

Fortis sponsors Indian fellowships in Autism research

New Delhi, April 8, 2011: Fortis Healthcare (India) Limited, India's fastest growing hospital network, recognises the importance of research into the basis of Autism, which now affects one in every hundred people, worldwide. Fortis is pleased to be funding the development of this research, in collaboration with Autistica, the UK's leading autism research charity; and has provided two mentored Fellowships in Autism, to increase knowledge of this disorder and capacity in India. The Fellowships will offer the opportunity for two young Indians to study in the UK for two years and learn from some of the world's leading researchers. This action is in line with Fortis' constant endeavour to better understand medical conditions and their improved treatment.

Commenting on this move, **Mr. Malvinder Mohan Singh, Chairman of Fortis Healthcare (India) Ltd.** said, "We are pleased to join hands with Autistica to help Indian doctors gain a better understanding of this widely prevalent, yet relatively little known, disorder. This is one of several partnerships that Fortis has with various government and private agencies that are aimed at bringing quality healthcare to those that most need it."

About Fortis Healthcare (India) Limited

Fortis Healthcare Limited is committed to clinical excellence and patient-centric healthcare, which is manifest in hospital design, patient services, medical programmes and the compassionate approach of medical and non-medical hospital staff. Fortis commissioned its first hospital in 2001 at Mohali, near Chandigarh, and has expanded its operations to become a network with an over 8,000 bed capacity across 55 hospitals (includes 7 projects in pipeline). The Fortis network has a large number of international accreditations, including four JCI (Joint Commission International) and seven NABH (National Accreditation Board for Hospitals) certifications. The network's capability covers multi-speciality hospitals and super-speciality centres that provide tertiary and quaternary healthcare to patients in the major medical specialities.

We are delighted to form this new partnership with Fortis which is enabling the start of a programme of 6 Indian Mentored Fellowships aimed at building capacity in the Indian research community. The Fellows, either pre or post doc will have the opportunity to work with some of the UKs leading researchers undertaking bio medical research into autism.