

DR. T. S. KLER

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Dr Kler had done his MBBS from Patiala and his MD in Medicine & DM in Cardiology from PGI Chandigarh. He worked in **Saudi Arabia** for a few years, establishing a Cardiology unit in one of their tertiary care centre. He completed his **MRCP from UK** before returning to India and has been associated with Escorts Heart Institute & Research Centre, New Delhi since then. He underwent a **Senior Fellowship programme at Milwaukee, USA**, which allowed him to extend his expertise beyond the area of Interventional Cardiology into Electrophysiology. This fellowship enabled him to further enhance the quality of care offered in the Electrophysiology & Pacing department that he started at Escorts Hospital. He is currently working as a **Director of Cardiac Cath Lab & Cardiac Arrhythmia Services &** at Escorts Heart Institute & Research Centre, New Delhi. He is also the **Director of Escorts Heart Institute & Super Speciality Hospital, Amritsar** that he instituted in 2003.

Awards:

- Dr. Kler has been recognized for his outstanding work with many **awards**, the prominent ones being.
- **The Great Son of India Award'** given by International Recognised Talented Indians (FIRTI) by Sahibzada Ajit Singh Academy, Roopnagar, Punjab in February 2003.
- **The Citation Awarded'** on behalf of Escorts Heart Institute, Delhi by **Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam** (President of India) in December 2002.
- **Vijay Ratna Award'** given by India International Friendship Society for Enriching Human Life and Outstanding Attainments.

Membership:

- Dr. Kler is a **Member** of the North American Society of Pacing & Electrophysiology (**NASPE**)
- Fellow of American College of Cardiology (**FACC**)
- Fellow of Royal College of Physicians (**FRCP, UK**)
- Member of various Indian professional bodies like ICC, CSI, API, IMA & DMA.
- He is also a **scientific advisor** to various multinational companies like Boston Scientific, Medtronic, Guidant & Medical Concepts, all Incorporated in USA.

Firsts to his credit ,

- Establishing the 1st Electrophysiology Department in India at Escorts Hospital.
- The 1st one to implant an ICD in S.E. Asia.
- The 1st to implant a Heart Failure Device (Bi-ventricular pacemaker) in S.E. Asia.
- The 1st to implant a Combo device in S.E. Asia.
- The 1st one to perform Radio Frequency Ablation in Sri Lanka.
- He has also helped to establish Cardiology Departments at various centers in Jalandhar, Chandigarh & Panipat, thus bringing quality medical care to people outside the metropolitan cities.

Achievements:

- Dr. Kler is a very active interventional cardiologist and has performed more than 3,500 coronary, renal & peripheral angioplasties.
- He is an expert electro physiologist, being the highest implanter of ICD's & Combo devices in the country.
- He has about **120 national & international journal articles** to his name & has been on the editorial board of Indian Heart Journal.
- Dr. Kler is regularly invited as a **guest faculty** to various National & Interventional conferences like NASPE & ACC.
- He has been a guest faculty in USA, France, Australia, Pakistan, Srilanka, Bangladesh & Singapore.
- Over the last 15 years Dr.Kler has personally **trained more than 100 cardiologists** in India to perform advanced techniques of angiography, angioplasty & electrophysiology.

Dr. Kler's constant endeavour is to improve Electrophysiology facilities in the country and bring them at par with western standards. His motto in life now is to bring quality heart care facilities to the common man in the country at affordable prices and at his doorstep.

Dr Ramakanta Panda has Fellowships in cardiovascular and Thoracic surgery including heart transplant from Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, U.S.A. He was a Senior Registrar heart transplant and cardiac surgery at Harefield Hospital, Harefield, London, UK under Prof. Magdi Yacoub.

One of the best Cardiac Surgeons in the country, he has performed over 6000 open-heart surgeries. He is one of the pioneering cardiac surgeons in India in use of arterial conduits for bypass grafting, Redo coronary artery bypass grafting, severely damaged hearts and cardiac remodeling. He performs more than 99% bypass surgeries by beating heart technique and most bypass surgeries using arterial conduits only, which is far superior to conventional use of vein grafts from leg. He has one of the safest records in the world with a mortality of less than 0.5% in isolated coronary bypass surgeries for last 5 years.