

Yet Another Life Saving Heart Transplant Conducted at Fortis Hospital, Mulund

~ Transplant heart into a 28yr old male recipient waitlisted for over six months ~

~ ZTCC Mumbai and Aurangabad, Traffic Authorities of both cities, Fortis Hospital, Mulund, Seth Nandlal Dhoot Hospital, Aurangabad join hands to save a life~

Mulund, Mumbai, Jan 30th, 2016: Yet another textbook example of coordination between Mumbai and Aurangabad has helped make an attempt to save the life of a 28yr old male suffering from Dilated Cardiomyopathy. This surgery was made possible when the family of the donor, 39yr old male, suffering from Brain Stem Bleed, consented to donate his Heart, Liver and Kidneys. Retrieved by Fortis Hospital, Mulund's Dr Sanjeev Jadhav, CVTS Surgeon, from the donor at Seth Nandlal Dhoot Hospital, the donor heart was transported to the hospital Mumbai in 01hr 19mins covering 276.2kms.

Commencing its journey from MIT Superspeciality Hospital, Aurangabad where the donor was admitted and later shifted to Seth Nandlal Dhoot Hospital, Aurangabad, where the patient was declared brain dead; the family consented for donation and the donor was immediately evaluated and assessed for transplant. While the heart was dispatched to Fortis Hospital, Mumbai, the Liver and Kidneys were sent for deserving candidates at Pune and Aurangabad. With the Traffic and Airport authorities immediately laying out the roadmap and flight map, the donor heart left for Mumbai, Seth Nandlal Dhoot Hospital at 10.22am, reaching Aurangabad Airport at 10.25am, the donor heart was immediately transferred into a chartered flight that took off at 10.29am, landing at Mumbai's Domestic Airport at 11.19am. Leaving the Domestic Airport at 11.21am, the preserved heart reached Fortis Hospital, Mulund at 11.41am and the transplant surgery commenced immediately. Green Corridor laid out by Mumbai's Traffic Authorities followed the pre-decided route from Domestic Airport(Gate No. 8) to Military Road - Santacruz Chembur Link Road - Chedda Nagar to Eastern Express Highway - Airoli Junction and finally to Fortis Hospital, Mulund. Reaching straight into the waiting hands of conducting surgeon Dr Anvay Mulay, Head of Cardiac Transplant Team, who along with Dr Sanjeev Jadhav concluded the surgery at 4.00pm and the patient was moved to the ICU by 4.30pm.

Talking about the life-saving surgery, Dr S. Narayani, Zonal Director, Fortis Hospital, Mulund said, *"This being the 8th heart transplant in the past six months, we have successfully established that patients can now seek aid from within the state. With the intricacies of organ transportation being worked upon and with support of the Govt., we will be on our way to become the transplant capital of the country. Discussions with the Health Ministry are underway, these will help strengthen the heart transplant programme and build a robust organ donation channel within the state. We thank all stakeholders who helped coordinate this transplant efficaciously – ZTCC teams at Mumbai and Aurangabad, Doctors and Medical Social Workers at MIT Superspeciality Hospital and Seth Nandlal Dhoot Hospital, Aurangabad and the Traffic and Airport authorities at both cities".*



Conducting surgeon Dr Anvay Mulay, Head of Cardiac Transplant Team, Fortis Hospital, Mulund, said, *“The surgery has been completed; the next 48-72 hours will be critical and the patient will be monitored round the clock”.*

Dr Sanjeev Jadhav, CVTS Surgeon, Fortis Hospital, Mulund, who retrieved the donor heart, said *“We work relentlessly to further the cause of organ donation and such golden examples help drive awareness. The donor’s organs have helped save and enrich four lives”.*

This progressive development has been ardently supported by Dr Deepak Sawant, Minister of Public Health and Family Welfare, Maharashtra, Ms Sujata Sounik, Principal Secretary, Public Health & Family Welfare Dept. and the team at the Dept. of Health Services. With these exemplary surgeries, patients in need of medical aid, now have hope and can seek immediate help from within the city. With the hospital leading and conducting programmes for Doctors, Nursing Home staff, Intensivists and Medical Social Workers to create awareness about the importance of organ donation; the impact will positively build momentum for organ donation on a large scale.

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