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# Organs harvested from toddler save the lives of six persons

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The heart of a toddler saved a two-year-old boy in the city and other organs saved five persons. Doctors of Fortis Malar Hospital conducted a heart transplant on Rohan (name changed), from Villupuram. He received the organ from a two-year-old boy in Mumbai, who suffered irreversible brain damage.

According to a press release, the transplant was performed by a team of doctors led by K.R. Balakrishnan, director of cardiac sciences, and Suresh Rao K.G., head of department, critical care and cardiac anaesthesia, Fortis Malar Hospital.

Rohan was diagnosed with dilated cardiomyopathy with severe LV dysfunction. Despite medication, his condition did not improve. As heart transplant was the only solution, he was registered in the transplant registry. The family of the donor, who suffered irreversible brain damage on February 10, decided to donate his organs.

The organs saved the lives of six persons, of which four were children.

A team of doctors from Fortis Malar retrieved the heart that was airlifted to Chennai.

Dr. Balakrishnan said the surgery was difficult and challenging as the recipient was a two-year-old. Dr. Rao said that it was difficult to find a matching donor for paediatric patients. The recipient was recovering well. The transplant was performed under the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme, the release said.

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