

Mr Suresh Pattathil- CEO Ferring India

“The CHAMPION trial is a major breakthrough in PPH prevention and demonstrates the value of partnerships between private sector and global health community. We are proud of our role in this pivotal collaboration with World Health Organization and MSD for Mothers to tackle one of the biggest challenges in maternal health in India and the rest of the developing world.”

Dr Vishal Shah- Medical Director Ferring India

“Maternal morbidity and mortality linked to postpartum haemorrhage distresses the entire family. By addressing the challenges in cold chain infrastructure, the innovation that CHAMPION trial tested could benefit not only mothers, their babies and families, but also their wider communities. We will now work to provide access of this new formulation to those who need it, saving lives and supporting the health of families in India and across the world.”

Dr Nandita Palshetkar- President Elect FOGSI (The Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India)

“Even though it is heartening to see India make notable progress in reducing maternal deaths, we are still lagging behind in meeting our Millennium Development Goal targets. The results of the recently published CHAMPION trial will provide us with the much needed momentum to make this goal a reality and ensure that no mothers’ lives are at stake due to inadequate infrastructure.”

Dr Shiva Goudar – Lead investigator –KLE hospital

“PPH is the leading cause of maternal death around the world. Every day, many women have their care compromised in countries which can’t access the refrigeration needed to keep oxytocin effective. The findings from the CHAMPION trial are what we hoped for and we now look forward to the availability of a medicine that can prevent PPH without the need for cold storage. The trial is a landmark for women’s health in countries such as India, where women die every day from excessive bleeding following birth when it could be prevented.”

Dr Yeshita Pujar– KLE hospital

“It is always wonderful to watch a healthy mother taking care of her newborn, and the CHAMPION trial with its breakthrough technology has the potential to achieve that. The positive outcomes for the patients and families who participated in this trial in our hospital, renews our hope of helping communities build better lives.”

Dr Girija Mohanty– Resident, Cuttack hospital

“Every day I see first-hand the devastating effects PPH can have on a mother and her family here in India. It’s extremely frustrating to know that much of this suffering could be prevented if only we could reliably distribute and store medicines in a refrigerator. But accessing the cold-chain facilities necessary to keep medicines effective is challenging and sometimes impossible; we simply don’t have the required sustained cold storage facilities in every clinic. Even before medicines reach us, they risk exposure to very high temperatures on long road journeys, which can be delayed further by extreme weather. Now that the CHAMPION trial has shown that heat-stable carbetocin, which does not need refrigeration, is as effective as oxytocin in preventing PPH, I believe that this innovative medicine could enable us to save the lives of many more women.”