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# Haematology unit inaugurated at Al Manial Specialised Hospital

Al Manial Specialised Hospital inaugurated a new haematology unit to support adult patients, in collaboration with Novartis and Egypt's top specialists. An important milestone, the inauguration is yet another step to improve healthcare services in Egypt and alleviate the physical, financial, and psychological burden on patients.

Ahmed Sobhy, general manager of Cairo University Hospitals, said, "under the patronage of Dr Fathy Khodair, dean of Cairo University's Faculty of Medicine, the support and care offered by Cairo University Hospitals now encompasses a haematology unit for adults within Al Manial Specialised Hospital, providing patients with a full spectrum of services, including the transfusion of blood derivatives, chemotherapy, and immunotherapy to treat anaemia, bleeding, thrombosis, and leukaemia patients."

Mervat Mattar, professor of blood disorders at Cairo University, said,



"until the year 2000, chronic leukaemia patients suffered from the lack of effective medication, with bone marrow transplants seen as patients' only recourse, despite their low success rates and higher mortality. The advent of target therapies gave patients hope, and the development of second-generation therapies was an unprecedented breakthrough in the treatment of leukaemia, bringing survival rates up

to 90%, and helping achieve rapid recovery with diligent follow-up."

Mattar emphasised Novartis' role in providing patients with necessary genetic PCR testing since 2003, helping to monitor chronic leukaemia patients and follow up on their treatment progress.

Ahmed Kennawy, manager of Al Manial Specialised Hospital, said, "we work to provide haematology pa-

tients with access to comprehensive and integrated services, guaranteeing advanced diagnosis and treatment. Haematology is now a core element of the hospital's specialisations, providing treatment for anaemia, leukaemia, and other blood disorders. Moreover, we have also inaugurated a new surgical centre and introduced cardiac catheterisation and care services."