

**Press Release**

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## **10<sup>th</sup> Successful Heart Transplant Surgery Conducted at Fortis Hospital, Mulund**

*~ Lifesaving surgery conducted on 48 year old female recipient from Lalbaug, Mumbai ~  
~ Donor helps enrich lives of five deserving recipients by donating Heart, Liver, Kidneys and Corneas ~*

**Wednesday, February 10th 2016: Fortis Hospital, Mulund** conducted 10<sup>th</sup> successful heart transplant surgery on a 48 year old female who was suffering from Dilated Cardiomyopathy. A heart transplant was essential to save her life. The transplant became possible when a 50 year old female was declared brain dead after she suffered a head injury in a train accident at a hospital in Thane. The family consented to donate her organs to save lives of five deserving recipients through her Heart, Kidneys, Liver and Corneas. The transportation of the donor heart between the two hospitals was completed in **08 Minutes** covering a distance of over **12 KMs**.

Following the pre-decided route from Eastern Express Highway - Airoli Junction – Fortis Hospital, Mulund, the ambulance commenced with the preserved heart at **07.23 AM** and reached Fortis Hospital, Mulund at **07.31 AM**. The Traffic Authorities quickly cleared the traffic on the roads and stalled the red lights in perfectly synchronized manner to enable the donor heart to travel to the hospital in record time.

On successful completion of the heart transplant surgery, conducting surgeon, **Dr Anvay Mulay, Head of Cardiac Transplant Team, Fortis Hospital, Mulund**, said, *“We are proud to reach this milestone. There cannot be anything nobler than to save someone’s life. The donors & their families deserve the greatest applause that saved so many lives through this noble cause of organ donation. Our efforts and other key stakeholders have successfully enabled the cause of organ donation.”* Speaking about the heart transplant surgery, **Dr Mulay** further said, *“The surgery was successfully completed. We’ve moved the patient to the ICU where she is being monitored round the clock for the next 48-72 hours.”*

Speaking about the 10<sup>th</sup> successful heart transplant surgery, which is a milestone for Fortis’ Heart Transplant Programme, **Dr S Narayani, Zonal Director, Fortis Hospital, Mulund**, said, *“This is amongst the many a milestones that we’ve achieved in the past months, beginning with heightened awareness about organ donation within the state, crossing stateliness to enable two successful interstate heart transplants and the much successful Paediatric Cardiac surgeries. For this recipient, the city came together in less than 24 hours to save her life which is a commendable accomplishment. It is indeed a*



*proud moment for Mumbai. Our teams of surgeons, Medical Social Workers and the Nursing staff have set a golden example of clinical excellence”.*

This milestone was only possible because of the immense support we have been getting from the Department of Health, Maharashtra, ZTCC Mumbai ,Police & Traffic Authorities, supporting hospitals and NGO’s who’ve worked in perfect coordination to make these lifesaving surgeries happen. Fortis Hospital, Mulund has earned the distinction of being the only hospital in the state to conduct successful heart transplant surgeries successively. With this progressive development, patients in need of medical aid can now seek immediate help, not just from within the city but across state lines as well. With the hospital leading and conducting Programmes for Doctors, Nursing Home heads & staff, Intensivists and Medical Social Workers to create awareness about the importance of organ donation, these initiatives will positively drive organ donation on a larger scale. With successful intracity and intercity transplants being conducted, a healthy transplant channel has been built between Maharashtra and the neighboring states. More such alliances can help build a robust Heart Transplant Programme.

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