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WORLD HEART DAY 2009

Spotlight on the Cardiac Campaign launched by Fortis Clinique Darné

(Floréal, September 28, 2009) Heart disease and stroke are the world's leading causes of death, claiming 17.2 million lives each year. In Mauritius alone, 36% of lives lost, across all ages, are attributable to heart related diseases. However, keeping in mind that 80% of premature heart attacks and strokes are preventable; Fortis Clinique Darné is celebrating the World Heart Day on September 27 by launching a series of activities focused around screening and prevention of heart disease.

Fortis Clinique Darné, the only Clinique to have a comprehensive cardiac thoracic and vascular surgery program in the private sector in Mauritius till recently, has an experience of performing more than 3,000 cardiac procedures since 2003. This includes more than 2,250 angiographies, 670 angioplasties, 135 pacemaker implants and 175 open heart surgeries. The Department of Cardiac Science and Critical Care at the Clinique is well equipped with an intensive care unit to provide care for patients in acute phase.

Fortis Clinique Darné is now affiliated to the world renowned Fortis-Escorts Cardiac program in India, which has performed over 2 million cardiac procedures with a success rate as high as 98.4%. The Clinique is further strengthening its cardiac program in Mauritius through clinical collaboration with Fortis-Escorts with a focus on improved treatment results and patient care.

As a leading healthcare provider, Fortis Clinique Darné's focus is now centred around creating awareness, and what better way to follow the Influenza A (H1N1) awareness effort than with a campaign focused on prevention of heart related diseases. The Clinique will be organising heart screening camps and awareness lectures at various locations. For the public at large, the Clinique will be offering a large number of cardiac screening tests at heavily discounted rates.

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