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3M India, a subsidiary of leading global innovation company has signed a MoU with Infusion Nurses Society (INS-Ind) to launch “INFUZE”, a quality improvement program in Infusion therapy in India. The program is aimed at improving compliance to the best practices in Infusion therapy. As an extension to the partnership with INS-Ind since its inception, 3M India, now as the technical partner, will design workshop modules and conduct initial compliance assessment.

While Infusion therapy is viewed as niche segment, insertion and maintenance of peripheral intravascular catheters is expected of every registered nurse. The importance of this is missed in the absence of a dedicated curriculum. Addressing this, 3M India will create educational modules and checklists on the INS Policy and Procedures, and also conduct training workshops in the enrolled centers to help them comply with the Infusion Therapy Policy and Procedures and Guidance Manual. 3M India will also undertake an initial compliance assessment of the center within two months of completion of every workshop.

Rajiv Gupta, Country Business Leader, HCBG, 3M India, said, “We at 3M, believe in giving back to our customers and communities. We have continuously invested in promoting global healthcare best practices through our products and services. “Patient safety” is one of the most discussed issues in healthcare worldwide, including India. Our association with INS India, through INFUZE is built on strengthening this cause through means of standardization of healthcare practices in Infusion Therapy.”

Ninad Gadgil, ex- Country Business Leader, HCBG, 3M India, said, “We are proud of our association with INS India, as founding members through its inception. It is an added privilege to be a technical partner for the program. The commitment of the members of INS India, who not only do their day job but also invest time in helping raise the standards of the entire industry, is outstanding. We are confident that INFUZE will help improve the adoption of best practices in infusion therapy and play a remarkable role in the standardization of health care practices.”

Binu Sharma, President INS India, said, “INS India has been thinking of initiating excellence awards in infusion therapy through an objectively driven program. “INFUZE” a quality improvement program in collaboration with 3M has come at the

right time and we are excited that we will be soon completing 10 years. Through INFUZE, INS-India is setting up various forums with industry experts for assessments and audits; technical committee with nurse leader experts and an advisory panel of critical care clinicians. The online course on peripheral cannulation is a welcome move and the first in line of the education that the organization intends to offer to its members. We are looking at other avenues to expand the reach and educate."

Keeping in mind the graduality of the program, a 5-member core committee will be formed in every hospital to discuss and ensure successful execution. The program is relying on the "Infusion Therapy Standards of Practice" and "Policies and Procedures in Infusion Therapy" for defining the scope and execution. INS India has close to 3000 lifetime members and new are added with each passing year. Leveraging INS-India's existing presence, the program will start in chapters in Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai, Mumbai, Pune, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Kerala, Bhuvneshwar and Chandigarh.