

ART Plus center, KIMS, Hubli started on 15th August 2004.

This center will come under National AIDS Control and organisation (NACO) and Karnataka State AIDS Prevention Society (KSAPS).

This is headed by Nodal officer, Prof & HOD of Medicine department present Dr. I. S. Hasabi.

ART center has sufficient space available and adjoining area for co-location of ICTC with ART centre.

Earlier ART treatment was available in Bangalore. This is the second oldest in the initial stages it was only center to all HIV people of North Karnataka including Bidar, Gulbarga, Raichur, Belgaum & etc.

This center provides both 1st line & 2nd line treatment for AIDS.

Staff facility: Senior medical officer, Medical officers, Counsellors, Staff nurse, Pharmacist, Lab technician, Data manager and community care-co ordinator are working in this center.

For ART patients baseline investigations are done free.

Drugs are available sufficiently supplied by NACO.

Opportunistic drugs also available.

Firstly first line only the treatment was there. Now Sec. Line treatment treatment started on 19th Apr 2012. Third line treatment patients will be referred to Bowring & lady Curzon hospital, Bangalore. For secondline treatment patients now a days travel reimbursement facility given.

As per May 2018 report:

Pre-ART registered = 18800

ART treatment started = 11755

Alive & on ART = 3937

Secondline patients on treatment = 87

This center has sub centers called Link ART centers – i.e. in Kundagol, Kalghatagi, Navalgund and another attached to KNP+, Care & support center, Hubli.

For ART patients CD4 tests – BD FACS callibur machine is available. CD4 laboratory is NABL accredited from 22nd Nov 2015.

TB patients are screened and referred to TB Center for further treatment & followup.

One Care & support center is available in Hubli for Dharwad district patients who dropped their treatment. They will follow up the patients and bring back them.

ANC (Pragnant women) patients who are on ART treatment has been taken care more in this center.

Presently Viral load exam is arranged here free of cost under PPP MOA with Metropolis laboratory. Mumbai. Shortly Viral load machine will be installed for the benefit of patients.

Legal AID center also available in this center. Legal service is given free of cost for all HIV positive people.

SACEP (State AIDS Clinical Expert Panel) meets once in a fortnight / month to advise for second line treatment. Patients from ART center Gadag, Dharwad, Soundatti, Sirasi & Haveri are also referred here for SACEP meeting for guidance & advise.

