

## **Surgeons at Fortis Hospital, Mulund, Give New Life to 46 year Old in City's 35<sup>th</sup> Heart Transplant**

*~ Donor heart transported from Indore, Madhya Pradesh to Mumbai, Maharashtra in **2hrs covering a distance of 566kms** ~*

*~ ZTCC Mumbai, Choithram Hospital, Indore, Fortis Hospital, Mulund and NGO Muskaan Group join hands to enable second organ transfer between Madhya Pradesh & Maharashtra ~*

**Mumbai, November 8, 2016:** The team of doctors from Fortis Hospital, Mulund successfully transplanted a heart to save the life of a 46year old male, today. With active cooperation from Clinicians and Medical Social Workers in Indore and Mumbai, this 2<sup>nd</sup> interstate heart transplant between Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra became possible. **The live heart was transported in 2hours covering a distance of 566kms.** The team was led by **Dr Anvay Mulay, Head of Cardiac Transplant Team, Fortis Hospital, Mulund**, marking 35<sup>th</sup> heart transplant of the city.

The recipient from Alibaug in Raigad was suffering from Dilated Cardiomyopathy and had been waitlisted since the past two months. The donation became possible when a 45yr old male was declared brain dead following a road traffic accident. Following counselling to the family of the patient, they decided to donate his organs. The donor is survived by his parents, wife and two children.

From Suyash Hospital, Indore, where the donor was declared brain dead, he was subsequently moved to Choithram Hospital, Indore, for further evaluation and assessment. After his family consented for the donation, **Dr Anvay Mulay, Head of Cardiac Transplant Team, Fortis Hospital, Mulund**, rushed from Mumbai to Indore to harvest the donor heart. With coordination and cooperation from multiple key stakeholders, the live heart was transferred out of Choithram Hospital at **11:16AM** before it was finally airlifted from Indore at **11:39 AM**. The plane landed at Mumbai at **12:53PM** covering a distance of **566Kms in 2hrs**. In the final leg of the transfer, the live heart was transported in an ambulance to reach Fortis Hospital, Mulund at **01:16 PM** for an immediate transplant.

**Speaking at the juncture of Mumbai's record number of heart transplants, Dr Anvay Mulay** said, *"We have nothing but the greatest appreciation and respect for the donor's family who took a decision to*



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*save lives at the time of grief and personal loss. The surgery has been concluded and the recipient is now stable. We will continue to monitor him in the ICU for the next 48 to 72 hours.”*

Talking about the surgery, **Dr S Narayani, Zonal Director, Fortis Hospital, Mulund** said, *“This is truly a heartwarming moment for all of us at Fortis Mulund. It has strengthened the transplant channel between the two states. We are honoured and proud to be driving a mind shift, to help the community recognize the power of Organ Donation. We extend our humble appreciation to all the stakeholders whose tireless made efforts to save this precious life.”*

Swift coordination between CISF Indore & Mumbai, Traffic, Police and Airport Authorities helped enable smooth organ transfer. Hon. Sanjay Dubey (IAS), Commissioner Indore Division & Founder – Indore Society for Organ Donation, spearheaded the organ transfer efforts at Indore. The live heart reached Fortis Hospital, Mulund following the Green Corridor route laid out from Domestic Airport (Gate No. 8) to Military Road - Santacruz Chembur Link Road - Chedda Nagar to Eastern Express Highway - Airoli Junction – Mulund.

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