

New heart centre at Zulekha hospital

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DR SHAWL, a world-renowned Interventional Cardiologist, along with his US-based team is developing a state-of-the-art heart centre at Zulekha Hospital in conjunction with Rashid Hospital.

He will be jointly involved in many innovative device research programmes.

Dr Shawl is presently clinical professor of Medicine and Director of Interventional Cardiovascular Medicine at George Washington University Hospital School of Medicine in Washington DC, US., as well as director of Interventional Cardiology, at Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, MD, US.

From April 2 to April 5

he will again be performing procedures of many innovative techniques which will be the first of their kind in this region.

In this visit he will also perform new non-surgical methods of closing birth defects. A case was attended on Monday by Dr Shawl and his US-based team at the upcoming SCIRC Zulekha hospital and on the same day, one of

the first of its kind in Dubai on a young diabetic patient.

He suffered a massive heart attack a few weeks before for which he received emergency angioplasty for his six blockages by Dr Shawl. He was so sick that Dr Shawl had to cancel his flight twice. The patient was discharged a few days later. He is now left with a very weak heart

muscle, thus prone to sudden death. In order to reduce such a risk he will receive a special device called Automatic Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator (AICD), similar to the one placed on. Interestingly, this patient will get the similar device implantation by the same physician who operated on Vice-President of the United States Dick Cheney.