

Two lifesaving Heart transplants conducted on 56yr and 24yr old males at Fortis Hospital, Mulund

~ Conducted in a gap of just over 8Hrs 45Mins, these transplants marked Mumbai's 71st & 72nd Heart transplants ~

Mulund, Mumbai, Oct 7th 2017: Admirable coordination and time management between the Clinicians, Medical Social Workers, Traffic & Police authorities and Nursing Teams across Nagpur, Pune and Mumbai, helped saving the lives of 25yr old and 56yr old males, at Fortis Hospital, Mulund. The Zonal Transplant Coordination Centre(ZTCC) Mumbai, Nagpur and Pune, who facilitated allocation of the donated organs.

The donor, a 26yr old farm laborer from Pusad was rushed to Acharya Vinoba Bhave Rural Hospital, Wardha, after he suffered a head injury in a road traffic accident. He was subsequently declared brain dead, after which, this family was counselled and his father consented to donate his Kidneys, Liver, Heart and Corneas, saving and enriching six lives. Retrieved by Dr Anvay Mulay, Head of Cardiac Transplant Team, Fortis Hospital, Mulund, yesterday; the Heart was transported to Nagpur Airport via a Green Corridor, and then through a commercial flight that landed in Mumbai last night.

The recipient is a 56yr old male resident of Borivali, who was suffering from Dilated Cardiomyopathy and was waitlisted a month ago. He was previously employed overseas, but he came back to his family last year and continued to be medically managed. The donor heart from Nagpur was transferred out of Achare Vinoba Bhave Rural Hospital, via a Green Corridor covering **80Kms**, transferring it into a commercial flight at Nagpur Airport. The flight took off at **0825PM** to land in Mumbai at **09.30PM** and was quickly transferred into a waiting ambulance **09.36PM**. Green Corridor between Mumbai Airport and Fortis Hospital, Mulund, covering **21Kms** enabled the organ to be transported into Fortis Hospital, Mulund at **09.58PM**, on October 6th.

The donation at Jehangir Hospital, Pune, today, witnessed the wife of a 46yr old shopkeeper, consenting to donate her husband's Heart, Liver and Kidneys. The donor, a resident of Pune, was rushed to the hospital after he was hit by a two wheeler while he was shutting his shop the previous night. He was declared brain dead subsequently and his Kidneys, Liver and Heart were retrieved following his wife's consent. Retrieved by the team from Fortis Hospital, Mulund; the donor Heart was then implanted into a 24yr old male recipient from Pune, who was diagnosed with Dilated Cardiomyopathy 1.5yrs ago and was put on the waitlist a month ago. The Heart was transported to Mulund by road, via a Green Corridor between Pune and Mumbai, covering a distance of **141Kms** in **01Hr 41Mins**.

Speaking of yet another milestone achievement in medical history of the state, **Dr Anvay Mulay, Head of Cardiac Transplant Team, Fortis Hospital, Mulund**, who conducted both the transplants said, *"These cadaveric donations confirm that there is increase in awareness among the public about Organ Donation. Both the families have helped save many lives even in their time of grief. It is because of their*



determination and decision to support the cause that we see these two recipients receiving a new lease of life”.

Talking on yet another account of clinical excellence, **Dr S Narayani, Zonal Director, Fortis Hospital, Mulund**, said, “These transplants wouldn’t have been possible without unwavering support from The Zonal Transplant Coordination Centre(ZTCC), Mumbai, Nagpur and Pune, the Traffic and Police authorities in all three cities, Central Industrial Security Force(CISF) Nagpur and Indigo Airlines. All our partners have gone beyond their call of duty to extend their support to the cause of Organ Donation, in a bit to build a healthier country”.

The Medical Social Workers at Fortis Hospital, Mulund, worked with teams at CISF, Nagpur and Preeti Ranade from Indigo Airlines to ensure that the harvested heart reached the recipient hospital in Mulund, within the stipulated time.

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