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Heart surgeries shown live at Badr Cardiocon

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Four heart surgeries, conducted through interventional cardiology technology at the Cardiac Catheterisation Laboratory of Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences, Kochi, India, were beamed live to a select gathering of doctors at Al Bustan Palace InterContinental Hotel Muscat on Friday.

The operations were carried out on four patients over a span of a couple of hours. About 150 doctors from across the sultanate participated in the seminar titled 'Badr Cardiocon 2011' which was organised by Badr al Samaa Group of Hospitals and Polyclinics.

Speaking about the operations, Dr Benny Panakkal, group medical director and chief cardiologist, Badr al Samma, said, "Treatment of heart diseases without surgery and through the use of special instruments such as balloons and small devices is known as interventional cardiology. Previously, a bypass surgery was conducted even for a minor heart problem whereas such surgeries should be done only in extreme cases. With the help of interventional cardiology, most heart complications can be cured."

Dr K K Haridas, professor and chairman of cardiology at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, who moderate the conference, said, "The interventional cardiology operation is safer although it needs more time and patience."

The first operation was carried on a 32 year old who had a hole in his heart. The second patient was a 42 year old man who had suffered an acute heart attack. Another patient had blockages in his heart. The youngest patient was a 20 year female medical student.

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