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Aster DM Healthcare unveils Global Institute for Advanced Epilepsy Care in Bengaluru

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To integrate highly trained specialists and cutting-edge neurodiagnostic tools

Aster DM Healthcare, one of the largest integrated healthcare providers in India, has launched its Centre of Excellence for Epilepsy in Bengaluru, a dedicated advanced care centre designed to offer comprehensive diagnosis, advanced treatment, and long-term management for individuals living with epilepsy.

The centre, called ‘Aster Global Institute for Advanced Epilepsy Care’, was formally inaugurated by Jonty Rhodes, acclaimed South African cricketer and a global sporting icon, who himself triumphed over epilepsy earlier in life.

The Centre of Excellence, located at Aster CMI Hospital Bengaluru, will integrate highly trained specialists, cutting-edge neurodiagnostic tools, and evidence-based clinical protocols to ensure faster evaluation and more effective treatment for patients. As of now, four of Aster’s Hospitals - Aster CMI, Aster RV, Aster Ramesh, Guntur and Aster MIMS Calicut are jointly involved in this state-of-the-art centre of excellence.

The initiative aims to address the rising need for focused epilepsy care, particularly for those who do not respond adequately to medications. Globally, nearly 30% of epilepsy patients live with drug-resistant epilepsy, where surgery and advanced interventions can significantly improve outcomes. In India, an estimated 10–12 million people live with epilepsy and up to 90% in rural areas remain untreated due to stigma and lack of access, highlighting the urgent need for dedicated Epilepsy centres that can offer early diagnosis and structured, life-changing treatment pathways.

Aster Hospitals has already established itself as a leading destination for epilepsy care, having performed 266 epilepsy-related surgical procedures, a milestone that showcases the hospital’s expertise in managing complex cases.

The Centre of Excellence was inaugurated during EPISURG 2025, the annual international conference on epilepsy surgery organised by the Aster Global Centre for Excellence in Neurosciences, Bengaluru.