

## Press Release

### **Fortis Malar Hospital organizes Free Heart Check up Camp for Children**

**Salem, June 08, 2014:** Fortis Malar in association with Aishwarya Trust today conducted a free heart check-up camp for screening of congenital heart defects in children as well as Police officials in Salem. The camp conducted at Corporation Boys Higher Secondary School, Ammapettai was supported by Deputy Director Health Services and Egg Sellers Association.

A team of experts including Dr. V K Swamy, Paediatric Cardiologist, Fortis Malar Hospital, Chennai and Dr. Paturajan, Intensivist, Fortis Malar Hospital, Adyar inspected XXX children and XXX Police officials at the camp.

Congenital heart disease is a category of heart disease that includes abnormalities in cardiovascular structures that occur before birth. These defects occur while the foetus is developing in the uterus and is known to affect approximately 8 in 1000 children worldwide. In India alone every year 1.5 lakh children are found with Congenital heart failure, with only 12 to 14 centres with the expertise to treat the same. Congenital heart defects may produce symptoms at birth, during childhood, or not until adulthood. Other congenital defects may cause no symptoms and may go undetected for a long time.

Keeping in mind the current scenario and the need for the expertise in paediatric cardiology, Mrs Chitra from Aishwarya trust along with Fortis Malar Hospital has been working together for the last 6 years towards helping underprivileged children with paediatric cardiac diseases. Fortis Malar hospital has treated over 500 children in the last few years under the Tamil Nadu CM Scheme and with the support of Aishwarya Trust.

Each year, all the Fortis network hospitals organize several camps on different health concerns based on the need of a community. Through these camps, the facilities use the opportunity to create awareness on different topics which help people take required measures to protect themselves from preventable diseases.

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