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Fortis Escorts Faridabad organizes Health talk on precautions and prevention of Hepatitis to commemorate the World Hepatitis Day

Faridabad, Friday 29th July, 2016.: Commemorating the World Hepatitis Day, **Fortis Escorts Faridabad** held a talk to spread awareness on steps to cut the risks and control Hepatitis. The talk was presented **Dr. Amit Miglani, Consultant, Gastroenterologist** on the causes, symptoms and management of Hepatitis. He also elaborated on how simple steps such as vaccination can help to keep hepatitis at bay. The hospital is also extended discounts on consultation, tests and other benefits pertaining to liver and hepatitis to mark this occasion.

The liver is the largest organ in the body and Hepatitis is a liver disease caused by the hepatitis A, B, C, D or E virus (HBV). The virus interferes with the functions of the liver and causes damage to the organ. People suffering from hepatitis B are not even aware that they have contracted it because there are no identifiable symptoms. Symptoms like tiredness, mild fever, headache, loss of appetite, tendency of vomiting, stomachache, jaundice are indicators of the disease.

Dr. Amit Miglani, Consultant Gastroenterologist, Escorts Hospital Faridabad said, "Hepatitis B is a serious liver infection that can be easily prevented by a vaccine. People between the age group of 35-60 years are most commonly affected by this disease."

Mr. Rajeev Bhandari, Facility Director, Fortis Escorts Hospital, Faridabad said, "Our team of doctors are continuously striving to use their clinical excellence to reach out to patients not only educate them on their disorders but also to educate them on better lifestyles and better management. In spreading awareness through events like, this we are connecting to our patients better and building their trust and confidence in us further."

According to a study conducted by National Centre for Disease control (NCDC), around 119,000 cases of viral hepatitis were reported in India in 2012. Number of patients increased in 2013 as it reached at 290,000. In India, Hepatitis E Virus (HEV) is the most important cause of epidemic hepatitis and Hepatitis A Virus (HAV) is common among children. Infected persons are unaware of their chronic carrier status, and continue to infect others for decades resulting in chronic liver diseases, liver failures and cancers.



Hepatitis B poses a huge threat to Indians. According to World Health Organization (WHO), an estimated two to five per cent of the country's population is chronically infected with viral hepatitis. Each year, one lakh patients die of viral Hepatitis (including Hepatitis B and C) in India.

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