

## SL Raheja Hospital launches dedicated digestive and liver care clinic

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**This centre for Digestive Care excellence will offer holistic solutions with an amalgamation of scientific integration with traditional sciences**



Aiming to provide comprehensive Digestive Care services to patients who are faced with gastrointestinal problems, Institute of Digestive and Liver Care (IDL Care) has been launched at SL Raheja Hospital, Mahim-A Fortis Associate. A multidisciplinary team of specialists at this center of excellence for Digestive Care will help tackle all gastrointestinal issues, which do not appear life-threatening but hamper one's quality of life tremendously.

Spearheaded by Dr NH Banka, Chairman & Dr Vinay Dhir, Executive Director, Institute of Digestive & Liver Care, SL Raheja Hospital Mahim-A Fortis Associate, the clinical team comprises of distinguished Gastroenterologists, Hepatologists, Endoscopists, Surgeons, Intensivists, Pathologists and Radiologists. Inaugurated by the hands of Padma Bhushan Dr D. Nageshwar Reddy, IDL Care will also host dedicated centers for treating diseases related to Pancreato-Biliary, Inflammatory Bowel, Liver, Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) & GI Motility, Cancer detection, Nutrition & Obesity, etc. Prof Pierre Deprez, St Luke University, Brussels, Prof. Ho Khek Yu Lawrence, Vice Dean, National University Health Science, Singapore & Prof. Nonthalee Pausawasdi, Siriraj Hospital, Bangkok and other eminent dignitaries joined in at the inauguration.

At the launch, Dr NH Banka, Chairman, Institute of Digestive & Liver Care, SL Raheja Hospital Mahim-A Fortis Associate, said, "This is the fruition of our efforts to offer composite treatment to all patients with GI issues. We are delighted that some of our esteemed peers were able to join us for the inauguration, it is indeed a proud moment for us".

Speaking about the launch, Dr Vinay Dhir, Executive Director, Institute of Digestive & Liver Care, SL Raheja Hospital Mahim-A Fortis Associate, said, "At IDL Care, we adopt a holistic approach to treat our patients so we don't just tackle the symptoms but tackle the disease as a whole. We also hope to bring focus to the fact that early detection can help combat a host of life-threatening diseases, including Cancer. Research wing at IDL Care ensures that our learnings are made accessible to our peers and to-be Digestive Care specialists; so they benefit the fraternity and therefore the patients".

Speaking at the inauguration at the hospital, Dr Hiren Ambegaokar, CEO, SL Raheja Hospital, Mahim-A Fortis Associate,

said, "With the launch of IDL Care at the hospital, we have brought together medical experts and latest technology under one roof, to help us tackle all diseases in the broad-spectrum of Digestive System. We understand that patients consult at least two non-specialists before that meet a specialist, this leads to delay in receiving targeted treatment to tackle the disease, till such time, they have only received symptomatic treatment. This initiative will help shorten the 'patient to specialist time', so the treatment is immediately initiated and does not alter the life patterns of the patients".

While the team comprising of Dr Tariq Patel, Dr Rahul Shah, Dr Suryaprakash Bhandari, Dr Rajesh Sainani & Dr Priyanka Udawat have been addressing GI concerns at IDL Care, under the able guidance of Dr NH Banka, Chairman & Dr Vinay Dhir, Executive Director, are now set to address the concerns of increasing number patients coming in from across Maharashtra & Gujarat.