

Australian Cardiologists get trained at Dr LH Hiranandani Hospital

Dr Craig said that they in Australia are doing 35 thousand angioplasties per year and Indian cardiologists are doing over more than half a million cases per year, hence we are looking towards India to enhance our skills now. BVS being a new technology and more challenging to deploy than the traditionally metallic stents.

We were searching for a right center to come and learn and we came to know that Dr Ganesh Kumar is a very skilled operator with vast experience in this technology and complex angioplasty in particular and hence we chose Dr LH Hiranandani Hospital as a center of excellence in this field to get trained said Dr Craig. It was a tremendous learning for us as we observed 6 complex cases done by Dr Ganesh Kumar over 2 days said Dr Peter Larsen. He also showed us recordings of several cases done with BVS in the last 2 years. In India we saw more complex blocks (long and diffuse disease with more calcium and younger age of

presentation) compared to back home in Australia.

To do an angioplasty in such complex cases is very challenging and generally go for bypass surgery in Australia as we cannot implant multiple metallic stents in these cases but now after gaining experience and learning how to do it, we will go back and start doing more complex subsets with BVS said Dr Lew. Collectively the Australian cardiologists were amazed to see such high end work being done in India and were happy to travel this far to gain experience from Dr Ganesh Kumar.

