

## Fortis Hospital in Kalyan to set up CoE for critical care

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In response to the growing demand for specialised critical care services in Kalyan, Dombivali and its peripheral areas, Fortis Hospital, Kalyan is all set to transform its critical care unit into a 'Centre of Excellence' (CoE). The hospital has created a blueprint for its transformation process with a special focus on evidence-based protocols, training, and capacity building of critical care specialists.

To execute this plan, the hospital has appointed Dr Rahul Pandit, Senior Intensive Care Consultant and Member, Maharashtra COVID-19 task force to helm strategic development of the critical care unit. Dr Pandit has enormous experience in designing patient management protocols in critical care settings.

Dr Pandit will play a key role in setting up ICU policies, protocols, and patient care algorithms for the Centre of Excellence. He will also be responsible to design academic programmes for critical care doctors and nurses, at the centre. With Dr Rahul Pandit at the helm of the Critical Care Management, the hospital has also initiated post-COVID-19 OPD services.

Dr Rahul Pandit, Director-Critical Care, Fortis Hospitals, Mumbai, points out that the COVID-19 pandemic has compelled hospitals across the country to relook at their critical care practices. It has forced hospitals to revamp certain traditional models of caregiving and swiftly adapt to the present and future needs of patients.

"The Centre of Excellence (CoE) will exponentially improve healthcare delivery leading to better patient care outcomes", Dr Pandit adds.

Dr Supriya Amey, Facility Director, Fortis Hospital, Kalyan adds, "With Dr Pandit at the helm, we would accelerate the existing programme to drive academic programmes & training of staff, implementation of best practice guidelines for patient management, adherence to infection control policies and championing patient care in critical care setting at our CoE. We are also glad that Dr Pandit will be able to offer medical advice to patients seeking post-COVID counselling, at our hospital."