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**Kusuma Trust donates Ventilators to St Bernard's Hospital**

Kusuma Trust Gibraltar is delighted to present St Bernard's Hospital with a new Evita<sup>®</sup> XL to add to the GHA's existing stock of ventilators.

Kusuma is involved in a wide range of work with the community, from its Excellence Scholarship programme and Professional Development Grant scheme to projects aimed at working in support of and enhancing local community life.

The Kusuma Trust Gibraltar was set up by Dr Soma Pujari and Anurag Dikshit as a philanthropic enterprise recognising the contribution Gibraltar has made to their lives.

The Evita<sup>®</sup> XL provides outstanding ventilation therapy and easy-to-use operation encompassing the entire scope of the needs of an ITU patient.

The new model of ventilator helps the doctors and nurse find the optimal ventilation settings, supports the weaning of the patient from the ventilator and reduces staff workload in the process.

It has new computer software which gives a clearer reading of the settings, better performance and even easier operation. It also offers smoother ventilation for increased patient comfort and improved caring for the person being ventilated by responding quickly to individual patient requirements and changing ventilation situations. After removal of the breathing tube it allows for ongoing monitoring of non-invasive ventilation and oxygen therapy for patients using a single compact device thus potentially reducing any risks to patients.

Commenting on the presentation, Dominique Searle, who advises the trust said: "I should declare an interest here in raising this particular item. I had the misfortune of being ill enough to almost be put on a ventilator earlier this year and the good fortune of being in the very capable hands of the doctors and nurses at St Bernard's, our local hospital. Hopefully the need for ventilators will be low but I know that additional equipment will always be useful and appreciated by the GHA and its professional staff."

“We were extremely pleased to receive the donation and we used the occasion to add yet another machine to our complement” said Dr David McCutcheon Chief Executive of the GHA. The GHA now has four similar machines meaning that we are very well resourced for care of ventilated patients.

Dr Soma Pujari will be presenting the ventilator to the GHA at 11a.m. on Wednesday June 22 2011 in the ITU. Members of the Media are welcome to cover the event. Please gather at the Main Entrance to St Bernard’s Hospital at 10:50.