



Fortis Healthcare Partners with Vithal Institute of Child Health & Speciality Centre

Dharwad, September 9th, 2016: The absence of good quality healthcare and medical offerings coupled with lack of super-specialty skills has created a wide gap in the healthcare ecosystem of the country. In a step towards filling this gap and with the aim of providing best-in-class treatment for people in these cities, Fortis Healthcare Limited, announced its partnership with Vithal Institute of Child Health & Speciality Centre, Dharwad.

Under this partnership, Fortis Healthcare will extend its healthcare consulting services for Paediatric Cardiology, CVTS, Urology and Orthopaedics to Vithal Institute of Child Health & Speciality Centre.

The availability of super specialists is limited and practicing specialists are not willing to relocate to small towns like Dharwad due to lack of infrastructure in these towns. Therefore for addressing this issue and as per the working arrangement in the partnership, the leading doctors from Fortis hospital, Bangalore will run the outpatient departments of Paediatric Cardiology, CVTS, Orthopaedic, Urology on mutually agreed and designated days in Vithal Institute of Child Health & Speciality Centre. Fortis consultants will also conduct minor operations and treatments at Dharwad. Patient care and clinical support will be provided by the local hospital. Patients only beyond certain criticality and complications will be referred to Fortis Hospital, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore.

Speaking on this occasion **Dr Vivek Jawali, Chairman – Cardio Vascular Sciences and Medical Advisory Council, Fortis Hospitals, Bangalore** said, “Patient’s interest and benefits is the core of this partnership. We understand the inconvenience faced by patient in travelling to Bangalore or any other city due to the lack of experts at local level. Therefore, our experts and consultants from Bangalore will regularly visit them. The synergy between Fortis healthcare and Vithal institute makes this partnership sustainable and complimentary. Our partnership will help in filling the demand –supply gap of quality healthcare in Dharwad.”

Dr.Rajan Deshpande, Medical Director and Senior Paediatrician, Vithal Institute of Child Health & Speciality Centre, Dharwad said, “This partnership is a big boon to the people of Dharwad district as world-class pediatric surgical superspeciality services are now easily accessible locally. Our hospital is well equipped with the latest equipments and two well-qualified intensivists who will manage the post-op care of the children after surgery. These services will make a world of difference in the lives of the children of this district.”

In India the Healthcare system is undergoing drastic changes especially in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities. These kinds of partnerships are catalyzing these changes and addressing issues like skill deficiency and quality health.

About Fortis Healthcare Limited

Fortis Healthcare Limited is a leading integrated healthcare delivery service provider in India. The healthcare verticals of the company primarily comprise hospitals, diagnostics and day care specialty facilities. Currently, the company operates its healthcare delivery services in India, Dubai, Mauritius and Sri Lanka with 45 healthcare

facilities (including projects under development), approximately 10,000 potential beds and 329 diagnostic centres.

About Vithal Institute of Child Health & Speciality Centre, Dharwad

Vithal Institute of Child Health & Speciality centre has been serving the children of Dharwad since the last three decades. The new hospital building with modular NICU, PICU and Operation theatres aims to provide the best of services for the people of Dharwad district. The institute is an exclusive pediatric setup with 100 beds and is well equipped with advanced technology. The hospital is well supported by a laboratory providing advanced microbiology and other basic services.

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