

Australian Cardiologists get trained at Dr LH Hiranandani Hospital

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Three senior interventional cardiologists from Australia – Dr Craig Juergens from Sydney, Dr Robert Lew from Melbourne and Dr Peter Larsen from Brisbane visited Dr LH Hiranandani Hospital for 2 days workshop on advanced implantation techniques of Bio-absorbable stents in complex angioplasty cases conducted by Dr Ganesh Kumar (Head, Dept of cardiology and chief interventional cardiologist) on 24th and 25th August 2015.

Bio-absorbable scaffolds (BVS) are the latest in the field of interventional cardiology and scores over metallic drug eluting stents as it dissolves and disappears after 18 months thereby reversing the situation of having no blocks and no stents in heart after 18 months while the traditional metallic stents will always remain in arteries as foreign material

requiring lifelong blood thinners to maintain them. BVS technology was launched in India in Dec 2012, and Dr Ganesh Kumar was the first to use it. Since that time he has done over more than 400 BVS deployments with no complications making him one of the most experienced operators in the field in the world. Currently India followed by Germany has most experience in BVS deployments. This technology is catching up in other countries over last 1 to 2 years.

Dr Ganesh Kumar said that 15 years back we would look towards west and Australia and many of my colleagues were trained in Australia in angioplasty and traditional stent deployments but now we have marched far ahead of Australia in experience.

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