

tkIS India's donates Neuro Vascular Catheters to Tata Memorial Hospital...

Continuing with its efforts to support Healthcare Sector under its CSR initiatives, tkIS India donated Neuro Vascular Catheter sets to the Pediatric Department of Tata Memorial Hospital, Parel for the year 2018-19. These catheters are used in the treatment of Retinoblastoma, a rare eye cancer found in children of age group between 0 – 5 years. Retinoblastoma if detected at an early stage is completely curable with this treatment and thus can save the eyes of the infants. 3-4 sets of catheters are required for the treatment one patient and the treatment cost ranges between 1.5 to 2.0 lacs, which is unaffordable for the children from the economically-weaker section of our society.

The Handover ceremony for the catheters was held at the Tata Memorial Hospital in the presence of representatives from Tata Memorial, tkIS India and the Rotary Club of Mumbai Mahim (RCMM), who were Project Partners.

While addressing the audience present, **CEO & MD Mr PD Samudra** expressed how humbled he felt every time he visits the hospital and sad when we hear of the children getting affected with this disease. He further complimented the doctors, working staff and the Directors of TMH for their commitment to society.

Mr Samudra addresses the gathering above, and below, handing over the Donation Agreement to Dr CS Pramesh, Director, TMH



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Dr. Girish Chinnaswamy, Associate Professor (Pediatric Oncology), Department of Medical Oncology recounted how proud he felt to be part of the pioneering team treating this disease – Tata Memorial being the first hospital in India to introduce such kind of treatment for Retinoblastoma in India, besides handling the largest number of patients with Retinoblastoma in Asia. He also reminded the gathering about other donations of critical care equipment that provided by tkIS India in 2015-2016, all of which are still functional and have benefitted more than 1,000 patients over the last 4 years.

Dr. C. S. Pramesh, Director, TMH expressed his deep sense of gratitude for the donation. While praising his team for their dedication, hard work and commitment, he dwelt on the challenges faced by the hospital. 'Almost 70,000 patients approach us every year; 45,000 of them are registered. We manage this volume with a team of just 188 doctors, which is just 10-15% of the strength of doctors in similar facilities in the United States! It makes us proud that our team has succeeded in increasing the lifespan of infants by tackling the crucial aspects of the deadly disease, and providing improved quality of life.'

Mr. N R Chitre, CFO & ED in his speech said our donation is small in comparison to what TMH is doing for society. Further, he expressed pride that our organisation was associated with the Tata Memorial which carried the highest level of assurance for patients visiting the hospital to cure their deadly disease.

Dr. Suyash Kulkarni, Professor & Head, Division of Interventional Radiology concluded the ceremony by thanking all the participants and dignitaries.

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From Left to Right - Dr. Dr. Nitin Shetty, Associate Professor, Dept of Radio-Diagnosis, Dr. Girish Chinnaswamy, Dr. Suyash Kulkarni, Mr. K. Suryakumar, Dr CS Pramesh, Mr P. D. Samudra, Mr. NR Chitre, Ms. Varsha Parulekar – President, Rotary Club of Mumbai Mahim and Mrs. Sandhya Samudra – Past President, Rotary Club of Mumbai Mahim



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