

## Establishment of Hemophilia Treatment Centre At Civil Hospital, Ahmedabad.

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Hemophilia is a genetic, life threatening bleeding disorder. In persons with hemophilia (PwH) blood does not clot normally due to deficiency or absence of clotting proteins called Factors. PwH tend to bleed internally and externally even with a minor injury. The disease is a lifelong bleeding disorder, incurable in nature and a very expensive to manage in terms of medication and care. Recurrent and prolonged bleeding into joints and muscles can lead to permanent disability. Major cavity or central nervous system bleeds can even lead to death.

An important initiative was taken by the Civil Hospital, Ahmedabad in bringing about change in the service and treatment provided to Hemophilia patient. Civil Hospital, Ahmedabad along with Baxter, India established the hemophilia centre of excellence at Medical wing, OPD building, Civil Hospital, Ahmedabad. The centre was inaugurated on World Hemophilia Day 17<sup>th</sup> April 2013 by Dr. M.M. Prabhakar, Medical Superintendent, Civil Hospital, Ahmedabad along with other medical fraternity, personnel and Baxter India representatives.

Hemophilia Treatment Centre at Civil Hospital, Ahmedabad would be providing the best possible comprehensive treatment available under one roof with access to modern facilities. The centre of excellence will have access to latest equipment and educational aids. Moreover the centre will have a dedicated patient co-coordinator for keeping records of patients and physiotherapist for providing complete care which is essential for hemophilia patients.

It is envisaged that in the long run the Hemophilia Treatment Centre will position Civil Hospital, Ahmedabad as a premier institute in world in quality care and pioneer in training the caretakers.