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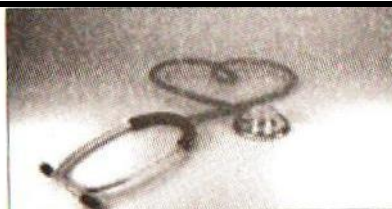
Liver transplant unit

A **LIVER** transplant unit has opened at the Nasr Institute Hospital and another unit to provide viral hepatitis treatment and carry out blood tests for hepatitis C virus was opened recently at the Dar el Shefa Hospital by Minister of Health and Population Dr Ahmed Emad.

The cost of the establishment of the transplant unit, which has five beds, was LE 4 million. It is part of a programme to increase the number of liver treatment centres that provide patients with new medications. Nasr hospital has already carried out its first liver transplant operation. It was witnessed by the Minister via a video conference. It is scheduled to carry out one liver transplant operation a week at least. Dr Hisham Zaazou, Manager of Nasr Hospital said that the Ministry would pay the cost of the operations in collaboration with NGOs.

Conf. on tumours

THE second international conference on tumours organised by the oncology department of Ain Shams University ended recently. The conference discussed research papers on breast and lung cancer, prostate cancer and tumours of the digestive system,



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neck and head. The participants reviewed new radio and chemotherapy treatment techniques. Oncologists called on NGOs to provide funding for patients who could not afford medications. According to Manal Mo'wad, Head of the Oncology Department, cancer in Egypt is constantly increasing. She said that the conference had reviewed the most up-to-date research related biological therapy. This is based on targeting the cancerous cells to prevent them from dividing and spreading.

The conference included a session chaired by Dr Lubna Ezz Al Arab. It discussed the role of NGOs in supporting patients with cancer and developing the oncology department, Ain Shams University.