

**Karad Medical College team at “Yashoda” Advanced Human Milk Bank on
22nd May 2024**

Dr. Anil Bhor HOD Department of Paediatrics and team from Karad Medical College visited at “Yashoda” Advanced Human Milk Bank, at Dr. D.Y. Patil Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre, Pimpri, Pune on 22nd of May 2024 at 1.30PM.

Mrs. Dr. Pallavi Tupkar and Dr. Vineeta Pande explained to them the working of a Human Milk Bank and the various processes that are involved. She explained about Donor mother screening, importance of informed consent, hygiene protocols, milk collection and correct use of hospital-grade electric breast pumps. She also explained in detail about the milk storage guidelines, pasteurization process, milk analysis, laboratory screening and priority based safe dispensing of PDHM to needy babies.

They are extremely pleased to see the spacious and comfortable ‘Milk expression area for mothers’. They asked questions about number of mothers that benefit from the facility on a daily basis, whether any compensation is given to the donor mothers and volume of milk that the mothers are able to express with the hospital-grade electric pumps. Dr. Vineeta Pande answered all these queries and emphasized on Milk donation being completely voluntary and consensual. Donor mothers are not compensated in any manner not forced in any way to donate their milk. They truly believe it to be a noble cause and willingly donate their precious milk. As a token of appreciation, they are given Certificates for their wonderful contribution.

