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Mr Daljit Singh has been a key member of the top team of Fortis that formulated and implemented its growth strategy to position it as India’s leading healthcare delivery organization in a very short period.

Mr. Singh’s key experience and achievements have been in the areas of developing progressive HR strategies and ensuring their implementation, organizational restructuring, building high performance culture and leading teams to deliver business value.

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By Prabha Raghavan, ET Bureau | Mar 06, 2018, 07.10 PM IST

NEW DELHI: Retail prices of various syringes are on average marked up as much as 664% from the price at which distributors purchase them, a new report by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority has found. The report, which has analysed available data on the trade margins of these products, has also found the retail prices of needles to be marked up as much as 356% on average.

The findings come a few months after a segment of syringe and needle makers in India decided to voluntarily bring down prices of their products in a bid to avoid price caps by the drug pricing regulator—a move that some of these manufacturers claim has cost them dearly.

Depending on the type of syringe, maximum retail prices (MRPs) are marked up on average between 214%-664%, according to NPPA’s latest report.

For instance, a 50 ml hypodermic disposable syringe without needle was shown to have an average price to distributor (PTD) of Rs16.96 and an average MRP of Rs97. A 0.5 ml hypodermic autodisable syringe with needle has an average PTD of Rs 2.60 and an average MRP of Rs 12, and a 1ml insulin syringe without needle has an average PTD of Rs 2.99 and an average MRP of Rs 10.63, according to NPPA’s trade margin analysis. The maximum trade margins, depending on the type of syringe, varies between 214%-1,251%, according to the report.

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Such markups are not justified, he said, adding that MTAI has endorsed a 2016 report on high trade margins by the Department of Pharmaceuticals which the body expects would “dramatically” reduce the prices to the patients without creating a shortage of critical care medical devices in the market.

“The data shows that in yet another instance of inflated pricing, MRPs bear no relation to the costs of manufacturing,” said Malini Aisola of patient activist group All India Drug Action Network. “Syringes and needles are among the most commonly used devices which account for huge bills and are being used by hospitals to indiscriminately fleece, unbeknownst to patients,” she said, adding that the government should impose price control on syringes, needles and other drugs and devices “immediately”.

The latest findings come around two months after a lobby group of domestic syringe and needle manufacturers decided to voluntarily reduce the MRPs amid rising speculation and debate over whether the prices of more medical devices would be controlled by the government. The body, All India Syringes and Needles Manufacturers Association (AISNMA), expected to bring down prices of these products over 50% by capping the distributor and retailer margins at 75%.

At the same time, not all syringe and needle makers in the country have agreed to this proposal and some of the companies that have gone ahead with the voluntary caps claim that it has lost them some clients.

“In the last month, we have lost accounts from as many as 50 hospitals because we decided to self-regulate,” said a syringe manufacturer who spoke to ET on condition of anonymity. “Some hospitals have told us that they will be switching to companies that can give better margins,” the person added.
AISNMA claims that the “very high” margins in NPPA’s latest report are motivated by “an unhealthy race to defend or attain hospital and retailer customers” through trade margins higher than competitors. Only 16 out of 18 of the group’s members have agreed to its self regulation proposal.

“I guess NPPA will have to step in to regulate these errant manufacturers,” said Rajiv Nath, President, AISNMA.

Corporate Hospitals are considering higher trade margins available from competing brands and switching the supply source, according to him. “If losing hospital accounts is the reward available to ethical manufacturers, it is demotivating,” he said.

“I personally feel that law of averages may not apply here. There seems to be an element of confusion about the various estimates,” said Anjan Bose, Secretary General of NATHEALTH, which represents various stakeholders in the healthcare space, including hospitals and medical technology firms. “A positive way forward is for key medtech companies, providers and government as regulators to sit together and transparently/collaboratively discuss the details for benefit of patients.”

In another recent report, NPPA claimed that some hospitals in the National Capital Region prescribed branded medicines that were outside the regulator’s purview and inflated their prices several times in order to boost profit.

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NATHEALTH elects Daljit Singh as president

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Daljit Singh welcomed the leader of NATHEALTH Diagnostics Forum Dr. Harsh Mahajan, founder and chief radiologist of Mahajan Imaging and the leader of NATHEALTH Providers’ Forum Gautam Khanna, CEO, P.D. Hinduja Hospital and MRC.

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4,500 PHCs transformed into wellness centres: Choubey

New Delhi, Mar 16 (PTI) Union minister Ashwini Choubey today said 4,500 primary health centres have been transformed into wellness centres and rest of the 1.5 lakh such units will be similarly developed to make healthcare accessible and affordable for the poor.

