

## **Nuclear Medicine gets established as the emerging area of advancement in medical science in Eastern India at AMRICON Nuclear Medicine Update 2016**

**Kolkata, 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2016: AMRI Group of Hospitals**, Eastern India's largest chain of Super Specialty Tertiary care hospitals, organized "**AMRICON Nuclear Medicine Update 2016**", for the very first time through a day long National Conference recently, in collaboration with **Association of Nuclear Medicine Physicians of India**.

The inauguration of the Conference took place at a city hotel in Kolkata in the august presence of distinguished dignitaries like **Prof. Dr. Bhabatosh Biswas** , Vice-Chancellor, West Bengal University of Health Sciences, **Dr. Ishita Sen**, President Elect, Association of Nuclear Medicine Physicians of India, **Dr. Deepanjan Mitra**, Head of Department, Nuclear Medicine, AMRI Hospitals Ltd, **Mr. Rupak Barua**, CEO, AMRI Hospitals Ltd, **Dr. Sharad Agarwal**, Unit Head and Senior Vice President, AMRI Hospital, Dhakuria and many other distinguished delegates.

A new form of treatment , especially in the Eastern part of India including Kolkata, **Nuclear Medicine** is a branch of medical imaging that uses small amounts of radioactive material to diagnose and determine the severity of or treat a variety of diseases, including many types of cancers, heart disease, gastrointestinal, endocrine, neurological disorders and other abnormalities within the body. Since nuclear medicine procedures are able to pinpoint molecular activity within the body, they offer the potential to identify the disease in its early stage and ensure a patient's immediate response to therapeutic interventions. Nuclear medicine imaging procedures are noninvasive and, with the exception of intravenous injections, are usually painless medical tests that help physicians diagnose and evaluate medical conditions.

Addressing the audience at the inaugural ceremony, **Prof. Dr. Bhabatosh Biswas**, Vice-Chancellor, West Bengal University of Health Sciences, said, "Nuclear medicine started with diagnostics later getting into therapeutic and now there are a lot of unresolved problems where the role of nuclear medicine has become important. Teaching and training of nuclear medicine is also gaining prominence in the country. Though it started late in West Bengal it has slowly gained the momentum in institutes like AMRI. The hesitant phase of nuclear medicine has gone and today we are at a crossroads where it will grow bigger ".

Speaking on this occasion, **Mr. Rupak Barua**, CEO, AMRI Hospitals Ltd said, "AMRICON is a platform on which we endeavor to engage talents to promote and seek excellence in the field of medical academics and research. We are aware that healthcare sector is growing very fast; today the challenge is not only to deliver quality patient care at an affordable cost. Quality care can only be imparted if it is aligned with proper academic activities to enhance skills."



AMRI Group of Hospitals has been organizing AMRICON for years and this is the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of this National Conference. **AMRICON Nuclear Medicine Update 2016** hosted more than 100 delegates from the healthcare segment across India as participants. The Conference was addressed by eminent doctors and medical faculties from top ranked hospitals across India. The past editions of the national conference have delved into subjects ranging from Gynaecology , Obstetrics to Paediatrics and Medicines.

#### **About AMRI Hospitals Ltd**

AMRI Hospitals, a multi-specialty healthcare facility in Eastern India with specialization in Oncology, Neuro Sciences, Cardiac Sciences, Orthopedics, Emergency & Trauma care, Gynecology & Childcare is the largest player in private sector with its existing strength of around 1000 beds. With its state-of-the-art equipment and modern facilities, AMRI is ensuring that people from Eastern India are provided affordable high quality medical care in the region, so that patients need not travel to other parts of the country for medical treatment. Capacity expansion is also underway at AMRI for additional beds in its existing facilities in Kolkata. A 400 bedded state-of-the art super-specialty hospital has recently become operational in Bhubaneswar. AMRI Hospitals will soon be setting up a new 400 bedded facility in West Bengal with an investment of Rs.500 crs. The Group is committed to serve the people of Eastern India and has plans to add another 600-700 beds in the next 3-4 years.

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