

NABH, MedLern and Smile Train launch Operating Theatres technician training programme

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The National Accreditation Board for Hospitals (NABH) and Smile Train, the world's largest cleft focused organisation, has launched an initiative to ensure quality and safety for paediatric patients who undergo cleft surgical procedures.

One in 700 children is born with a cleft, a facial birth difference which, if left untreated, cause significant physical and mental health issues throughout adult life, hindering basic functions ranging from nutrition to language learning.

Smile Train, which recognised the need to enhance the skills of operating theatre (OT) Technicians to ensure better quality and safety partnered with NABH to design an innovative training programme which was supported by MedLern's unique innovative module to provide hands on simulation skills experience. The pilot programme trained 37 mid-career OT Technicians from various Smile Train partner treatment hospitals in India.

Lasting 3 days, the programme invited expert faculties from Anesthesia, Plastic Surgery, Basic Life Support and Nursing skills. Smile Train and NABH plan to roll out this initiative across the country and positively impact thousands of OTs.

Contributing to the partnership were expert faculties from Smile Train, Maharaja Agrasen Hospital and NABH faculty. The

programme itself was hosted by the Maharaja Agrasen Hospital.

Dr Atul Mohan Kochhar, CEO of NABH, emphasised the programme's significance, "The initiative underlines the need for theoretical and practical training to be a continuous element of improving the quality and safety of healthcare. We hope to inspire and encourage healthcare providers to incorporate continuous training into the workplace processes and culture.

"We are humbled by the opportunity to be part of this critical initiative which touches millions of young lives. We are committed to providing innovative training approaches that suit the need of specific programmes and the Modular Skills Trainer does exactly that" said Deepak Sharma, Co-Founder and CEO, MedLern.