

Mumbai warms up to Organ Donation with 11th Heart Transplant in 48hrs

~ 11th Heart Transplant made possible with the 8th cadaver donation of 2016 ~

~ Donor heart is transported from MGM Hospital, Vashi to Fortis Hospital, Mulund in 14 mins ~

Mumbai, February 12th, 2016: Fortis Hospital, Mulund performed Mumbai's record 11th heart transplant on a 36 year old male from Lonavla who was suffering from Dilated Cardiomyopathy. The patient has been on the waiting list for over two months and a heart transplant was essential to save his life. The patient got a new lease of life when the heart of a 38 year old donor from Panvel was donated by his family after the donor succumbed to complications arising out of a head injury sustained during a road accident.

A 19Km green corridor was created from MGM Hospital, Vashi to Fortis Hospital, Mulund by the traffic authorities in order to transport the preserved heart within 14 minutes. The heart was successfully harvested by Fortis Hospital, Mulund's Dr Sanjeev Jadhav, Cardio Vascular & Thoracic Surgeon, and rushed to the hospital at 04.31 AM. The convoy moved from MGM Hospital, Vashi following Thane – Belapur Road – Airoli Junction to reach Fortis Hospital, Mulund at 04.45 AM. The preserved heart was immediately taken into operation theatre and successfully implanted by **Dr Anvay Mulay, Head of Cardiac Transplant Team, Fortis Hospital, Mulund.**

After the successful surgery, **Dr Anvay Mulay** said, *“We are happy to see the progression of mindsets towards donating organs. It is a great feeling when we see a spurt in this noble cause of organ donation. We salute the courageous families who've helped save and enrich lives of much deserving wait-listed patients. The surgery was successful. The patient is now stable and has been moved to the ICU. Next 48-72 hours will be critical and the patient will be monitored round the clock.”*

Talking about the successful surgery, Dr S. Narayani, Zonal Director, Fortis Hospital, Mulund said, *“We are heartened to witness the boost in organ donation across the state. Initiatives to drive awareness about the cause have made a much needed impact. Mumbai's Heart Transplant Programme is steadily progressing towards aiding patients with end-stage organ failure”.*

These successful cardiac surgeries have only been possible because of the tremendous support garnered from the Department of Health, Maharashtra, ZTCC Mumbai, Police & Traffic Authorities, supporting hospitals and NGO's, Medical Social Workers and Transplant Coordinators 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 the hospital leading and conducting programmes for Doctors, Nursing Home heads & nursing 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 successively in the past months, a healthy transplant channel has been built between Maharashtra and the neighboring states.

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