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As many as 16 people have died of mucormycosis and 201 have caught the infection in Aurangabad city during the second Covid wave this year, data with the local civic body reveals.

A majority of those who caught mucormycosis, also known as the black fungus infection, are diabetic, the data shows. The number of casualties and infections could rise further as the process of compiling data is still on.

Dr Neeta Padalkar, health officer with Aurangabad Municipal Corporation (AMC), on Sunday said a core committee of experts has been formed to deal with the challenge of mucormycosis among Covid patients. "The panel involves ENT specialists, dentists and ophthalmologists from both state-run and private hospitals. These experts will provide guidance about treatment of mucormycosis in critical cases," she said.

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Padalkar said the use of steroids in Covid patients with diabetes is found to be a leading cause for developing mucormycosis. "We are also expecting special guidelines from the state government on the treatment protocol of Covid patients with diabetes. A separate treatment protocol for mucormycosis patients is also expected soon," she said.

As per the data, MGM hospital has reported the highest number of Mucormycosis cases (76 from April 1 to May 15), followed by Government Medical College and Hospital, Aurangabad (50, April 2-May 1), Apex Hospital (43, April 2-May 1), Asian Hospital (24, March 10- May 10), Bajaj Hospital (5, March 10- May 10) and Dhoot Hospital (3, March 10- May 10). Both MGM Hospital and Apex Hospital have registered eight casualties each.

As for surgical treatment, 52 mucormycosis patients needed maxillectomy (removal of all or part of the upper jaw) while 62 needed debridement (removal of dead, damaged or infected tissue). Another 31 patients needed functional endoscopic sinus surgery, a minimally invasive technique used to restore sinus ventilation and normal function, health authorities said.

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