

# Indraprastha Apollo Hospital Transcends Boundaries

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## ***A Healing touch: Apollo Hospital presenting some of the Iraqi children treated for various disorders in New Delhi on Friday.***

NEW DELHI: Reaching out and touching the lives of children across borders, Indraprastha Apollo Hospital here has successfully treated over 80 children from Iraq who were brought in with various congenital problems.

Over 80 patients -- in the age group of one year to eight years -- were treated for various ailments including congenital heart disease, loss of hearing and urological problems. These children have been provided treatment and care in various batches over the past one month.

### **Treatment offered**

Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals Managing Director Richard L. Larison said: “Apollo Hospitals have been a viable alternative to Western hospitals largely because of our ability to deliver services at a fraction of the costs overseas. Another distinguishing factor which we take great pride in is the personalised care we provide to all our patients.”

Giving an account of the treatment offered to the children, ENT senior consultant at the hospital Ameet Kishore said: “So far 18 children have undergone cochlear implants at the hospital and another batch of six children is ready for surgery. The children who came for cochlear implants have to undergo a three-phase treatment and the implant for congenitally deaf children are often considered to be most effective when implanted at a young age, during the critical period in which the brain is still learning to interpret sound. We have kept the children under observation and are monitoring their improvement and providing required therapies. We also have a set of trainers to train the parents of children to continue the therapy as the process of being able to lead a normal life takes a long time.”

Stating that the initiative taken by Apollo Hospitals of extending care, support and compassion to the patients from Iraq is a true triumph of willingness to win over adversities and showcases the spirit of togetherness, senior consultant in paediatric cardiology at the hospital Vikas Kohli said: “Besides children we also had some adults who have received treatment. Apollo has always been in the forefront of utilising the latest in the technology front in order to make the benefits of modern health care more accessible to people and professionals in the field of health care. Most patients were looked after by a team of paediatric cardiologists and ENT surgeons.