

**January 29, 2020**

**To  
Dr Harsh Vardhan  
Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare  
Nirman Bhawan  
Government of India**

Dear Sir,

Greeting from Narayana Health, Bangalore!

As you are aware Indians are genetically three times more vulnerable for heart attack than Europeans. Indians develop heart attack at much younger age than Europeans. Contrary to the popular perception, heart attack victim's most of the time are poor bread winners of the family. Since over 60% of our country's population live in rural India most of the heart attack victims are deprived of emergency cardiac Care expertise.

Based on this ground realities senior cardiologists and Cardiac surgeons India jointly convinced Indira Gandhi national open University to launch diploma in community cardiology to serve the needs of rural India. Curriculum for two year diploma courses of hands-on training in cardiology was created by Professor George Cherian Ex professor and head of the Department of cardiology CMC Vellore, who was the creator of the DM cardiology courses in India.

Subject matter of training where authored by all the senior cardiologists of our country. The course was launched by previous health minister of India Dr Anbumani Ramadoss. Diploma in community Cardiology became a very successful course across the country. This course was conducted in all the top cardiac Hospital's of India.



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Thousands of young doctors went through hands-on training in non invasive cardiology and saved thousands of precious lives in rural India. Diploma in cardiology is a standard course offered in the most european countries including national health service of United Kingdom.

Spirit of the training program is to train young doctors with MBBS degree is to offer emergency services to heart attack victims and manage chronic heart failure and detect heart disease among children at a very early stage. They are not expected to be involved in training program as a faculty in medical colleges. Several state government hospitals where well served by these doctors with MBBS Degree and skill to manage cardiac emergencies, echocardiography et cetera et cetera.

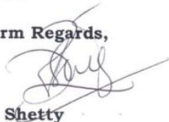
While medical universities In India train technicians to perform Echocardiography, doctors with diploma degree in cardiology who underwent hands on training in echocardiography are not allowed to perform echocardiography according to the new guidelines.

While most state public hospitals have over 80% shortage of medical specialist, We humbly request you to recognize Diploma in Community Cardiology course offered by reputed cardiac Hospitals of India under the aegis of Indira Gandhi national open University.

We would like to strongly request the Ministry of health to consider recognising this most important skill based in training of MBBS doctors till the time we have adequate number of doctors with the DM in cardiology.

If you have any questions about the course, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**With Warm Regards,**



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