

## Max to chair first chapter of INSHLT 2019

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**The event will be attended by globally renowned cardiologists and thoracic surgeons, experts and practitioners from India, USA, Australia, Japan and Europe**



Indian Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation (INSHLT), a body that works towards creating awareness and Knowledge about Scientific advances, Research and clinical management in the Fields of Heart, Lung Transplants and Heart failure including assist devices, among Medical professionals and general public and facilitate establishment of Infrastructure in achieving these objectives in India.

The society is holding its first annual meeting in Delhi on 1st and 2nd October and the gathering will see over 100 national and international experts and delegates in attendance.

Dr K K Talwar, Chairman, Max Super Speciality Hospital, Saket is the Patron in Chief and Dr Kewal Krishan, Director Heart Transplant & LVAD Program Max Super Speciality Hospital, Saket is the Organising Chair of this event in India.

Talking about the initiative, Dr Kewal Krishan said, "As the Organising Chair of the event, it is my honour to be able to bring together several iconic and inspirational professionals from the field of Heart & Lung Transplant LVAD and ECMO together under one roof. We're asking the question - what is the future of Heart and Lung transplant, artificial hearts globally and in India? And I truly believe that the answer to that question can best be discovered when we work as a cohesive unit a collective. This meeting aims to create awareness for significant scientific developments in the field of Heart and Lung Transplantation, Heart Failure and Artificial Hearts."

Highlighting his concern about various trends and patterns seen in patients of heart diseases, Dr Viveka Kumar, Director - Cath Labs MSSH (East) Saket, "It is being increasingly seen that patients in their 20s and 30s are showing up with various diseases affecting their hearts owing to stress, lifestyle modifications, etc. Also, the belief that women were protected till they reached menopause is also seeing a shift in trend. This means that ailments which plagued people in their 50s and 60s are

showing up much earlier and hence the number of people who may land with chronic heart failures/diseases requiring either transplants or support devices will see a significant rise in numbers in the coming decades. Added to this, longevity amongst geriatric patients will also attract newer technologies to support failing hearts at affordable prices.”

Indian Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation (INSHLT) is being joined by organisations like Cardiology Society of India (CSI), Indian Association of Cardiothoracic Surgeons (IACTS), Indian Heart Rhythm Society (IHRS) and National Heart Failure Summit (NHFS) in this noble initiative.