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Fortis Escorts spreads awareness on Recent Advances in Electrophysiology

- *Showcases the case of a 100 year old treated by Dr. Jaswal*
- *Dr. Jaswal talks on the co-morbidities that pose challenges for any age group*

Guwahati, Saturday, 6th August, 2016: Fortis Escorts Heart Institute conducted a CME in Guwahati to highlight the Recent Advances in Electrophysiology. The speaker at the event was **Dr. Aparna Jaswal, Principal Consultant**, Cardiology, Department of Cardiac Pacing and Electrophysiology, Fortis Escorts Heart Institute, New Delhi. The event was partnered by API Guwahati Branch and IMA Guwahati. The talk was also partnered by Dr. Farhin Iqbal, Asst. professor-Cardiology, Guwahati medical college. The event was held at Hotel Radisson Blu.

Electrophysiology study is the test doctors use to understand why a patient's heart is not beating or functioning in a regular way. Regular electrical signal patterns followed by the heart are hampered by conditions like heart attacks, high blood pressure or simply ageing. These conditions cause scarring of the heart and leads to irregular beating called arrhythmia. Arrhythmia refers to the change in the electrical impulses of the heart, be it slow or fast. This leads to ineffective pumping of blood and consequently, ineffective functioning of other organs as well. Implantable devices are placed into the heart tissue and deliver electrical shocks to regularize the rhythm of the organ.

Citing the example of a 100 year old patient treated very recently under Dr. Jaswal's care, she said, "Age of the patient does not matter when we implant devices to support the heart. What matters is how grave is the medical condition of the patient and how best the implant can impact the functioning of the patient's heart." Dr. Jaswal also elaborated the benefits of the implant while also indicating the challenges associated with patients at advanced ages.

Dr. Aparna Jaswal, Sr. Consultant, Electrophysiology, Fortis Escorts Heart Institute added, "Implantable devices of the heart are our specialized area. What is challenging in cases we treat is the existence of co-morbidities to complicate the case further. There is no doubt that with examples of the most challenging cases we have successfully treated we are living up to our reputation of being the Number 1 Cardiac care centre in the country and have secured our position globally as well."

About Fortis Escorts Heart Institute

Fortis Escorts Heart Institute (FEHI), Delhi, a pioneer and centre of excellence in cardiac care, is celebrating 28 years of path-breaking work and service to the numerous heart patients, who have benefitted from treatment, at this outstanding facility. Armed with clinical expertise and cutting-edge medical technology, the hospital has set enviable benchmarks in Cardiac Bypass Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Interventional Cardiology, Non-invasive Cardiology, Pediatric Cardiology and Pediatric Cardiac Surgery. Till date, FEHI has successfully completed over 1,79,000 Coronary Angiographies, over 97,000 Cardiac Surgeries and almost 62,000 Coronary Angioplasties, in addition to several life-saving procedures. The hospital also performed India's first Trans Catheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI) and Bioresorbable Vascular Scaffold (BVS); Asia Pacific's first Directional Atherectomy, Angioscopy, Drug Eluting Stenting, etc. Over the years, FEHI has cloned a Heart Care Network of 19 hospitals and Heart Command Centers in India and abroad. It has also launched the revolutionary e-ICU program, enabling remote and timely access to critical care. Fortis Escorts Heart Institute has won numerous awards and accolades, the most recent among them being the 'Best Cardiology Hospital' at the ICICI Lombard & CNBC TV18 India Healthcare Awards for 2012, 2013 and the No 1. Ranking in the Private Cardiac category Hospital by The Week Nielson Best Hospitals Survey, 2014 and 2015.

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