

50th Organ Donation in Fortis Healthcare marks 4th FORT-MOHAN Foundation Training on ‘Transplant Coordination’

New Delhi, April 15, 2017: FORT (Fortis Organ Retrieval and Transplant) in association with MOHAN Foundation organized the Valedictory Function of the **4th Annual FORT-MOHAN Foundation Training Programme on Transplant Coordination** at the Fortis Memorial Research Institute (FMRI), Gurugram today. **The event was conducted under the aegis of National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO).**

The event concluded the five-day training programme on transplant coordination that saw nation-wide participation of 59 delegates from 15 states. These comprised doctors, transplant coordinators, ICU nurses and medical social workers. The participants were presented with certificates issued jointly by NOTTO (National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization), MOHAN Foundation and FORT. The Valedictory function was presided over by Mr Bhavdeep Singh, CEO of Fortis Healthcare and was attended among others by Dr Sunil Shroff, Managing Trustee, Mohan Foundation, Dr Vimal Bhandari, director NOTTO and Mr Deepak Saharan, DCP East, Gurugram.

“Fortis healthcare is committed to the cause of organ donation. Since we started the campaign to increase awareness on organ donation in 2012, 50 individuals have donated organs after brain death in 12 of our hospitals across the country, leading to transplantation of 149 organs. Over 25000 people, including most of the Fortis employees, have already pledged to donate their organs” said **Mr Bhavdeep Singh, CEO Fortis Healthcare Limited.**

“The training programme conducted over the last five days was aimed at developing skills in the areas of organ and tissue donation, transplantation and grief counseling for health professionals and care providers from across the country” said **Dr Vimal Bhandari, Director, National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.**

“By donating organs after death, each person can affect several lives by way of transplantation of organs such as heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, small intestine, pancreas and tissues such as eyes, skin and bones. Successful organ donation after brain death and the quick transplantation of organs is a very challenging task requiring efficient coordination between doctors, transplant coordinators, medical administrators and police personnel, said **Dr Avnish Seth, Director, FORT.**

“Gurugram Police is committed to preserving the safety and health of the people by being alert, quick and responsive. Our endeavor is to be truly a people’s police and go beyond the call of duty when required. We are happy that we have been able to give required clearance for organ donation in medico-legal cases and also provide ‘green corridors’ for speedy transportation of the donated organs between hospitals” said **Mr Deepak Saharan, DCP East, Gurugram.**

Dr Sunil Shroff, Managing Trustee, MOHAN Foundation said “The organ donation rate in the country has been doubling every year over the last few years and stands at 0.8 per million population in 2016. A lot has been achieved over the last 5 years but we still have a long way to go as a nation.”

About FORT

Established in 2012, Fortis Organ Retrieval and Transplant is in the process of streamlining organ donation in Fortis Hospitals, the largest provider of private healthcare in Asia. The roles undertaken by FORT include: -

- *24-hour referral service for organ and tissue donation*
- *Assistance with documentation and procedures related to organ and tissue donation*
- *Family counseling and support*
- *Organ pledging facility*
- *Multi-professional education*
- *Interacting with NOTTO, NATHEALTH, FII, PHD Chamber, NGOs, MNCs and schools to promote organ donation related activities at a national level.*

The focus was to establish a robust deceased organ donation platform in 15 Fortis hospitals approved for organ transplantation across the country. Till date multiple organ retrievals have been carried out in 50 patients in 12 hospitals across the country, resulting in transplantation of 149 organs. Also, with over 200 heart transplants, Fortis Hospitals at Chennai, Mumbai and the NCR are the leaders in this field in the country. During this period FORT also coordinated 131 cornea donations. Over 25000 individuals have already pledged to donate their organs through FORT.

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 over 346 diagnostic centres.

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