

## India's medical devices industry wants separate regulations

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Report In Picture: physically disabled man takes part in a protest rally at a railway station on the outskirts of the eastern Indian city of Siliguri April 7, 2009Reuters

The Indian medical devices industry has urged the government to frame separate rules for the sector. Currently, the provisions under the Drug and Cosmetics Rules, 1945, regulate only a few medical devices and club them under the category of drugs.

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A notification by the union health ministry on May 6 invited suggestions from the pharmaceutical and medical devices sectors on easing and fast-tracking the regulatory approval processes.

AdvaMed India, an association comprising 300 member companies that manufacture medical devices, has urged the government to provide a separate regulatory framework for the industry. Varun Khanna, the Chairman of AdvaMed India, told **International Business Times India** that the industry is demanding a separate regulation for medical devices.

"One of the biggest challenges is the ambiguity faced by the medical device industry because of the 'Pharma' tagging — which means that most medical devices are currently treated at par with pharmaceutical drugs, from a regulatory standpoint," Khanna said.

Currently, India relies on imports for a majority of its medical device requirements. The industry has therefore sought ease in the process of getting import licences from the government.

"The current time lines for the issuance of import licence of medical device in India are 9-12 months, which should be reduced considerably," an official statement released by AdvaMed said.

The stakeholders have also sought provisions in the Drugs & Cosmetics Amendment Bill 2015 (D&C Bill), which include reducing the duties on imports of medical devices, especially the life-saving equipments.

"The rising taxes would only prove to be an obstruction to the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and Make in India programmes, which the Modi government is trying to facilitate," the statement said.

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The D&C (Amendment) Bill is yet to be tabled in the Rajya Sabha and has gone through a series of amendments for the last three years.

The Indian medical devices industry is expected to grow organically at 15 percent to \$8.6 billion by 2020, according to a report issued by Deloitte India and HealthCare Foundation of India (NAT Health). Industry estimates, however, peg the growth at 28 percent to \$50 billion by 2025, the report showed.

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## **1.Dr.Pratap C Reddy**

### **Chairman Apollo Group of Hospitals- Hyderabad**

Dr. Prathap C Reddy, the visionary Founder Chairman of Apollo Hospitals, is widely credited as being the architect of modern Indian healthcare. His vision of bringing world-class healthcare within the economic and geographic reach of millions of patients was the genesis of Apollo Hospitals.

The first Apollo opened its doors in 1983, and heralded the private healthcare revolution in the nation.

Apollo Hospitals introduced international quality healthcare to India, at a cost which was a tenth of comparable costs in the Western world. This was Apollo's first act of social responsibility and the Group has stayed true to Dr. Reddy's vision in its journey of over three decades. The business model designed by him was inherently scalable, replicable, sustainable and it fostered the emergence of the healthcare

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sector in India, as we know it today. Dr. Reddy's vision, acumen and ideal of uncompromised quality motivated numerous individuals in India and across the world to set forth, emulate the model and taking high quality medical care closer to their patients.

### **2.Dr.M Wali**

**MD FACC (USA), MBA Consultant – Physician to the President of India Former Physician to the President of India**

Dr. Mohsin Wali is the leading clinician in northern India and is formally trained in Geriatrics, a branch of internal medicine, concerned with the clinical, preventive, remedial and social aspects of illness in elderly adults. Dr. Wali an exclusively prevailed Indian to have been trained for water treatment for dialysis in Germany during 1988, has revolutionized the technique of dialysis. An influential pillar of the sector, he is an MD Medicine and fellow of American College of Cardiology and had undergone research and training at Mayo clinic (USA). A Padma Shri Awardee, the doctor is an illustrious cardio-diabetes and life style specialist, senior Physician and consultant of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research New Delhi presently posted at Rashtrapati Bhawan, As Physician to Honorable President of India. Dr (Prof) Wali aims at seeing happy and healthy India of tomorrow, now consultant at Rashtrapati Bhawan.

### **3.Anjan Bose**

**Secretary General, Healthcare Federation of India (NATHEALTH)**

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He had a stable, one school boyhood. Grew up in a joint family with fondness for all things very typically Bengali. From Rabindra Sangeet to football, from sandesh to Durgapujo! During the entire school life, He was being groomed to become a doctor.

He is an IIT Kharagpur Electronics & Electrical Communications Engineer. notable among the Management learnings have been the one from Michigan University with the faculty including the legendary Late Dr. CK Prahlad..

