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Patients to get GMC blood test reports online

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Panaji: In about two months from now, patients who come for blood tests to the Goa Medical College and Hospital, Bambolim, will be able to access their reports with just a click of the mouse.

In an effort to cut out the long travel and never-ending queues that patients have to endure, GMC is setting up an advanced, web-based laboratory reporting system which will let patients access their blood test reports via the Internet.

In the first phase, expected to be launched soon, all a patient needs is access to a computer with an internet connection. At the time of submitting the blood sample, the patient will receive a unique id and password which will enable him/her to view and printout the test reports.

"GMC will be the first government hospital in the country to introduce such a system. It will be introduced within two months," said **Dr Vijaysingh Chauhan**, lead consultant, Clinical 21st Century Health Management Solutions

and Project Head of Goa Medical College Hospital Automation Project.

Explaining that the project was an effort to transform healthcare through people, processes and technology, he added that it will have twin benefits – saving patient's time and giving patients the freedom to view or print their report at home via a basic internet connection. "It will also reduce paperwork for the GMC and help doctors to reach out to people in remote places and serve more patients with less effort," said Chauhan.



GMC dean Dr V N Jindal felt it was too early to speak on the technology and said, "It will be good if it happens as it will benefit patients."

In the project's second phase, patients will be able to submit their blood samples without traveling to Bambolim. "Patients will submit blood samples at a health centre, from where they will get their unique ID and password. The samples will then be tested at GMC and the reports will be available on the net within a stipulated period," said Chauhan.