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Rural Health facilities to be transformed into Wellness Centres: Health Minister

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At NATHEALTH annual conference with a theme ‘Reinvent-Empower-Heal,’ industry leaders, experts and policy makers deliberated on enhancing quality, access and affordability

To make healthcare accessible, affordable, transparent and easy for the poor, especially rural populace, the Government has taken several initiatives such as National Health Policy and Ayushman Bharat and these initiatives would fulfil the dream of a Healthy India (Swasth Bharat) by 2022, Ashwini Choubey, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare said while releasing Knowledge Papers on Healthcare issues at NATEv2018- the 5th Annual event of Healthcare Federation of India (NATHEALTH) on Friday.

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“NATEv2018, with a theme ‘Reinvent-Empower-Heal,’ focuses on enhancing quality, access and affordability of healthcare services in India. A robust healthcare ecosystem is the primary concern for all stakeholders of the sector including Government,” said Dr Arvind Lal, President, NATHEALTH.

The event saw top healthcare leaders, experts and policy makers brainstorming and sharing views on critical issues related to healthcare sector. In a session on “Top Clinicians: Concerns and Challenges in today’s Healthcare” where panellists from leading healthcare institutions discussed on rising trust deficit between patients/families and healthcare professionals. The experts shared their views on informed consent, the cost and efficacy of different treatment paths/choices, time-starved professionals, information-starved patients, medical liability and how these need to come together for productive and harmonious relationship between the healthcare professionals and the patients/family.

“We discussed in detail about Healthcare Financing & Funding to explore opportunities for investors and analyse the emerging trends of financing in healthcare sector. The session on ‘Financing and Funding’ contributed towards the goal of ‘Empower’ as the sector faces acute financial crunch to meet the growing needs of healthcare infrastructure,” said Anjan Bose, Secretary General, NATHEALTH.

A session on “Medical Tourism” explored opportunities for reinventing various elements of Indian healthcare and the session was followed by discussion on “Primary care: Health and Beyond...Strategies for a better India” which had in-depth discussion on transforming India’s Primary Healthcare system and how to make it
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Leaders and stakeholders representing various segments of healthcare would discuss and deliberate on the theme - 'Reinvent-->Empower-->Heal'.

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This session would help in reinventing India's healthcare sector from global perspective.

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The recently announced scheme should go a long way to achieve the goal of Universal Health Coverage.
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NATHEALTH had recommended making health insurance mandatory and National Health Protection Scheme would significantly cover the insurance needs of the country.

Dr. Deepak Sawant, Minister of Public Health and Family Welfare, government of Maharashtra has been invited to set the stage for big debate during the valedictory session.

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Health initiatives will fulfil Swasth Bharat dream by 2022: Minister

Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Ashwini Kumar Choubey on Friday said that the National Health Policy and Ayushman Bharat will fulfil the dream of a Swasth Bharat (healthy India) by 2022.

"The Prime Minister's Office and the Health Ministry are working together to implement a foolproof and robust National Health Protection Scheme, which presents an opportunity for stakeholders to redefine and reorganise themselves and adopt new components of process and technology in their business models to make for a robust health economy," he added.

The Minister, while attending the 5th annual event of Healthcare Federation of India (NATHEALTH) here, said that the government had transformed 4,500 primary health centres into wellness centres.

"Within a very short span of time, we have transformed such centres and the focus of the government is now to transform primary healthcare to help under-served sections of society. As many as 1.5 lakh primary health centres will be transformed into well-equipped wellness centres," the Minister said.

The Minister released two knowledge papers on "Financing and Funding Indian Healthcare: Navigating The Turbulent Tide," prepared by NATHEALTH.
and PricewaterhouseCoopers and NATHEALTH-Bain and on "Impact of Operational Excellence in Healthcare".

R.K. Vats, Additional Secretary and Director General of the Central Government Health Services, said that the Union government is focusing on ease-of-doing business and new rules to be put forth after wider consultations.

"We need to bring in drug security in the country... to achieve this goal, the government is supporting the industry in every possible manner. The government is bringing in new sets of rules and standards to make the entire healthcare industry robust. New sets of rules and standards will apply to pharma, med tech, devices and even clinical trials segments of the healthcare sector," he added.

The knowledge papers highlighted that rising consumerism in the sector, shift towards quality-based care, increasing patient participation, use of technology in delivering care, and increasing insurance penetration are some of the disruptive trends in the Indian health economy.

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