

Family consents for organ donation in a 58 year old brain dead patient at Fortis Noida

- ***Liver, Kidney retrieved and transplanted to save lives at Fortis Hospital Noida***

Noida, March 15 2018: A team of doctors from Fortis Hospital, Noida retrieved three organs from a 58 year old brain dead patient. The team of doctors included **Dr. Dushyant Nadar, Director, Urology & Kidney Transplant, Fortis Hospital Noida** and **Dr. Vivek Vij, Director, Liver Transplant, Fortis Hospital, Noida** who retrieved the liver and both the kidneys from the donor giving a new lease of life to three patients.

The liver and one kidney were transplanted to patients at Fortis Hospital Noida and the second kidney was sent to a patient at a private Hospital of Noida as per the allocation given by the National Organ & Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO).

The 48 year old recipient of a kidney at Fortis Hospital Noida was undergoing dialysis and had been suffering from damaged kidneys for last five years. He had been identified as a candidate for kidney transplant but there had been no suitable donor from within his family. The recipient of the liver who is of 61 years old had been suffering from liver problems since long. Both the patients were lucky to get a blood match in the deceased donor and the surgeries became easier.

The donor was admitted to the Hospital in a very critical condition for an aneurysm, but unfortunately the patient succumbed to the illness and was declared brain dead in the wee hours of March 15th. After observing due protocols, the doctors at Fortis Hospital Noida pronounced him brain dead post proper evaluation. The family of the donor was counselled on the noble act of donating organs to save lives of critical patients waiting for transplants. The consent having been procured from the family members, the harvesting teams then followed due protocol to retrieve the organs.

Dr Avnish Seth, Director, Fortis Organ Retrieval and Transplant (FORT) said, “The organ donation rate across India has seen a steady increase with sustained awareness drives and campaigns. Awareness towards organ donation has increased in the main cities of the country & people from all walks of life are increasingly saying “yes” to donation. **Fortis “More to Give”** Campaign has been instrumental in creating awareness among the urban population as to why organ donation is the need of the hour, and why more and more people need to join the cause”

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Dr. Pinak Moudgil, Zonal Director, Fortis Hospital Noida said, “Brain deaths occur in up to 30 percent patients who die of head injury or stroke, however this often goes unrecognized or unreported. By introducing standard operating procedures, increasing awareness amongst hospital staff and training transplant coordinators, we have found that the acceptance rate amongst families who have to donate organs is over 40. We express our heartfelt gratitude to the donor family for this noble cause. It is the selfless and tireless cooperation of all the key stakeholders involved, which makes this possible.”

Family members of the patient who received the donor kidney at Fortis Hospital, Noida shared, “We are extremely grateful to the doctors and the entire Fortis team for making this possible. Our family is indebted to the donor’s family for being instrumental in granting a new lease of life to our patient.”

In India, approximately 210,000 patients are waiting for transplants out of which only 8000 patients are able to get a donor. In spite of the Human Organ Transplant Act 1994, cadaveric transplant are still limited in number. The cadaver organ donation varies from 0.26 per million population to a maximum of 1 per million population in few states. Healthcare providers who have tried sincerely for organ donation by introducing Standard Operating Procedures, increasing awareness amongst hospital staff and training transplant coordinators have found an acceptance rate of over 40% families for the noble act of organ donation.

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