

'Adapt foreign technology to meet India's healthcare needs'

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CHENNAI: Emphasising the need for better healthcare in India, P.V.A. Mohandas, founder, MIOT International, said healthcare professionals should explore technology from around the world and modify it to suit the needs of the country.

He was speaking at the inauguration of an international meet on aortic aneurysm here on Friday.

"We should learn from

countries like Japan, which have been adapting borrowed technology for several years," he added.

Speaking on aortic aneurysms, K. Murali, chief interventional radiologist at MIOT International, said that in India, most people who die from an aneurysm do so before any kind of intervention. "In many cases, death occurs within two to three minutes after an aneurysm ruptures," Dr. Murali said.

An aortic aneurysm is a

bulge in the largest blood vessel in the body. It can occur close to the aortic valve and coronary arteries, at the 'aortic arch' where blood vessels go to the brain, in both the arms or in the blood vessels that lead to organs like the kidneys, liver, stomach and intestines (thoraco-abdominal aorta). Aneurysms are typically treated with open surgery, stents or a mix of the two (hybrid surgery), said V.V. Bashi, chairman, Centre for Thoracic and Cardiovascular Care.