

## "COVID-19 also affects the heart in many ways"- Dr Purshotam Lal

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**Dr Purshotam Lal (Padmavibhushan), Founder & Chairman, Metro Group of Hospitals, Noida reveals that pandemic fear has compromised treatment access to 40% heart patients**

“While patients being admitted to hospital emergency units with an acute heart attack have decreased, there is a marked increase in deaths from cardiac arrest at home. This can be probably due to the postponement and delay in seeking medical attention. Therefore, it is important to emphasize that heart patients must not ignore any symptoms and/or delay medical attention as it will further deteriorate their health. What needs to be brought to the people’s attention is that the Covid-19 also affects the heart in many ways and having observed this several national medical organizations including ICMR have formulated and issued the treatment protocols to manage cardiac cases during the Covid-19 pandemic”.

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