

Surgeons at Fortis Hospital, Mulund Conduct State's 39th Heart Transplant on a 17yr Old

*~ 6th intercity transplant channel between Pune & Mumbai, helps 17 year old male waitlisted recipient ~
~ Family of 31yr old male donor from Pune enriches four lives by donating Heart, Kidneys and Liver ~*

Mumbai, November 30th, 2016: Doctors at **Fortis Hospital, Mulund**, today conducted state's 39th heart transplant surgery, on a **17 year old male recipient** from Malegaon, Nasik. The patient has been on waitlist for over two months as he suffered from Dilated Cardiomyopathy. The transplant became possible when a **31 year old male** patient was declared brain dead at Ruby Hall Clinic, Pune. The donor met with a road traffic accident that caused head injury and subsequent brain death. The transplant surgery was conducted by **Dr Anvay Mulay, Head of Cardiac Transplant Team, Fortis Hospital, Mulund**.

Following brain death of the patient, the family decided to donate his Heart, Kidneys and Liver. The Police in Pune and Mumbai immediately swung into action & coordinated the Traffic from Pune city, Pune Gramin, Raigad, Navi Mumbai & Mumbai. A green corridor was created for swift transfer of harvested heart. The convoy moved out of Ruby Hall Clinic, Pune at **10.36PM** and reached Fortis Hospital, Mulund at **12.14 AM**. The transportation of the harvested heart between Pune and Mulund was done in **1 hour and 38 minutes**, covering a distance of **149.7 kms**.

Upon the successful heart transplant, Dr Anvay Mulay, Head of Cardiac Transplant Team, Fortis Hospital, Mulund, said, *"Need of the hour is to bring communities together to help drive the cause of Organ Donation. Every success story is a step towards building the cause. While we progress on our endeavor to save and enrich lives, we thank the donor families and encourage families with brain dead relatives to consider donating for the cause that would enrich many more lives."*

Talking about the recipients condition, **Dr Mulay** added, *"We've concluded the surgery and the patient has been moved to the ICU and will be kept under observation for the next 48-72 hours."*

On the concerted effort by different agencies for smooth transfer of organ between the two cities, **Dr S. Narayani, Zonal Director, Fortis Hospital, Mulund**, said, *"We would like to thank every stakeholder who enabled smooth transit of the harvested heart from Pune to Mumbai, to save and enrich another life today. As we continue to enrich lives through heart transplants, it is important that we continue to work towards the cause of organ donation and generate awareness so that more lives can be saved."*

With the hospital leading and conducting programs for Doctors, Nursing Home staff, Intensivists and Medical Social Workers to create awareness about the importance of organ donation, the impact should positively drive organ donation on a larger scale.

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