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Mumbai's 44th Cadaveric Donation takes place at Fortis Hiranandani Hospital, Vashi

~ National Organ & Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO), Directorate of Health Services (DHS) & Zonal Transplant Coordination Center (ZTCC) make an exemplary provision on humanitarian grounds ~

~ City's transplant tally now stands at 73 Kidneys, 23 Heart, 1 Heart & Lung and 41 Livers, for the year ~

Vashi, Navi Mumbai, 22nd Sept, 2016: City's 44th Cadaveric Donation at Fortis Hiranandani Hospital, Vashi has helped save and enrich lives of five wait-listed patients across the city. Enabling five life-saving and enriching transplants, the donor, a doctor himself, served the community even after death. The 45yr old male patient from Navi Mumbai was suffering from Intracranial Bleed, was admitted in Fortis Hiranandani Hospital, Vashi, in a critical condition and was declared Brain Dead at the hospital earlier this week. Upon being counseled for Organ Donation, the family consented to donate his Heart, Kidneys and Corneas.

With one Kidney transplanted by Dr Sumit Mehta, Consultant Urologist & Transplant Surgeon, into an in-house recipient, a 52yr old female from Vashi, at Fortis Hiranandani Hospital, Vashi itself. In an exception made by NOTTO, DHS & ZTCC on humanitarian grounds, the second Kidney was transported to a city hospital which was to be transplanted into donors' brother, who was suffering from End-stage Renal Disease. The Heart was sent to another city hospital, for which, the Green Corridor was immediately laid out by the Police and Traffic Authorities of the city. These transplants, enabled because of the exception made on humanitarian grounds by the transplant regulation bodies; has helped add on to the city's transplant tally, taking it to - 73 Kidneys and 23 Hearts, for the year.

Three hospitals, five transplant coordinators and more than seven surgeons in the city worked tirelessly to retrieve, transport and transplant the donated organs. **Dr Manisha Bobade, Facility Director, Fortis Hiranandani Hospital, Vashi,** said, *"The act of donation by the patients' family is extremely inspiring, we hope that it encourages other families to consider joining hands for the cause. We'd like to thank ZTCC Mumbai, DHS and NOTTO who have played a pivotal role in enabling & facilitating the organ transfer and Fortis Hospital, Mulund who extended surgical aid during retrieval. This donation, which marks Mumbai's 44th Cadaver Donation, has set a gold-standard example, furthering the cause of Organ Donation."*

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