

Liver Care and Research Centre

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DESCRIPTION

The centre is the flagship project of Forum for the Study of the Liver Bangladesh, voting member of World Hepatitis Alliance. After its formal inauguration little more than a year back by the Hon'ble Health & Family Welfare and Information Ministers of Bangladesh Government, the centre has been performing an array of activities, including discounted specialized OPDs and discounted anti-viral drugs, vaccination and investigations. The centre also conducts outreach camps, screening and vaccination programmes and regular CMEs. Consultants of the centre contribute awareness articles to national print media and appear in national electronic media regularly to raise public awareness. The centre partners with CDC, Bangladesh Government in a wide range of activities for the common cause against viral hepatitis, which include development of training module on viral hepatitis, training of physicians and joint celebration of WHDs. Regional Hepatitis Summit, Dhaka 2016 is a unique example of successful public-private partnership, where Cabinet Ministers, Members of Parliament, Government Administrators, Hepatologists, social activists, NGO representatives, celebrities, journalists from print and electronic media, international and regional leaders in viral hepatitis and most importantly patients with viral hepatitis were brought to a single platform. "Charles Gore Award" was introduced for the first time at this conference and was handed over Mr. Charles Gore himself. On the other end of the spectrum, the centre takes pride in not only introducing advanced treatment modalities for HCC namely, RFA and TACE but also providing these at the cheapest rate in the region. Hepatologists involve with the centre have introduced stem cell therapy for liver failure recently and has to their credit the successful conduction of clinical trials of HBsAg/HBcAg-therapeutic vaccine (NASVAC), a new drug for treatment of chronic hepatitis B.

PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACT

Impact of the centre is already evident within its short existence from the fact that it is gaining popularity as a favorite destination for liver disease treatment among the patients. The consultants of the centre are getting involved in policy making bodies and decision making meetings of the government and SEARO, WHO concerning viral hepatitis. Newspaper articles and TV documentaries are highlighting them regularly, while NASVAC got registration in Cuba recently as the latest generic against hepatitis B.



WHY IS THIS INNOVATIVE?

Liver Care and Research Centre is a unique entity. It not only facilitates raising of awareness against viral hepatitis, it also offers prophylaxis, diagnostics and treatment at affordable costs. The centre has introduced 'state of the art treatment modalities' for end-stage liver diseases and has led to the discovery of a new drug against hepatitis B. Most importantly the centre has provided the platform where patients of viral hepatitis can "say what they have to say" and the centre serves as the focal point for 'GO-NGO' collaboration for the ultimate fight against viral hepatitis towards the common goal for achieving "Elimination by 2030".



CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

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