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# Forty years of clinical excellence at the Dr A Lakshmipathi Neurosurgical Centre and Post-Graduate Institute of Neurological Surgery, Voluntary Health Services (VHS) Hospital

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#### Abstract:

The Achanta Lakshmipathi Neurosurgical Center (ALNC) and Post Graduate Institute of Neurological Surgery is a private teaching neurosurgical institution located in the VHS (Voluntary Health Services) Hospital Chennai. It has been a leader and trendsetter among the private academic neurosurgical training institutions, and because of its unique legacy, has influenced the progress of Neurosurgery in India. The center was the second neurosurgical Institute to be created by Prof. B Ramamurthi and has trained neurosurgeons in the unique ALNC school of Neurosurgery. The Institute has grown to become a centre of excellence in microsurgery, and spinal surgery and has become a training centre for neurosurgery since 1985. The unique humanitarian aspects of the Voluntary Health Services Hospital helped in bringing the best of Neurosurgery to all strata of society. Forty years after its inception, the ALNC continues its delivery of excellence in clinical neurosurgery and academics.

#### Key Words:

B Ramamurthi, DNB residency, micro neurosurgery workshops, microsurgery, spinal surgery, Textbook of Neurosurgery

#### Key Message:

The Achanta Lakshmipathi Neurosurgical Center (ALNC) and Post Graduate Institute of Neurological Surgery, a private teaching neurosurgical institution located in the VHS (Voluntary Health Services) Hospital, Chennai, is known not only for being an eminent institution of learning and training in neurosciences in South India and the second neurosurgical center to be established by Prof. Ramamurthi, but also for bringing out Textbooks of Neurosurgery that have been extremely popular among students all over the country. This article focuses on the history of this eminent institution.

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