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THE first Multiple Sclerosis (MS) unit has been opened in Alexandria, to serve MS patients in Alex and the cities of the Nile Delta. The opening ceremony was attended by Prof. Magdy Hegazy, Ministry of Health Undersecretary in Alexandria and Prof. Farouk Talaat, Professor of Neurology.

"The new unit will enhance the quality of medical services offered to Multiple Sclerosis (MS) patients in the Alexandria and Delta region. The unit is equipped to accommodate all the MS patients in that area," said Dr. Talaat, the supervisor of the unit. "Partnering with one of the pharmaceutical companies producing MS medication, will help improve the standard of healthcare provided to MS patients by offering them



FROM left to right Dr Farouk Talaat, professor of neurology, Dr Magdy Hegazi, the ministry of health under-secretary and Dr Mohamed el Borey, the head of neurology department, Alexandria University, announcing the opening of Multiple Sclerosis (MS) unit.

one of the most effective treatments. We call on all our stakeholders including State bodies, the private sector, businessmen and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to support the newly opened unit, to help enhance the quality of life of Egyptian MS patients, especially since most of them are no more than 20 to 40 years old." Dr Talaat added.

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), the worldwide prevalence*rate of MS is 30 cases per 100,000

inhabitants in the 20-40 age group. In Egypt, it is estimated that 20,000 to 40,000 people are suffering from the disease. MS is an inflammatory condition in which the insulating covers of nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord are damaged. The disease affects the central nervous system and, if left untreated, results in a wide range of symptoms, including visual disturbances, motor disturbances, limb weakness and loss of coordinated of movement.