World Immunology Day is marked on 29th April each year. This year, the Primary Immunodeficiency Patients Welfare Society, Bangalore in association with Aster CMI hospital had a press meet at Iris Hotel, Bangalore on 27th April.

Dr. Sagar Bhattad, immunologist at Aster CMI has taken up the challenge of improving quality and low-cost care with support from the hospital. The team of pediatricians and intensivists working with PID patients communicated that the patients with this rare immune disorder were not alone in their struggles and Aster CMI would provide the best services to the group. The CEO of Aster CMI, Dr Nitish Shetty spoke about the need to create a philanthropic platform to enable quality diagnostics and treatment for PID patients.

PID is a rare immune disorder occurring 1 in every 2000 children. This genetic disorder causes repeated, chronic infections ranging from skin to respiratory disorders. In a lot of cases, PID is often not diagnosed and the child continues to suffer constant round of infections and hospitalizations. If diagnosed on time, people with PID can lead a nearly normal life. PID is treated with IVIG (immunoglobulin to boost immunity).