

A medical visionary

DR GEORGE CHERIYAN BELIEVES COVID-19 HAS GIVEN THE WORLD NEW AND ACCELERATED OPPORTUNITIES TO LEVERAGE TECHNOLOGY TO TRANSFORM HOW HEALTHCARE IS DELIVERED AND EXPERIENCED

Dr George Cheriyan, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Medical Officer of American Mission Hospital (AMH), has been one of the renowned doctors in the Kingdom. His views on public health and related topics are taken seriously by the authorities here, making the senior medical practitioner one of the highest health policy influencers in the Kingdom.

Dr Cheriyan was trained in Paediatrics and Neonatology at the Hospitals for Sick Children in London and Toronto and worked as Consultant Neonatologist in the National Health Service in the UK before joining

Saudi Aramco in 1991. In his 18 years at Aramco he held various positions including the Head of Neonatology and the Chair of the Healthcare Quality Council.

He also underwent training as an Improvement Adviser at The Institute of Healthcare Improvement (IHI) in Boston and received Healthcare management training at the Harvard Business School before taking up the present appointment.

"As the Corporate CEO of AMH, I have spent over a decade in its transformation, holding onto our core values of service as a not-for-profit hospital, creating a workforce that is both competent and compassionate. Their self-development is important in developing high

performing teams that are capable of delivering safe and quality healthcare today and in the future," he says.

"The Covid-19 pandemic, though a global threat, has also given us new and accelerated opportunities to leverage technology to transform how healthcare is delivered and experienced.

"Covid has added an extra layer on the existing challenges of care needs of ageing populations, and in trying to reverse the relentless increase of Chronic Medical conditions and their impact on the quality of life and the economy.

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use of solar technology to conserve power and the responsible use of water through recycling through RO plants. Sufficient greenery, through targeted landscaping, is added to enhance the environment for our customers and the local community," Dr Cheriyan points out.

Under Dr Cheriyan's leadership, the hospital has grown over the years to become a healthcare system with two hospitals and three ambulatory care facilities that provide the whole cycle of healthcare from birth to end of life care with patient experience and quality healthcare that is affordable, for all segments of the community.

