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Prof Ross Crawford and Dr. Hugh English from Prince Charles Hospital, Brisbane and a team of National Faculty members who are experts in their respective fields, including renowned orthopaedicians Prof. O.N. Nagi and Dr. Y. Kharbanda, came together and shared their knowledge, views and experiences with the Exeter hip stem.

The two-day course, divided into six sessions of live demonstration, imparting of techniques and discussion wherein Prof. Nagi and Prof. Crawford deliberated with the participants and introduced the latest concepts and new developments.

The 'Exeter Hip' was introduced into clinical practice in November 1970 and has performed extremely well over the years, despite the very basic cementing techniques being used at that time.

'The hip replacement Exeter stem manufactured by Stryker has 33 years of follow up and beyond, which is significantly longer than the standard life expectancy for the medical implants of 10-12 years,' said Vishal Gupta, General Manager, Stryker India.

'People cope up with crippling pain until they are older because they think a hip replacement will only last about 10 years. However, patients should be aware that if total hip replacement is performed by a competent surgeon, utilizing latest cementing & surgical technique, choosing the right implant such as Exeter and alike, the surgery can definitely last for more than 40 years as the literature already depicts excellent follow up of 35 years.'" Prof. O.N. Nagi, Senior Orthopaedics Consultant, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital.

'Surgeons recommend Exeter Hip Replacement due to its long standing history and convincing clinical and radiological evidence from living patients that the way in which the polished Exeter stem functions and transmits load is different from that of more conventional cemented stems,' said Dr. Y. Kharbanda, Senior Consultant Orthopaedics, Indraprastha Apollo Hospital.

Exeter is the most widely and commonly used cemented hip replacement in the world. It has already crossed 6 lakhs implants worldwide out of which 3 lakhs have been implanted in the last four years.

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