**4 Dr. Ramakant Panda**

**Vice Chairman & Managing Director of Asian Heart Institute – Mumbai**

**India's No.1 cardiovascular thoracic surgeon**

He led the team of doctors who successfully performed redo bypass surgery on our hon'ble ex-Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh, ex-Assam CM TarunGogoi and RJD leader Laloo Prasad Yadav and several of the worlds leading dignitaries.

**5. Dr. Ashok Seth**

**CHAIRMAN – Fortis Escorts Heart Institute – Delhi**

**CHAIRMAN – Cardiology Council, Fortis Group of Hospitals**

Dr. Seth has contributed extensively to the growth, development and scientific progress of Cardiology especially Interventional Cardiology in India and across the world.

Over the past 25-years he has pioneered numerous angioplasty techniques for India and Asia Pacific region like Directional Atherectomy, Angioscopy, Stents, Thrombectomy devices & Drug Eluting Stents, use of Impella heart support device failing heart, Bioabsorbable Stents and Transcatheter Aortic Valve

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Implantation (TAVI). His expertise, skills and his pioneering efforts in teaching and training in angioplasty have won him respect and accolades all across the world.

He is perhaps one of the most recognized and respected Indian Cardiologist across the globe. His efforts have created a unique respect for India on the international sphere especially in the West.

#### **6. Dr.Pradeep Chowbey**

**Chairman – Max Institute of Minimal Access, Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery Honorary Surgeon to the President of India- Delhi**

**Honorary Surgeon to Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) Surgeon to His Holiness Dalai Lama Padamashri Awarded by President of India**

Dr Pradeep Chowbey pioneered the SPIDER technique for bariatric and other laparoscopic surgeries in Asia Pacific region in 2012. This technique is used to perform a virtually scar less minimally invasive surgery. Unlike conventional rigid laparoscopic surgery, the SPIDER flexible laparoscopic platform allows multiple instruments to be used through one incision

#### **7.Dr.KK Aggarwal**

**President Heart Care Foundation of India & Honorary Secretary General Indian Medical Association- Delhi**

He was born on September 5, 1958 at the Kasturba Hospital Darya Ganj Delhi on the occasion of Janmashtmi. He was the seventh born in a family of 9 brothers and sisters.

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He completed schooling from ASVJ Higher Secondary School Darya Gang and pre medical from Desh Bandhu College. Then He went ahead to pursue MBBS and MD Medicine from Mahatma Gandhi

Institute of Medical Sciences (MGIMS) Sevagram Wardha. It was MGIMS that changed his life, and made him the man he is today. He was the topper of Nagpur University throughout his education and till today the professors remember him as one of the most brilliant minds MGIMS has ever produced.

#### **8.Dr.Ashok Garg**

**CHAIRMAN & MEDICAL DIRECTOR, GARG EYE INSTITUTE & RESEARCH CENTRE-  
Hissar**

Did his MBBS(1984) & MS(1989) in Ophthalmology from Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences (PGIMS) Rohtak (India). Went to England, Belgium & USA for IAO fellowship in Anterior Segment Surgery & obtained his Ph.D. from Belgium(1990). He has done special TTF training in Phaco & Lasik from USA.

#### **9.Dr.Minnie Bodhanwala**

**CEO, Wadia Hospitals-Mumbai**

Highly-motivated, pro-active passionate individual holding a rich enormous experience of 30 years with exceptional Liaison, Teamwork, Leadership, & Organizational Abilities to thrive in a fast-paced, results-oriented business environment. With an entrepreneurial spirit to fore see potential growth with a strong background of crisis management in Healthcare for brown field and Greenfield projects and also a Six Sigma Green Belt Expert. NABH Principal Auditor for ISO 9001 : 2008, & ISO 14001:2004

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**10.Dr.H.Sudarshan Ballal**

**Chairman Manipal Hospitals – Bangalore**

Dr. Ballal has been part of Manipal Hospitals for over 20 years and is a veteran Nephrologist and the Medical Director of Manipal Health Enterprises Pvt Ltd. His in-depth knowledge, expertise and passion towards the health care industry were instrumental in positioning Manipal Hospitals as one of the top three health care enterprises in India.

**11.Dr.Gridhar Gyani**

**DIRECTOR GENRAL, AHPI, New Delhi**

As conglomeration of entire healthcare providers i.e. hospitals/nursing homes/clinics, diagnostic centres and supporting organizations like, pharmaceutical, medical equipment companies, insurance providers and others that are accountable to the community, is working closely with the key stake holders i.e. the Government and the Society to realise the Universal Health Coverage. The Association is registered as ‘not for profit’ NGO, under society registration ACT-1860. Mission of AHPI is to build capacity in Indian health system with focus on patient safety and affordability.

