



Indian National Enhanced External Counter pulsation Registry was Inaugurated in Chennai by Vice Chancellor.

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Highlights of IPER conference held in Chennai on 21st July 2007.

National registry on Enhanced external counter pulsation (EECP) treatment is inaugurated in Chennai by Vice Chancellor **Prof Dr.K.Meer Mustafa Hussain**. He addressed the gathering and praised the doctors for endeavouring clinical research to bring the cost effective and potential benefit of Non-Invasive treatment EECF in cardiology. Cardiologist and cardio thoracic surgeons from all major cities in India meet here to voice their opinion on this new non-invasive treatment for patient with Chest pain and heart failure. **Dr.K.M.Cherien** Chief Cardio thoracic surgeon and Chairman of frontier life line hospital announced this registry will include around 25 centres', which currently provide EECF treatment in India and will share data with International registry in Pittsburgh University Pennsylvania USA.

Frontier Lifeline Hospital will be the Centralized chief co-ordinating centre for this registry in India. The registry will be funded by Vaso-Meditech Pvt Ltd . **Dr.S.Ramasamy** Director of Vaso-Meditech Pvt Ltd commented that this registry will bring valuable data base to the cardiologist community to use the EECF treatment effectively to the needy patients.

Dr.Pradeep Nayar Consultant cardiologist of Frontier Lifeline Hospital and Chief co-ordinator for the Indian patient EECF registry explained this registry will promote awareness within physician community about the EECF therapy and will annually conduct medical education programs.

Prof Dr.M.Dhanapal Chief Cardiologist and Dean of Govt. Kilpauk medical college commented that this treatment would benefit many patients if the insurance company come forward and reimburse the treatment cost. He requested the expert panel committee of IPER to formulate a guideline to insurance company for patient reimbursement.

Dr.M.P. Naresh Kumar senior cardio thoracic surgeon and Chairman of Harvey health care centre said the "data presented in this conference on patient undergone EECF treatment are encouraging and EECF is currently the only non-Invasive treatment option for patient with heart failure".

Other prominent cardiologist who attended this meeting were **Dr.Sanjay Mittal** (Apollo Indraprastha), **Dr.Shailesh Jain** (Escorts heart institute) , **Dr.Suresh Krishnamurthy** (Medical direct or consultant cardiologist PES institute of medical science and research



kupam), **Dr.V.Chockalingam** (Former Prof Madras Medical College), **Dr.Baskar Rao** (Cardio thoracic surgeon and Managing Director KIMS Hyderabad), **Dr.Saji Jose** (Consultant cardiologist St.Gregorios Cardio Vascular Centre Kerala), and **Dr.P.Sukumar** (HOD cardiology Madras medical college). Physicians from Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Bangalore Kerala and also various insurance cooperation including Government Employee State Insurance company (ESI) directors attended the conference. The presentations were well attended by more than 80 physicians across the country.

The conference is attended by foreign delegates from USA and Australia.

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