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NICVD sets up health facility in Malir Cantonment

KARACHI: The National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases (NICVD) in collaboration with the government of Sindh has established its 31st centre in Malir Cantonment, CMB Health Centre to facilitate patients with chest pain with easy access and free-of-cost services.

The soft opening of the centre was held on Monday in a ceremony which was attended by executive director NICVD Professor Nadeem Qamar and other officials, said a statement.

The centre at Malir Cantonment is the 16th chest pain unit (CPU) of NICVD in the Karachi metropolitan area. Moreover, one CPU in Tando Bago, one in Ghotki, one in Jacobabad, one in Umerkot and one in Tando Allahyar, are functional and providing state-of-the-art cardiac care and treatment to patients at their doorstep totally free of cost.

Prof Nadeem Qamar termed the establishment of the 31st centre at Malir Cantonment as another "gift" for the people of Karachi.

He highlighted that this centre will link with the main NICVD, where all cardiac care facilities, including primary PCI, angioplasty, cardiac surgeries and other state-of-the-art facilities are available.

In these CPUs a total of 534,124 patients have been treated while over 11,647 lives have been saved since inception till March 2021.

Shortly, every district of Sindh and major towns would be equipped with NICVD's CPUs so that people could be provided timely first aid in case of heart attacks.

He said that NICVD in collaboration with the government of Sindh is providing quality healthcare facilities to the nation totally free of cost, which is evident from establishment of satellite centres and CPUs.