



## Surgeons at Fortis' SL Raheja Hospital successfully conduct sex reassignment surgery for 21yr old Bangalorean

**Mahim, Mumbai, Oct 25th, 2016:** Doctors at Fortis' SL Raheja Hospital in Mahim conducted a sex reassignment procedure, giving a young 21yr old Bangalorean woman a whole new life and identity. Over a period of several months, surgeons from SL Raheja worked to transform the young IT professional into a male.

**Dr Parag Telang, Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeon at Fortis' SL Raheja Hospital,** led a team of skilled surgeons to successfully transform the young female patient into a male. The process began in January this year, when the young woman underwent a Mastectomy to remove both her breasts. This was followed by another procedure which she underwent in Bangalore, to remove both her Ovaries and Uterus. The next step of the Sex Reassignment involved the construction of the Penis. This was done by the removal of the flap from the forearm called the back flap, which was then used to create the Penis and the Urethra inside. Blood cells taken from the forearm were then planted into the newly assembled penis.

Speaking about the sex reassignment procedure, **Dr. Parag Telang** said, *"The sex reassignment process is a long, elaborate one that is often difficult for patients. We were impressed with the resolve and courage showed by our young patient and it was heartening to see her receive much support and strength from her mother during this process. This is very rare, especially in India. The final step of the transformation will be the insertion of an inflatable pump to enable erection, this will be done after 2-3 months. We are confident that our new young man will love his new identity and body."*

### **About sex reassignment surgery:**

Sex reassignment surgery from female to male includes a variety of surgical procedures that alter female anatomical traits to provide physical traits more appropriate to the male identity and functioning. Sex reassignment surgery is usually preceded by beginning hormone treatment with testosterone. Diagnosed as 'Gender Identity Disorder'(GID), the person grows up believing that they are trapped in the body of the opposite sex. They cross dress and exhibit attraction to the same sex. The patient is evaluated by two independent Psychiatrists who have to certify that the person has GID and they want to undergo sex change surgery without any pressure from any family member.

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