

Fortis Hospital, Vashi Announces Launch of ‘PAMI Network’ to provide Comprehensive Cardiac Care to Navi Mumbaikars

- ~ 30% untimely deaths due to cardiac arrests could be prevented through the PAMI Network ~
- ~ First of its kind initiative would bring together over 150 Cardiologists, Physicians, Paramedics and Social Workers to aid citizens within the ‘Golden Hour’ ~

Navi Mumbai, 27th April 2016: With an objective of provide comprehensive Cardiac Care to Navi Mumbaikars, Fortis Hospital, Vashi, announced the launch of an innovative network that is poised to bring about a paradigm shift in the Cardiac Care Segment. The pioneering initiative – ‘Primary Acute Myocardial Infarction’ (PAMI) Network brings together 150 Cardiologists, Physicians, Paramedics and Social Workers to aid citizens within the ‘Golden Hour. Local community groups including the Lions Club, Rotary Club and Senior Citizens Groups would also help bolster the network.

“In modern cities, living in nuclear families, work related migration, long work hours, little or no exercise, and unhealthy food habits coupled with uncertain meal timings, we walk straight into the hands of illness. The impact of this never-ending rigmarole is first felt on the heart. Timely intervention can be provided if medical stakeholders beyond the hospital join hands to provide primary care to those affected. Sensing an urgent need of a robust support system for timely cardiac care, Fortis Hospital, Vashi, has created India’s most innovative healthcare linkage through the PAMI Network. Through this initiative, we can help bring down the number of deaths caused during the ‘Golden Hour’” said **Dr Rahul Gupta, Interventional Cardiologist, Fortis Hospital, Vashi**, who will be a key member of the Network.

The process of providing comprehensive cardiac care will involve multiple stakeholders depending on the circumstances. PAMI Network aims at giving a formal structure to the detailed cardiac care process that begins right from the place of incidence until the patient reaches the safety zone, the hospital. The PAMI Network will bring together stakeholders such as Cardiologists, Physicians, Social Workers and community members, to build a robust structure ensuring timely medical intervention.

Dr Bipin Chevale, Facility Director, Fortis Hospital, Vashi , said, *“Unfortunately, death toll in cardiac cases occur due to delay in the treatment. There is a realistic chance of survival of the patient if s/he is provided medical intervention within the ‘Golden Hour’. The Navi Mumbai chapter of the PAMI Network (covering Airoli, Mahape, Turbhe, Ghansoli, Koperkhairne, Khargarh, Kamothe, Kalamboli, Dapoli, Belpada and Panvel) will aim to stabilize and bring the patient to Fortis Hospital, Vashi, for treatment. The idea behind involving volunteers across the community is to save time in initiating the treatment. The non-medical PAMI volunteers will be trained in Cardio Pulmonary Recitation (CPR) techniques and Emergency Cardiac Management.”*

In the first phase of the PAMI Network, Fortis Hospital, Vashi, will create communities of interested individuals (non-medical) who would like to volunteer to help their neighbors. This community of Network Volunteers will be strengthened with the empanelment of about 25 key local Cardiologists, General Physicians (called Network Physicians) – who would be activated through the network during medical emergencies. In the second stage, the non- medical volunteers will be trained and certified in a comprehensive program on Preventive Care and Paramedic Care. These volunteers will be linked to the Network Physicians to further strengthen the network. The network will be led by three Cardiologists from Fortis Hospital, Vashi, who will treat the patients at the hospital. A dedicated WhatsApp group has been created, where the Network Physicians will post the patients vital reports, for Fortis' Cardiologists, as the patient is being transported to Fortis Hospital for the further treatment.

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