

Comprehensive stroke care launched in Egypt as part of revolutionary partnership between Elite Hospital and Medtronic

Collaboration will see brand new center dedicated to advanced stroke care inaugurated in Alexandria and the neighboring delta region to provide access for more than 15 million inhabitants

March xx , 2022 – Elite Hospital and Medtronic, have announced the launch of first of its kind collaboration in Egypt to deliver advanced stroke care, specifically in Alexandria and neighboring cities, through the establishment of a unique comprehensive center for stroke care.

The partnership between Elite Hospital and Medtronic will see the stroke center equipped with advanced tools and solutions to evaluate and enhance stroke-patient care pathways from the moment they are admitted to ER. Boasting clinical team excellence, hospital stroke process preparation, and stroke care continuum optimization, the care center will utilize Elite Hospital's solutions and Medtronic's expertise to improve stroke care efficiencies and improved the patient experience.

Stroke is a condition where the blood supply to the brain is disrupted, resulting in oxygen starvation, brain damage, and loss of function, which can cause permanent damage, including partial paralysis and impairment in speech, comprehension and memory. The term "Time is brain" is also often used in stroke care to emphasize that initial acute ischemic stroke treatment must be delivered within 3 hours of having a stroke.

In Egypt, over 200 thousand cases of stroke occur each year, and due to limited access to treatment, it is the third highest cause of death and the leading cause of disability in the country, placing a significant long-term emotional and financial burden on patients and their families, as well as the healthcare system.

“This partnership with Medtronic to improve stroke care in Egypt and address the growing burden of stroke could not come at a more critical time,” said **Dr. Sherif Zidan, Chief Executive Officer of Elite Hospital**. “Only one percent of stroke cases receive timely care in Egypt. However, through our easily accessible state-of-the-art facility, we are able to respond and serve patients across many areas, not just Alexandria, which will be vital as time is so crucial when it comes to stroke.”

“As a trusted partner in healthcare, we are unwavering in our commitment to driving better stroke care and helping the local health system to alleviate pain, restore health, and extend the life of patients,” said **Eman Aly, Regional Head at Medtronic**. “By working alongside Elite Hospital, we hope to establish a vast network in Egypt, which will not only help save lives, but also improve the quality of life for patients that suffer from stroke.”

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About Elite Hospital

Elite Hospital is the first hospital in Egypt to provide the model of integrated medical Centers Of Excellence. Elite is located in Alexandria and hosts 100 beds and an intensive care unit with a capacity of 50 beds, offering coronary care and cardiothoracic, pediatric, neonatal, general and specialized unit for organ transplant. Elite specialties include Emergency and trauma center, an integrated radiology center, and an advanced cathlab unit.

About Medtronic

Medtronic plc (www.medtronic.com), headquartered in Dublin, Ireland, is among the world's largest medical technology, services and solutions companies - alleviating pain, restoring health and extending life for millions of people around the world. Medtronic employs more than 90,000 people worldwide, serving physicians, hospitals and patients in approximately 150 countries. The company is focused on collaborating with stakeholders around the world to take healthcare Further, Together.

About Stroke

By learning and sharing the F.A.S.T. warning signs, you just might save a life from stroke. Use the letters in F.A.S.T to spot a Stroke.

F = Face Drooping – Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile. Is the person's smile uneven?

A = Arm Weakness – Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

S = Speech Difficulty – Is speech slurred?

T = Time to call Emergency line

Globally, over 13 million people will have a stroke each year and around 5.5 million people will die as a result. The impact of stroke can be short- and long-term, depending on which part of the brain is affected and how quickly it is treated. Stroke survivors can experience wide-ranging disabilities including difficulties with mobility and speech, as well as how they think and feel.

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