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# Indo-UK Oncology Summit on HIPEC begins at MIOT

## New procedure reduces cancer deaths

Chennai, Nov 21:

The two day Indo-UK Oncology Summit on HIPEC, the most latest and advanced technique in the speciality, jointly organised by the Indo-British Health Initiative (IBHI) and the British Deputy High Commission, inaugurated today at MIOT International, Chennai. Hyperthermic Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy (HIPEC) is a highly concentrated, heated chemotherapy treatment that is delivered directly to the abdomen during surgery.

The procedure also improves drug absorption and effect with minimal exposure to the rest of the body. In this way, the normal side effects of chemotherapy can be avoided.

HIPEC is a treatment option for people who have advanced surface spread of cancer within the

abdomen, without disease involvement outside of the abdomen.

Founder and Secretary, Indo British Health Initiative Dr. Prithvi Mohandas delivered welcome address. Sarah O'Dwyer, Consultant Colorectal Surgery delivered keynote address on Cancer in the UK - Where are we heading? Dr. Ram Prabhu, Medical Oncologist, MIOT International spoke at the inaugural function.

Dr. Prithvi Mohandas, Managing Director, MIOT Hospitals said, "We are pleased to announce for the first time ever a reduce in the risk of dying from cancer of the abdominal wall. Previously cancer in this area either primary or due to spread had a risk of death of 95%. Death of hundreds of cancer patients in India can be reduced by

more than 25 percent by this treatment." The normal procedure called HIPEC involves special drugs at an optimum temperature introduced into the abdomen after removal of the affected abdominal lining.

Speaking about the Summit Prithvi said, "Experts from United Kingdom and India will discuss about this procedure at the summit. The first day involves explanation of the procedure, understanding which patients will benefit and demonstration through lectures on how the procedure should be done. The second day involves live surgery to actually showcase the procedure followed by special sessions for nurses who are essential for administering cancer drugs."

"Advanced or complex abdominal cancers often

spread to the peritoneal lining, which does not get adequately treated by chemotherapy delivered intravenously. This invariably results in relapses, post surgery."

"HIPEC treatment done immediately after surgery delivers a carefully calibrated dosage of heated chemotherapeutic drugs directly into the abdominal cavity. Gently agitated before being drained out, it destroys any microscopic cancer cells that may remain post surgery - improving its effectiveness manifold. There are only about 30 centres, worldwide offering this treatment currently, Prithvi Mohandas added. The entire two days event will be streamed live via IBHI website. Live 'Surgeries on HIPEC & Cytoreduction will be exhibited.