi Specialty Hospital, Sector-16, packed to the brim with people with symptoms like high fever, headache, body aches etc, the hospital has put all planned surgeries on hold.

Director health services Dr Vanita Gupta said, "This is a season of fever and we are getting more cases. We have geared up our OPDs and emergency to deal with the rise in cases."

The authorities also sent out a message to the staff of GMSH-16, stating that, "In view of the increase in the number of fever cases and to cope with it, all planned surgeries have been put on hold. Only trauma and accidental cases will be admitted. Units heads will re-organise wards. Beds vacated be made available in blocks/room in each floor so that fever cases can be shifted. The physician on-duty will take a round of each floor."

At the hospital, deputy medical superintendent Dr G Dewan said the number of doctors at the emergency had been increased two to six. Four lab technicians were deputed instead of two and the number of pharmacists was increased to five from two.

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GMCH-32 to start screening of patients suspected to be suffering from dengue

➤ This is a season of fever and we are getting more cases. We have geared up our OPDs and emergency to deal with the increased rush. We have asked the staff to be prepared and expect the number to reduce in 10 days.

Dr VANITA GUPTA,
director, health services, UT

"There would be more number of OPD cases than in the indoor, but we have to tackle the rush so we have diverted some staff and also directed the pharmacist to have enough injections available," the DHS said, adding that there had been a spike in viral cases, but the number should come down in ten days.

Not all patients tested for dengue

When asked if all the patients are being tested for dengue and chikungunya, she said, "No. Only when we suspect the patient to be suffering from these, do we carry out an ELISA test." At the GMCH-32, the situation is similar, "There has been an increase in the number of viral fever cases with 20-25 cases coming daily. Of these, four-five turn out to be dengue," said Dr AK Janmeja, medical superintendent, GMCH-32.

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