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IJN ENHANCES ITS 24-HOUR HEART ATTACK CENTRE TO BETTER SERVE PATIENTS

KUALA LUMPUR, April 24, 2019: Institut Jantung Negara (IJN) today announced an upgrade of its Heart Attack Centre, which offers emergency treatment to those suffering from a heart attack.

This upgrade includes a collaboration with First Ambulance Services, where patients will be able to better access the centre and receive critical treatment.

First Ambulance Services will provide a dedicated phone line as well as discounted rates for patients using its private ambulances to the centre.

Set up since 1995, the IJN Heart Attack Centre provides 24-hour care to those afflicted by heart attacks by performing life-saving emergency treatment. The primary procedure carried out by the Heart Attack Centre is Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI), which has proven to be effective in preventing serious heart damage or death resulting from heart attacks.

PCI is a non-invasive procedure and utilises cardiac catheterisation to open narrowed or blocked arteries to allow blood flow to the heart. The procedure, if performed in time, has been shown to significantly improve patient outcomes before they seek long-term treatment.

IJN Chief Executive Officer Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Azhari Yakub said he hoped the collaboration will enable more patients to make use of the IJN Heart Attack Centre.

“For PCI to be truly effective, time is of the essence – the faster you get it done, the more likely you will be able to avoid serious heart damage, or even death.

“I am confident that First Ambulance, with its strong track record of servicing other large hospitals in the country, will be able patients to get to us quickly and a reasonable price,” he said.

The IJN Heart Attack Center emergency number, 1300 88 5111.