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## **Surgeons at Fortis Hospital, Mulund Conduct City's 20<sup>th</sup> Landmark Heart Transplant Surgery**

*~ Donor, 32year old male from Aurangabad, donated his Heart, Kidneys and Liver ~  
~ Donor heart transported from **United Ciigma Hospital, Aurangabad** to Fortis Hospital, Mulund across **299kms in 1hr 20mins** ~*

**Mulund, Mumbai, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016:** Another Mumbaikar received a donor heart from Aurangabad today, who opened their hearts to save a precious life. Suffering from **Viral Myocarditis and Intractable Arrhythmia** since the past 2 months, a heart transplant was absolutely essential and only hope of survival for the **38year old male recipient**. The recipient, a resident of Thane, Mumbai was waitlisted for the past 10days. City's 20<sup>th</sup> heart transplant became possible after a 32year old male patient was declared brain-dead following a road traffic accident that resulted in a head injury; at United Ciigma Hospital, Aurangabad.

The donor heart left United Ciigma Hospital at **06.35AM**, reaching Aurangabad Airport at **06.42AM**; it was then transferred into a commercial flight that took off at **06.52AM**, landing at Mumbai Airport at **07.27AM**, immediately heading out to the stand-by ambulance. The Green Corridor chalked 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, helped the heart reach Fortis Hospital Mulund at **07.54AM** and was immediately rushed into the OT at **07.55AM** into the waiting hands of **Dr Anvay Mulay, Chief of Cardiac Transplant Team**, at the hospital.

Conducting Surgeon **Dr Anvay Mulay, Chief of Cardiac Transplant Team, Fortis Hospital, Mulund**, said, *"Donor families, our Clinical Team, Medical Social Workers and medical teams from donor hospitals have helped us achieve this milestone. We salute the families who are looking beyond traditional and religious beliefs and are consenting to donate organs of their brain-dead kin. Thanks to these spirited families, culture of organ donation is developing and the thought has become more acceptable. We are proud to be leading the way towards this cultural and social progression and which will definitely lead us towards building a culture for Organ Donation".* About the surgery, **Dr Anvay Mulay**, said, *"We have concluded the surgery; the next 48-72 hours will be critical and the patient will be monitored round the clock".*

**Dr S Narayani, Zonal Director, Fortis Hospital, Mulund**, said, *"Our surgeons have conducted 20 life-saving heart transplant surgeries within ten months of the launch of the Heart Transplant Programme, this places us in a more responsible position. These successes bolster our commitment towards providing superior cardiac care to patients across the country. Donor families deserve to be commended for their noble deed and for helping gradually build a culture for organ donation; which through joint efforts will gather momentum. While announcing the 20th successful heart transplant at Fortis Hospital, Mulund, we are seeking support from everyone in spreading awareness about virtues of organ donation".*

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The donor family enriched lives of four patients suffering from end-stage organ failure by donating his Heart, Kidneys and Liver.

Retrieved by **Dr. Anand Deodhar, Cardiovascular Thoracic Surgeon Fortis Hospital, Mulund's Heart Transplant Team**, the donor heart was transported to Mumbai in **1hr 20mins**. As soon as the consent was in place, the Airport and Traffic Authorities of Aurangabad and Mumbai came together, swiftly laying out the roadmap and the flight map. Fortis Hospital, Mulund has earned the distinction of being the only hospital in the state to conduct successful heart transplant surgeries successively. With this progression, patients in need of medical aid can now seek immediate help within Mumbai itself.

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