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Dr. Girdhar J. Gyani is Secretary General, Quality Council of India, which is an apex body responsible for establishing and operating national accreditation structure and promoting quality in all walks of life.

Dr. Gyani has nearly 40 years of experience in the areas of Teaching, Research and Quality Management. Dr. Gyani is elected Director on board of International Accreditation Forum (IAF) since 2004. He is also elected Director on board of International Society for Quality in Healthcare (ISQua). Dr Gyani has been instrumental in establishing and institutionalizing of National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH) and is currently its CEO. Dr Gyani has been promoting NABH accreditation as framework with equal emphasis on patient safety and quality in care and which can benefit all stake holders including healthcare providers, regulators, paying agencies and patients at large. NABH which got initiated as a hospitals accreditation body has grown to encompass accreditation programs for **Blood Banks, Wellness Centers, Radiology (Imaging) Centers, Dental Clinics and Day Care Centers.**

He has worked extensively on improving effectiveness of **certification and accreditation** through actual field validation, findings of which have appeared in prominent international quality journals. Dr. Gyani has been promoting using of third party conformity assessment structure in support of regulatory framework and in turn in improving the effectiveness of governance. Dr Gyani is the convener of NTWG which has drafted the Indian national interpretation with reference to Global Gap

Dr. Gyani holds Doctorate degree **in Quality**. He has been conferred with prestigious 16<sup>th</sup> Lal C. Verman Award in the year 2002 in recognition with distinguished contribution in the field of standardization and quality control. He is recipient of Rotary Centenary Award in year 2004 for Excellence in the field of Quality.