**12.Dr.T.S Kler**

**Executive Director (Cardiac Sciences), HOD Cardiology, Director Electrophysiology at Fortis Escorts Heart Institute & Research Centre-New Delhi**

Dr. Kler is a Member of Heart Rhythm Society (USA); Fellow of American College of Cardiology (FACC); Fellow of Royal College of Physicians (FRCP, UK) and member of various Indian professional bodies like ICC, CSI, API, IMA & DMA. He was the founder president of Indian Heart Rhythm Society (IHRS), He is Honorary Professor of Cardiology for Banaras Hindu University, (BHU). He is also a

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scientific advisor to various multinational companies like Boston Scientific, Medtronic, & St. Jude, all incorporated in USA.

**13.Rajendra Pratap Gupta**

**POLICY MAKER, CENTRAL COUNCIL OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE,  
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA-Mumbai**

Rajendra Pratap Gupta is rated amongst the top original thinkers & is a global leader on Public Policy Innovation, Governance reforms, Healthcare & Economy. He has the rare distinction of working with the world's largest corporations and with the world's leading think tanks.

**14. B.K Rana**

**Joint Director, National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH)- Delhi**

Managing and executing different healthcare accreditation programs. Leading the team. Taking the initiatives. Accepting the challenges. Clear understanding of Quality issues in Healthcare including Quality Management Systems both at National and International level. It is evident from the recognition received by way of getting elected to International Society for Quality in Healthcare (ISQua) as Chairman of its Accreditation Council and Asian Society for Quality in Healthcare (ASQua) as its President.

**15.Dr.Alok Roy**

**Chairman Medica Group of Hospitals- Kolkata**

He did MBBS from SCB Medical College, Cuttack, post-graduation from AIIMS, and further training in Nuclear Medicine from BARC, under University of Mumbai.

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The Medica Group of hospitals is one of the fastest growing healthcare chains in eastern India, with hospitals in West & North Bengal, Jharkhand, Assam and Odisha. Leading it from the front is its Chairman, Dr. Alok Roy, whose vision was to gift to the people of Kolkata and eastern India a healthcare facility that would be at par with international standards, but at rates affordable to all.

**16.Dr.Naveen Nishchal**

**Co-Founder -Cygnus Hospitals (A chain of 12 Hospitals) Alumnus of INSEAD-FRANCE- Haryana**

Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities of India are faced with the challenge of meeting the unmet healthcare needs of downtrodden sections of society. There are a lot of challenges but top Four to me are as follows Doctors & Skilled Force- It's very difficult to attract the quality doctors and even if talent is attracted, it is difficult to retain them. Getting skilled manpower is not only the challenge of healthcare sector but India at large is fighting against this National problem in other sectors as well. Our people are educated but not skilled. Infrastructure- we are good at copying the infrastructure from different countries but we have failed in addressing the actual infrastructure requirement of our country so there is a huge mismatch between what we want and what we are creating. We don't have right kind of Infrastructure at Tier 2 cities level and to align them with NABH we spend a lot of money on upliftment of the infrastructure.

**17.Dr.Harish Pillai**

**Chief Executive Officer & Cluster Head – Aster DM Healthcare-Kerala**

A doctor with exceptional leadership skills, Dr. Harish Pillai joined the Aster DM Healthcare Group as the CEO of Aster Medcity in the year 2013. His ability to strategise and manage large-scale healthcare organisations helped Aster Medcity consolidate its place among the top hospitals in the country in a

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matter of just one year. Set in a 40-acre waterfront campus, Aster Medcity Kochi is a USD 300 million green field medical township project. Rated one of the most advanced healthcare destinations in India, the Phase I of the project, which comprises one Multispecialty Hospital and nine separate Centres of Excellence, is complete. Aster Medcity is the first quaternary care hospital in Kerala to win the JCI Accreditation and also the first in India to receive a host of accreditations and awards within one year of opening its doors to the world. This includes the NABH Accreditation, Green OT (Operation Theatre) Certification by Bureau Veritas, ISO 22000 Certification and the first-ever NABH Award for Excellence in Nursing.

**18. Dr. Abhijeet M Dashetwar**

**Associate Professor at Gandhi Medical College and Hospital, Secunderabad Consultant CT Surgeon, Century Superspecialty Hospital- Hyderabad**

Joined the department of CT Surgery at Gandhi Medical college & hospital, Secunderabad in 2006. The department was barely doing 5 to 10 Surgeries in a year. The department was in a really bad shape. It did not have its own dedicated theatre, post operative wards. All the medical equipment was age old purchased in 70's & 80'.

