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Title:	Over 2,500 patients fall ill due to stomach disease in last 25 days in district Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh			
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The number of patients reached for the stomach disease is gradually increasing in Chhattisgarh Institute of Medical Science (CIMS). In the last twenty-five days, about 2510 patients have been admitted to the hospital. A large number of the patients suffering from seasonal disease and stomach illness due to drinking contaminated water are being treated in the hospital. In the OPD of CIMS, 1125 patients in May, 1023 patients in June, 2510 patients in July and 2456 patients till 24 August have been admitted.

The doctors said that the patients are suffering from seasonal disease and stomach-related diseases after consuming contaminated water. The patients of stomach cramps, and indigestion are also increasing. About 80 percent of patients are dealing with stomach diseases. Doctors also informed that the problem of the seasonal disease has increased in the last two months.

The patients are getting weak due to seasonal illness, and in such cases, the germs of contaminated water are attacking the stomach directly. Therefore doctors have given advice that not drinking contaminated water.

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Dr Lakhan Singh, Dr Pankaj, and Dr Neeraj Shinde said that the number of the patients are gradually increasing and the patients will take eight to ten days to recover.

“The cases of stomach illness have increased since the last two months. It is known that drinking contaminated water after being infected with the seasonal disease is causing illness. People need to take precaution. To avoid stomach illness, drink RO water or boiled water at home. Besides this, it has been advised not to eat food outside.

If there is pain in the stomach, the patients should consult to the doctors immediately”, said, Dr Ramesh Murthy, Medical Superintendent, (MS).

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