

children (with an average of 300 patients transferred from other hospitals every year), PICU consistently outperforms the national averages, both in the area of reduced mortality rates and length of patient stays. More than 60 nurses monitor patient progress in this department minute-to-minute, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

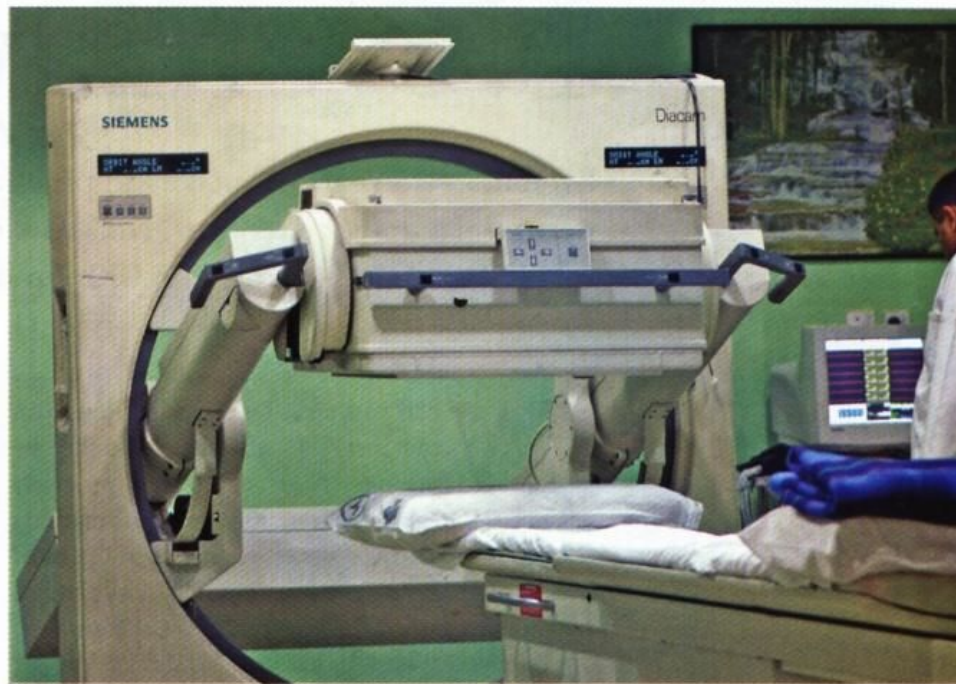
Pathology department: The department is equipped to carry out a wide range of tests in the area of hematology, biochemistry, histopathology and microbiology. The department functions 24*7 to ensure that tests are carried out and reports are made available when the need arises. The department conducts nearly 2,000 tests every day. Well-trained staff backed up by latest technology support provides the most authentic results.

Imparting knowledge

Lilavati Hospital has today reached the level of excellence, in demonstrating and imparting knowledge in the field of complex angioplasty to the world. A group of cardiologists from the hospital have demonstrated angioplasties of three very difficult cases with 100 per cent blockage in patients along with low heart function to an audience of over 1,500 cardiologists from across the world assembled at the 4th Asian Interventional Cardiovascular Therapeutics conference in Bangkok. Each of these cases was highly complex and demanded procedure needing expertise and huge technological back up. The doctors assembled in Bangkok communicated with the doctors in Lilavati to clarify all their doubts while this teaching and transmission was on with the help of the hospital's in-built telemedicine facility.

SEWA

The social service department of the hospital serves the health needs of all the people irrespective of class and social backgrounds. SEWA runs on the strong virtues of humanity. It seeks to bridge the gap between the needy patients and the fast moving medical technology of the third millennium. The hospital extends a helping hand of good health to all its patients by way of providing free OPD services, free medical and surgical services including expensive procedures like CABG, valve replacement, cancer and orthopaedic surgery to the needy patients, providing aid to the civil defence as well as conducting medical camps throughout the country. As a part of their largest project, the hospital also runs a eye bank named as Roshni Eye Bank, which is well equipped, efficient, equitable and comprehensive centre for corneal removal, processing, storing, supplying and transplant. Under the banner of Roshni Eye



■ Nuclear Medicine Centre

Bank the hospital has organised corneal grafting diagnostic camp following free corneal transplants. SEWA has undertaken numerous projects of welfare and is always on the look out for more opportunities to lend a hand.

Research

It has been Lilavati's constant effort to evaluate and develop technologies for offering better healthcare to their patients. One of the important aims of the research centre at Lilavati Hospital is to establish community based epidemiological research in cerebrovascular disease in stroke. The centre functions under the guidelines of the department of science and technology. The research centre has been recognised by WHO by a special grant, to conduct the WHO STEPwise approach to stroke surveillance in a defined community (H-ward) in Mumbai. The hospital continuously strives to improve upon the lives of the present and future generations through responsible application of medical technologies and clinical researches in an environment of understanding and care for the sick people at large welfare of the community in particular.

On the anvil

With the hospital completing more than a decade of super-speciality service, the management would be interested in planning a new hospital in the city. The foremost focus of the hospital is to find new avenues to provide best quality care to the needy people. **MM**

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