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NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM AT AIMS CONCLUDES

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THE two-day national symposium on 'Cardiac re-synchronisation therapy for advanced heart failure' concluded at the Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre here on Sunday.

Eminent cardiac electrophysiologists across the country participated in the deliberations. Dr Razali Omar and Dr Azlan from the National Institute of Cardiology, Malaysia, shared their experience with the Indian experts. During the symposium, there was live transmission of the implantation of state of the art of cardiac re-synchronisation pacemakers. These devices by virtue stimulation the heart at multiple points, achieve re-synchronisation of various chambers of the failing heart, resulting in improvement in the pumping function and in selected subset of patients with advanced heart failure in whom optimum medical therapy has not resulted in any improvement.

The course director Dr K U Natarajan said, the significant symptomatic relief, improvement in quality of life, reduction in hospitalisation and prolongation of survival could be achieved by this therapy, while sharing the AIMS experience.

A continuing medical education programme conducted as a part of the symposium was attended by a large number of physicians and cardiologists from the state.

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