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Fortis, Chd Kidney Foundation hold first of its kind certificate course for nurses in kidney transplant process

Rising demand for kidney transplantation necessitates move; 150 nurses participate

Mohali, February 13, 2016: With rising demand for kidney transplantation, and technological advancements in the field, doctors are increasingly feeling the need for nurses and paramedical staff specially trained in handling a transplant unit.

With this objective, the department of Urology & Kidney Transplant Surgery at Fortis Hospital, Mohali in association with Chandigarh Kidney Foundation organised a one-day conference cum workshop on kidney transplantation for nurses inclined towards care of kidney transplant patients. More than 150 nurses from across the region participated.

According to **Dr Priyadarshi Ranjan, director, kidney transplantation, Fortis Hospital, Mohali, and organising secretary of the workshop**, “The role of nurses is of phenomenal importance in the transplant process, be it pre transplant, during the surgery or the ICU care. Hence we need a dedicated workforce to address these issues. We are planning to start a diploma course soon on kidney transplant nurses training,” said Dr Ranjan, adding that: “In the US we have clinical nursing specialists who are dedicated to the pre transplant and after transplant care for such patients.”

Experts, including kidney transplant surgeons, nephrologists, transplant anaesthesiologists, transplant physicians and nurse in-charges and transplant coordinators shared with the participants the entire process of kidney transplantation, right from starting the transplant workup process, legal procedures, donor selection, operation theatre requirements to instrumentation. They were also updated on the surgical procedure, the postoperative transplant ICU care, medication guidelines, and general care of kidney transplant recipients and donors alongwith recent advancements in the field of kidney transplantation.

The certificate course concluded with a special transplant quiz for the participants.

Among the experts who imparted training and shared their knowledge with the participating nurses and paramedical staff were Dr Ajay Goel, senior consultant Nephrology, IVY Hospital, Mohali; Dr Priyadarshi Ranjan, director, kidney transplantation, Fortis Hospital, Mohali; Dr Raja Ramchandran, assistant prof. Nephrology, PGI; Dr Vipin Koushal, addl. Prof hospital administration, PGI; Mr. Sudheer Dewan, Director, Multi Organ Harvest Aid Network (MOHAN) Foundation and Dr Deepak Kumar Bhasin, Director Gastroenterology, Fortis Hospital, Mohali.



About Fortis Hospital Mohali

Fortis Hospital Mohali is a 355 bed, JCI and NABH-certified, multispecialty care hospital. The hospital commenced operations in 2001, and is today considered one of the most recognized cardiac hospitals of India. Located in the heart of Punjab over 8.22 acres, the tertiary hospital has a comprehensive team of clinicians delivering world-class patient care, supported by advanced technology. In July 2014, Fortis Hospital Mohali added the 55-bed 'Fortis Cancer Institute' on its premises to offer the latest and most comprehensive Medical, Surgical and Radiation Therapy modalities.

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