

Fortis Hospital, Mulund conducts First Heart Transplant of 2018

*~ Ex- Navy man consented to donate his beloved wife's Heart, Liver & Kidneys ~
~ Green corridor of 38 kms created from Colaba to Mulund ~*

Mumbai, January 04th 2018: The team of doctors at **Fortis Hospital, Mulund** successfully transplanted a heart to save the life of 60-year-old woman from Dhulia, Maharashtra today. This became possible after the husband of a 53-year-old woman from Kalyan, consented to donate his wife's organs. This also marks the first heart transplant of the year in Mumbai while Fortis Hospital Mulund successfully conducts its 67th heart transplant.

The recipient was diagnosed with Dilated Cardiomyopathy and had been waitlisted since the past three months. The donor was brought in to INHS Ashwini Hospital in Colaba following a road accident with serious head injuries. The possibility of donation became a possibility when the patient was declared brain dead despite best efforts of the doctors. The family was counselled by medical social workers on the cause of organ donation to which the husband consented to donate her heart, liver and kidneys.

After her family consented for the donation, **Dr Anvay Mulay, Head of Cardiac Transplant Team, Fortis Hospital, Mulund**, rushed to harvest the donor heart. With coordination and cooperation from multiple key stakeholders, the live heart was transferred through a 38 kilometers long green corridor from Colaba to Mulund in 34 minutes. The ambulance left from INHS Ashwini Hospital at **01:21 AM** and reached Fortis Hospital, Mulund at **01:55 AM**.

Speaking about this year's first heart transplant, Dr Anvay Mulay said, *"It was heartening to see the family respond positively and quickly. Over the past two years, we have seen a tremendous and positive shift in perceptions towards organ donation. We are hopeful that 2018 may be more fruitful towards the cause and we see a better outcome in people campaigning for this noble cause during the year."*

Talking about the surgery, **Dr S Narayani, Zonal Director, Fortis Hospital, Mulund** said, *"On a day when Mumbai was burning, and had come to a standstill, thanks to the donor family, to the whole medical team led by Dr. Anvay Mulay and thanks to the other officials we have a new heart beating. We are forever grateful to these donor families who have in their time of grief thought about the greater cause"*



and their consent has made a difference to enrich another's life. We hope to see that other families will get inspired and come forward to help save the lives of others."

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