

## Dr TS Kler steps in as Chairman of Fortis Heart and Vascular Institute in Gurugram

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### Dr Kler & his team will strengthen the cardiology and vascular programme



Fortis Healthcare has roped in eminent interventional cardiologist and electrophysiologist with global repute to lead its Heart & Vascular Institute. Honoured with Padma Bhushan, Dr Kler brings with him 30 years of rich experience including many clinical landmarks and firsts in his field. He will lead the Fortis Heart & Vascular Institute from two of its hospitals in Delhi NCR; ie Fortis Memorial Research Institute (FMRI) at Gurugram and Fortis Flt Lt Rajan Dhall Hospital at Vasant Kunj.

Dr Kler & his team will strengthen the cardiology and vascular programme; with special focus on electrophysiology and heart failure, to strengthen Fortis's cardiology patient care in Gurugram and Vasant Kunj. Dr Kler was the first doctor in India to implant an Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator, Cardiac Resynchronisation Therapy (CRT) and Cardiac Resynchronisation Therapy Defibrillator (CRT-D) (Heart Failure Device). He performed the first His Bundle Pacing (Conduction System Pacing) in India in 2015. He was instrumental in starting Radio Frequency Ablation and cardiac device implantation programme in many cardiac centres in South Asia. Dr Kler was the founding president of IHRS (Indian Heart Rhythm Society).

Dr Kler started India's first dedicated electrophysiology department at the Fortis Escorts in Okhla. He also initiated the Radio Frequency Ablations programme at Escorts in 1993. Prior to joining his current role, Dr Kler was Chairman of the PSRI Heart

Institute, New Delhi.

Commenting on his appointment, Dr TS Kler, Chairman, Fortis Heart & Vascular Institute said, “We are on a mission to cure as many hearts as possible. With a focused approach to treat cardiac patients in the best possible standard of patient care, this mission is much easier. A dedicated team of experts in the field of cardiology, their nuanced marksmanship with in-depth experience in treating cardiac issues, along with best in the class infrastructure in both the hospitals, I am confident that the Fortis Heart & Vascular Institute will not only treat the cardiac patients but will also focus on prevention of heart diseases in our society. ”

On this occasion, Dr Ashutosh Raghuvanshi, MD & CEO, Fortis Healthcare, said, “Along with his team of talented doctors, we are confident that Dr Kler will boost our cardiac programme even further especially at our hospitals in Gurugram and Vasant Kunj.”