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20 doctors, staff quit Max heart institute

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CLOSE TO 20 doctors and support staff led by senior cardiothoracic surgeon Anil Bhan resigned from Max Devki Devi Heart and Vascular Institute in the capital on Thursday.

In striking similarity to Dr Naresh Trehan's fallout with Ranbaxy-promoted Escorts hospital, Dr Bhan and his team walked out after a conflict with the hospital management.

Dr Bhan and his support staff are likely to join Trehan's Medicity project, coming up in Gurgaon. The project is likely to take off by mid-2008.

For the time being, Dr Bhan and his team are likely to join either Dr Trehan's team at Indraprastha Apollo Hospital or Action Balaji—where Dr Trehan is setting up the cardiac unit.

Among others who resigned were Sushant Srivastva, Dinsh Mittal, A. Pandey (all cardiothoracic surgeons) and V. Mahajan (paediatric sur-

geon). Senior officials at Max Healthcare confirmed the news, but maintained that only a small part of their cardiac team had left.

"Only 13-14 people have resigned and this number includes the support staff. The exodus is not due to a conflict with the management," said Dr Pervez Ahmed, Executive Director, Medical Operations, Max Healthcare.

Bhan had been instrumental in setting up the cardiothoracic department at Max Devki Devi Heart and Vascular Institute.

He had joined the super specialty hospital in South Delhi after resigning from the post of Additional Professor at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) three years back.

Last year, Naresh Trehan had left Escorts hospital in similar circumstances after a conflict with the management. He along with over 20 doctors and staff later joined Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals.

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