



## **Promulgation of Advanced Trauma Care for Nurses to India**

On March 11, 2010 a team of four Advanced Trauma Care for Nurses (ATCN) National faculty started the Promulgation of ATCN in New Delhi, India. This work first began in October 2009 when Prof. Mesh Mirsa, Chief of Surgery and Trauma Centre A.I.I.M.S. in New Delhi, India meet with Richard Henn, ATCN International Chair for the Society of Trauma Nurses at the ATLS International Congress meeting which was held in Chicago, IL. Dr. Subash Gutaum, ATLS National Director for the United Arab Emerites (UAE) joined the meeting during which both physicians discussed the importance of the Promulgation of ATCN to India. They stated that in October 2010 New Delhi will be the host of the 2010 Common Wealth Games and the preparation of the nurses in trauma management was essential should the need arise. During the next six months work was undertaken to prepare for this very important promulgation of ATCN to India.

On March 9 the ATCN faculty arrived in New Delhi and it did not take long for the team to understand the importance of this training. India is a country of over one billion people and has over 90 different modes of transportation that use their roads, these include but not limited to bicycles, rickshaws, cars, buses, mules, camels and yes elephants as a means of transportation on main highways. The Trauma Centre A.I.I.M.S is the only trauma center presently in India and they see between 120-140 trauma patients a day. There are over 130,000 deaths a year from trauma in India, that's more three times the number of trauma deaths in the United States.

On March 11, 2010 the ATCN National Faculty comprised of Richard Henn, ATCN International Chair from the USA, Pam Nyman, Germany, Severo Jose, UAE and Emad Dababneh, UAE begun the first class at the Trauma Centre A.I.I.M.S. education facilities. The first 16 nurses attended the 2 ½ day ATLS/ATCN program, from these 16 nurses 9 nurses were selected to attend the ATCN instructors course, after a short one day off to prepare these nurses attended an intense two day instructor course. All nine students completed the instructors program and after one day off taught their first 2 ½ day provider course to 16 new students under the guidance of the National faculty.

From the original 9 instructors the National ATCN faculty discussed with Prof. Mahesh Mirsa and agreed to elevate Mr. Suresh Chand Sangi to ATCN Course Director India. In addition Ms. Sunita A. Nair and Ms. Savita Shokeen were elevated to National ATCN Educator's for India.

On March 21 the ATCN national faculty departed for their home countries. The faculty was sad to leave our new friends and family (ATCN and ATLS faculty) that we made while in India but we feel confident that they will carry on the program and make a difference in the out comes of the trauma patients in India.



A.I.I.M.S only Trauma Center in India



Open Ceremonies Richard Henn, Prof. Mahesh Mirsa and Suresh Sangi



Typical non rush hour traffic



Nurses in Pediatric skill station



First faculty course graduating students