

## Little Boy Gives a New Lease of Life to another Little Girl Cardiac Transplant Team Goes Back to the OT to Conduct State's 9<sup>th</sup> Successful Heart Transplant

~ State's 2nd Successful PaedCard Heart Transplant Conducted at Fortis Hospital, Mulund ~

~ Donor heart transported from P.D Hinduja National Hospital & Medical Research Centre,  
Mahim to Fortis Hospital, Mulund in 18mins ~

**Mulund, Mumbai, Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 015:** The strengthened heart transplant channel built within the state has helped save the life of a young patient who was waitlisted for over a month at Fortis Hospital, Mulund. This life saving surgery, 2<sup>nd</sup> PaedCard transplant of the state, spelt yet another story of success as a 7yr old girl suffering from Dilated Cardiomyopathy got a second lease of life. The Adult Cardiac and Paediatric Cardiac Team came together to conduct the transplant procedure that concluded at 07.14am and the child was subsequently moved to the ICU.

The young donor, a 7yr old girl, admitted at P.D Hinduja National Hospital & Medical Research Centre, Mahim had suffered from Cerebral Venous Thrombosis and declared Brain Dead consequently. Kin of the young patient consented to donate her Heart, Kidneys and Liver, which were sent to hospitals in Thane and Pedder Road, for deserving candidates. With due evaluation and assessment done, and with the kin's consent taken, Fortis Hospital, Mulund's Dr Anvay Mulay, Head of Cardiac Transplant Team, rushed to retrieve the heart. Dr Anvay Mulay left with the donor heart at 2.30am, reaching Fortis Hospital, Mulund at 2.48am, covering 26kms in 18mins.

Supported by the Traffic Divisions of Mahim, Vikhroli and Mulund, who strategically laid out the Green Corridor, followed the route of, P.D Hinduja National Hospital & Medical Research Centre, Mahim – Kalanagar Junction – Bandra-Kurla Complex – Amar Mall - Chedda Nagar - Eastern Express Highway - Airoli Junction and finally to Fortis Hospital, Mulund. With the donor heart reaching straight into the OT at 02.49am, Cardiac Team comprising of Dr Anvay Mulay and Dr Vijay Agarwal, immediately commenced the surgery at 02.52am, saving life of a child suffering from end-stage organ failure.

Proudly talking about the successful transplant, **Dr S. Narayani, Zonal Director, Fortis Hospital, Mulund**, said, *"2nd PaedCard transplant of the state and 9<sup>th</sup> successful heart transplant conducted by our team of doctors, this is indeed a defining moment for us"*

**Dr Anvay Mulay, Head of Cardiac Transplant Team, Fortis Hospital, Mulund**, said *"We now see the wheels of progressive change being set in motion. PaedCard surgeries are witnessing as much momentum as adult cardiac surgeries. Increased awareness about the importance of organ donation has been pivotal for this change. We will continue to work tirelessly to further the cause, and educate key influencer groups who can drive further awareness"*.

**Dr Vijay Agarwal, Head of Paediatric Cardiac Surgery, Fortis Hospital, Mulund**, said, *"It is an exceptional task to find a compatible match, in terms of age, weight, height and blood group. We found a perfect match in this donor from Hinduja Hospital; it has given a ray of hope to this young patient. The transplant surgery has been successfully concluded; the patient has been moved to the ICU and is now stable. She will be kept under observation for the next 48-72 hours"*.

This surgery was made possible with support and coordination between the Doctors, Nursing Staff and Medical Social Workers at both the hospitals, ZTCC Mumbai, Traffic Authorities of Mumbai and especially because of the noble deed of the young brain dead patient's kin. Fortis Hospital, Mulund

has earned the distinction of being the only hospital in the state to have conducted nine successful heart transplant surgeries successively, two of which have been PaedCard surgeries. This progressive development has been ardently supported by Hon. Dr Deepak Sawant, Minister of Public Health. These golden examples of clinical excellence will further strengthen the Heart Transplant Programme and open floodgates of hope for patients in need of critical medical aid.

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