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Green Corridor between Pune and Mumbai helps Surgeons at Fortis Hospital, Mulund Conduct City's 17th Heart Transplant

*~ Surface intensive Green Corridor aided by Traffic authorities of Pune, Raigad, Mumbai and Thane helps the donor heart spear through **188kms in 1hr 35mins** ~*

~ Donor heart from 28yr old male, from Vai, Satara, transplanted into 14yr old male recipient from Borivali, Mumbai ~

Mulund, Mumbai, May 13th 2016: Yet another eventful day for the city marks its place in history of intercity heart transplants for being the first surface Green Corridor laid between Pune and Mumbai by road. Surgeons at Fortis Hospital, Mulund, today conducted heart transplant surgery on a 14yr old male recipient, from Borivali, Mumbai, suffering from Dilated Cardiomyopathy. Waitlisted for over four months and the recipient's condition deteriorating rapidly, a heart transplant was absolutely essential to save his life.

The transplant became possible when a 28yr old male, was declared brain dead at Ruby Hall Clinic, Pune, following a head injury during a road traffic accident. His family consented to donate his Heart, Kidneys and Liver, to save lives of four deserving recipients. Retrieved by **Dr Sanjeev Jadhav, Consultant CVTS Surgeon, Fortis Hospital**, the donor heart was transported to Fortis Hospital, Mulund, in **1hr 35mins, covering a distance of 188kms by road.**

Traffic and Police teams across Pune, Raigad, Mumbai and Thane, came together to layout, plan and execute the Green Corridor between Pune and Mumbai. Over 150 personnel across the route ensured that the ambulance carrying the preserved heart reached Mumbai in record-break time, covering 188kms in 1hr 35mins. A first for the Traffic and Police teams as well, the coordination for the Green was done by Pune's Traffic Police areas, Navi Mumbai's Traffic Police, Mumbai's Traffic Police and Highway Police led by API Kamble.

Following the consent from the donor's family, Traffic teams from Pune, Raigad, Mumbai and Thane created the roadmap for transportation of the heart. The heart left from the Ruby Hall Clinic, Pune at **01.38AM**, following a pre-fixed route, travelling through Green Corridor via new Mumbai-Pune Expressway, reaching Fortis Hospital, Mulund at **03.13AM**. At Fortis, the harvested heart was received by **Dr Anvay Mulay, Head of Cardiac Transplant Team, Fortis Hospital, Mulund**, who had the recipient prepared for the surgery.

On successful completion of the heart transplant surgery, conducting surgeon, **Dr Anvay Mulay, Head of Cardiac Transplant Team, Fortis Hospital, Mulund**, said, *"Gradual and steady progression in mindsets towards organ donation is a great sign and we are happy to be instrumental in bringing about this change. We respect and salute the spirited families who've helped save and enrich lives of hundreds of patients with end-stage organ failure. Their gesture will encourage many to follow suit, thereby helping bridge the gap between donors and recipients"*. Speaking about the latest heart transplant surgery, **Dr Mulay** added, *"The donor's family deserves highest appreciation for having saved so many lives through*

their noble gesture. Our young patient is now stable and has been moved to the Intensive Care Unit. Next 48-72 hours will be critical and we will be closely monitoring him”.

On the occasion of 17th heart transplant surgery at Fortis Hospital, Mulund, **Dr S Narayani, Zonal Director, Fortis Hospital, Mulund**, said, *“Thousands of people stood still while the donor heart was transported across the Mumbai-Pune highway, to bring a young boy back to life. We extend our heartfelt gratitude towards Traffic authorities who worked in perfect symphony, enabling us to save and enrich another precious life. We’ve come a long way since we conducted the 1st heart transplant here in August last year. We are proud to have earned the distinction of being the only hospital in the state to conduct 17 heart transplants successively. Encouraged by successful heart transplants at our hospital, there is renewed hope amongst patients suffering from organ failure”.*

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