



KIMS Hospitals and Pfizer Collaborate to Unveil Center of Excellence (CoE) for Adult Vaccination in India

- *The CoE's mission is to emphasize the significance of adult vaccination by educating healthcare professionals (HCPs) and patients about the long-term benefits of vaccination against a wide range of diseases such as Pneumococcal disease, Hepatitis A and B, Human Papilloma Virus (HPV), Influenza, and more.*
- *Through this CoE, KIMs and Pfizer want to make a substantial contribution to respiratory health in Hyderabad and Telangana, aligning with the broader national and global efforts to combat the rising impact of infectious diseases and respiratory illnesses.*

Hyderabad, October 20: Pfizer India has joined hands with the prestigious Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS) Hospital in Hyderabad to establish a Center of Excellence (CoE) for Adult Vaccination. The centre was inaugurated by Dr Bhaskar Rao, CMD, KIMS Hospital. This strategic collaboration reflects the firm's unwavering commitment to promote and enhance the adoption of adult vaccination within the local community to protect patients against vaccine-preventable diseases (VPDs).

The CoE at KIMS Hospitals, situated in Secunderabad is established to set up a comprehensive ecosystem within the hospital premises which will facilitate equipping healthcare professionals (HCPs) and educating patients about the long-lasting benefits of vaccination for individuals with comorbidities, advanced age, occupational hazards, and lifestyle-related disorders. Given the rising cases of respiratory illnesses, this centre will reinforce immunization against various vaccine-preventable diseases such as Pneumococcal disease, Hepatitis A and B, Human Papilloma Virus (HPV), and Influenza.

Dr Santosh Taur, Director of Medical Affairs, Vaccines & Digital at Pfizer, said, "The upsurge in chronic respiratory illnesses and air pollution in major cities heightens susceptibility to infectious diseases like pneumococcal infections and influenza. Vaccination stands as a proven and effective preventive measure against pneumococcal disease. The KIMS Center of Excellence inauguration in collaboration with Pfizer symbolizes resolute dedication to safeguarding individuals against respiratory threats through adult vaccination."

Following the CoE's inauguration, a scientific summit led by Dr. Bhaskar Rao, CMD, and Dr. Sambit Sahu, Medical Director at KIMS Hospitals was convened for healthcare professionals to discuss cutting-edge adult vaccination advancements and customization of vaccination protocols across hospital departments, including Pulmonology, Nephrology, Internal Medicine, and Endocrinology.

Dr VV Ramanaprasad, Senior Pulmonologist said, "Respiratory illnesses pose substantial global challenges, and we have a commitment to patients not only for treatment but prioritization of vaccination. The emphasis on adult vaccination is instrumental in enhancing overall quality of life, especially in combating infectious diseases. Through our collaboration with Pfizer, we aim to reach a wider audience in Hyderabad and Telangana, fostering awareness and widespread adoption of adult vaccination."

Dr Pratik Patil, Infectious Disease Specialist at KIMS Hospitals highlighted, "On average, pneumococcal disease, often causing lung infections, leads to aggravating the existing chronic condition like diabetes



mellitus, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), asthma, kidney diseases, etc. Vaccination is not only crucial for children but equally essential for adults, given the risks associated with comorbidities and age-related immunity challenges.”

About KIMS Hospitals

Founded by Dr. B. Bhaskara Rao and headquartered in Hyderabad, KIMS Hospitals is one of the largest corporate healthcare groups in Telangana and AP, providing multi-disciplinary integrated healthcare services, with a focus on tertiary and quaternary healthcare at affordable cost. The Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS) is the largest corporate healthcare group in Telugu states with a network of 12 hospitals and over 3600 beds spread across Telangana (Secunderabad, Kondapur, Gachibowli, Paradise Circle, and Karimnagar) and Andhra Pradesh (Nellore, Rajahmundry, Srikakulam, Ongole, Vizag, Anantapur, and Kurnool). The Group offers a comprehensive bouquet of healthcare services in specialties and super specialties across more than 25 fields. The Group's flagship at Secunderabad is one of the largest hospitals in India with a capacity of 1,000 beds in a single location.

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