

## **Mumbai's 67<sup>th</sup> Heart transplant conducted by surgeons at Fortis Hospital, Mulund, enriches life of a 7yr old from Nashik**

*~ Incidentally the donor, also from Nashik, was an 11 year old girl, her father consented to donate her Heart, Kidneys and Liver ~*

**Mulund, Mumbai, Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 2017:** Transplant Surgeons, Physicians, Medical Social Workers and Nursing teams from Rishikesh Hospital, Nashik and Fortis Hospital, Mulund, worked in perfect tandem to enable a lifesaving surgery on a 7yr old boy, yesterday. Mumbai's landmark 67<sup>th</sup> Heart Transplant was enabled when the brave father of an 11yr old female, from Sinnar Nashik, consented to donate his beloved's organs after she was declared brain dead at Civil Hospital, Nashik. The young school-goer was rushed to the hospital after she fell down from the steps while playing and was diagnosed with Right Cerebral Arterial Infarct, she was subsequently declared brain dead.

The patient was moved to Rishikesh Hospital, Nashik for further evaluations, assessments and organ retrieval. Medical Social workers at the hospital counselled the grieving parents and explained the procedure of Organ Donation, and the father, a farmer by profession, consented to donate. The donated organs of the child saved and enriched lives of four waitlisted recipients. The donated Heart was transported by road from Nashik via a Green Corridor laid from Rishikesh Hospital, Nashik, to Fortis Hospital, Mulund, to be transplanted into a 7yr old boy, also from Sinnar, Nashik, as well.

The Heart were retrieved by Dr Anvay Mulay, Head of Cardiac Transplant Team, Fortis Hospital, Mulund, and immediately ferried into a stand-by ambulance at **12.14PM**. Led by teams of Traffic and Police, the ambulance reached Fortis Hospital, Mulund at **02.03PM**, covering **158Kms** in **1Hr 49Mins**. The 7yr old male recipient, also a resident of Sinnar, Nashik was diagnosed with **Uhl's Anomaly** - a very rare congenital heart disease accompanied by a partial or total loss of the myocardial muscle in the right ventricle; he was put on the wait list earlier in July this year and was shuttling between Pune and Mumbai for treatment.

Conducting surgeon **Dr Anvay Mulay, Head of Cardiac Transplant Team, Fortis Hospital, Mulund**, said, *"The role played by the donor family is immeasurable, making this decision at the time of such grief is not easy, the parents stood brave to donate their daughters organs. We are humbled to see that families are not stepping back, but are taking an informed bold decision, which is commendable. Their bravery drives us to work round-the-clock to save lives"*. Speaking about the condition of the young recipient, he added, *"The surgery has been successfully concluded and the patient is being monitored by our medical staff."*

**Dr S. Narayani, Zonal Director, Fortis Hospital, Mulund**, said, *"We would like to pay our utmost respect to the donor family who have helped strengthen the cause, enabling Mumbai's 67<sup>th</sup> Heart Transplant. We would like to thank ZTCC Mumbai and other stakeholders in playing a vital role in ensuring these transplants are taken care of sensitively and smoothly."*



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