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Indraprastha Apollo Hospital has become the first hospital in India to get a JCI accreditation for US and European Hospitals

Here's what you need to know about this landmark achievement:

From the New Indian Express New Delhi, June 18 **'Apollo Hospital gets US accreditation'**

Indraprastha Apollo Hospital has become the first Indian hospital to be cleared for Joint Commission International (JCI), which is the gold standard for US and European accreditation. The accreditation certificate is expected at the end of the month.

Hospitals are seeking international accreditation because it assures patients that best standards are followed in a safe environment. Apart from reassuring patients of the quality of treatment, international certification such as this one will help hospitals attract more foreign patients.

With 50 million Americans without health insurance and the waiting lists for state-run facilities often endless in the UK, Canada and Europe, foreigners are increasingly flocking to India because it offers quality treatment at a fifth of the cost abroad.

The announcement was made on Friday after JCI surveyors inspected the hospital against set benchmarks in patient care, clinical research protocols and healthcare delivery systems. The team surveyed the hospital on healthcare delivery, infection control and patient safety.'

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Indraprastha Apollo Hospital has become the first in India to get a Joint Commission Accreditation.

Joint Commission International (JCI) surveyors, Marlis Daerr, Ann Fonville and Dr. Marrion Snowden found patient care, infrastructure and staff efficiency in the Mathura Road hospital impressive, after surveying it for five days.

We spoke to patients in great detail to find that a full diagnosis was done within 24 hours of every single patient who was admitted. This is quite rare in hospitals, said Daerr.

The JCI is a subsidiary of the Joint Commission on Accreditation for Healthcare Organisations (JCAHO), a 50 year old US-based NGO which awards gold status to hospitals in South-East Asia and Europe'.

'Snowden said he found the hospital management scenario in India better than in the US where all doctors being external employees are not attached to a particular hospital.

This setup, he said, provides for lesser accountability and control over functioning of hospitals.'

From the Business Standard **'Overseas Accreditation - Indraprastha'**

Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, a joint venture between the government of India and Apollo Hospitals Enterprise Ltd. was granted accreditation by the Joint Commission International (JCI), stated a press release. JCI accreditation, which is a benchmark for patient care and safety in several hospitals in US and Europe, is the first ever for any hospital in India, the release added.'