As an Assistant Professor, took up the challenge of improving the department infrastructure and was successful in bringing in the required change. In the year 2008 and 2009 department performed more than 500 each cardiothoracic surgeries. In the year I was instrumental in developing CT Surgery department with dedicated 3 CT Surgery operation theatres, 14 bed Post operative ward with all the latest medical equipment.

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**19.Dr.Vanita Arora**

**ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR & HEAD, MAX HEALTHCARE SUPERSPECIALITY HOSPITAL,  
SAKET, NEW DELHI, INDIA**

She discovered my interest in cardiac electrophysiology. She learned that a simple heartbeat can reveal so much about a patient's heart condition. She admired the patience and analytical skill that is required in a good cardiac electrophysiologist. It is an exciting time to be an electrophysiologist. It is truly a comprehensive field, combining surgery, imaging, and internal medicine into one area.

**20.Bomi Bhote**

**CEO, Ruby Hall Clinic- Pune**

"Dream. Learn. Do. Become." These few words aptly describe Mr. Bomi Bhote – a man with a true sense of conviction to work towards a dream; a dream to make Ruby Hall Clinic a world class leader in the healthcare industry providing compassionate and personalized patient care. With enough energy to inspire not just himself but so many others; coupled with the desire to impart high quality learning and his ability to bring out the best in others, he not only transformed the face of this internationally acclaimed hospital, but also shaped it into one of the most sought after places to work at.

**21.Dr.Kh Palin**

**CHAIRMAN CUM MANAGING DIRECTOR, SHIJA HOSPITALS AND RESEARCH  
INSTITUTE, LANGOL, IMPHAL- MANIPUR**

Our Mission Myanmar has enhanced the goodwill between the two nations-India and Myanmar through healthcare services. India needs Myanmar for connecting with ASEAN nations. We have conducted free surgical camps at General Hospital, Monywa (Cleft Lip and Palate, Cataract, Key Hole Surgery) in collaboration with Indian Consul General and Government of Myanmar.

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**22.Rupak Barua**

**Group CEO, AMRI Hospitals Ltd-Kolkata**

Mr. Rupak Barua, is a name well-known in healthcare sector of India. After his post graduation in Marketing, he has also successfully completed specialized Management Development Program in Hospital Management from both from IIM (Ahmadabad) and IIM (Bangalore).

A career in healthcare industry spanning for more than 3 decades, he has held several senior positions of increasing responsibilities in major corporate hospitals of the city. Having tons of experience for many years in the Healthcare sector, currently Mr. Barua is heading AMRI Hospitals Ltd. as it's Group Chief Executive Officer.

**23.Dr. A.A. Hai**

**Managing Director & Chief Consultant, Hai Medicare & Research Institute Director General Surgery and Head of Academic Courses Paras HMRI Hospital, Bailey Road- Patna**

He was born in Patna and His father Khan Saheb Padam Bhushan Dr. Mohammad Abdul Hai was a nationally renowned physician of his time. Joining the medical profession came naturally, not only to him but also to his two brothers who today by God's grace are doing extremely well in the United States of America. Most of his medical education and training was done at the Patna medical college and He would like to place on record that despite all the criticisms and deficiencies it was and is still a great institution with few parallels in the country. Based on this training He was able to clear part 1 of his FRCS (Edin.) within one week of stay in U. K. and subsequently cleared the final FRCS after one month stay there.

**24.Dr.A.Zameer Pasha**

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**Prof. Dr. A. Zameer Pasha, M.S., FICS., FAIS., FIAMS., DIP.MAS., FIAGES., FALS.  
SHANAWAZ HOSPITAL, THILLAINAGAR, TRICHY – TAMIL NADU**

Success begins at the end of your comfort zone! 25 years ago, it gave me a sense of achievement to travel to Germany to train in the art of Laparoscopy or minimal access surgery which was unheard of in our part of the world. All these years and more than 15000 laparoscopic procedures later, this journey has been made even more fulfilling by the joy and privilege of having trained more than 250 surgeons from India and SAARC countries, who are all now leaders in their own right!

**25. Dr. Suresh K Pandey**

**Director, SuVi Eye Institute & Lasik Laser Center, Secretary, Indian Medical Association (IMA),  
Kota- Rajasthan**

I am a self-made man and I rose from very humble beginnings to receive the best possible Ophthalmic Surgical training in India and overseas, and I am happy I could come back to my own area and people and do good work among my own people. I want to encourage and inspire young doctors to come back to their roots and provide good services in areas, where they are needed and valued.

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