

The PHC doctor has many tasks to do. Treatment of illnesses is just one. He also has meetings to attend and he may also be required to conduct post-mortems.

PHC doctors treat illnesses in the Out Patient Department (OPD). Some patients are admitted in the PHC. Sub center health workers refer patients to PHC. The PHC may also refer some patients to the CHC or District hospital. Some patients may need to go to the district hospital.

Each PHC doctor also visits sub centres covered by that PHC. Doctor has to supervise work of nursediddi, meet villagers and also provide services.

We can do this

Inform people about the facilities available at these health centers. For instance, talk of childbirth or TB treatment and free care.

Motivate people to use available services at the health centers.

Discuss with the doctor or nurse about the health problems of your village community. Inform them about unusual health problems in your village.

What do you think about this?

- Do people expect free services from a PHC?
- How can we help improve the working of this center?
- Many people complaint about poor quality of drugs offered at PHCs. Is this true?