

THE PRAVIN AGARWAL FOUNDATION

Quarterly Newsletter

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OUR JOURNEY SO FAR

The Pravin Agarwal Foundation (TPAF) is a philanthropic organisation pioneered by Mr. Pravin Agarwal, Chairman of Sterlite Power Transmission Limited and Vice-Chairman of Sterlite Technologies Limited. TPAF endeavours to create an ecosystem to make paediatric liver transplants more accessible in India and supports children threatened by liver disease by providing access to quality liver care.

There are approximately fifteen hundred children in India who need a liver transplant every year but less than one in fifteen get access to it. The Pravin Agarwal Foundation is taking concrete steps to maximise its reach to children in need by bringing together hospitals, doctors, organisations, and funders.

Mr Agarwal started by supporting 15 liver transplants in 2017 and has supported about 51 paediatric liver transplants across India to date. This effort has been strengthened with an ever-expanding partnership with reputed hospitals like Aster DM Healthcare, Apollo Group of Hospitals, Medanta Medicity, medical expertise volunteered by Integrated Liver Care (ILC) foundation, and fundraising assistance provided by crowd-funding partner Milaap which has been a key aspect for galvanising a vast number of financial donors and attention towards the cause. TPAF aims to support more than 100 liver transplants by 2019.

World Organ Donation Day

AUGUST UPDATE



AFFORDABLE LIVER TRANSPLANTS CONCLAVE 2018

PANEL DISCUSSION

On the eve of the World Organ Donation Day, TPAF organised 'Affordable Liver Transplants Conclave 2018', an event to discuss and deliberate ways to improve the accessibility and affordability of paediatric liver transplants in India. It brought together expert doctors, healthcare professionals, philanthropists, foundations, and crowdfunding partners.

The conclave underscored the importance of creating a common platform to share best practices, disseminate information on available government schemes, and consolidate efforts made by various non-governmental organisations in this space. The discussion on the potential barriers to treatment brought out the challenges patients face, the reasons for clinicians' reluctance to referrals, and the lack of awareness in the ecosystem. Few people know that a liver transplant is now an affordable solution with high success rate and good post-surgical outcomes. The open discussion on the breakup of costs involved in a transplant surgery to understand the price differential in the public and private sectors helped establish a baseline for all stakeholders. Simplifying the process of receiving funds through a single-window approach was one of the ways identified to enable more patients to get timely treatment and increasing the number of transplants will lower the cost per surgery.

BENEFICIARY PROGRAM

The Pravin Agarwal Foundation celebrated the World Organ Donation Day with six families of children who have undergone Liver Transplant surgery. Families came together from Kochi, Chittoor, Hubli, Delhi and Mumbai to this occasion. Parents watched their children play with balloons and get their caricatures made with joy. Eleven-year-old Kabir*, who had the surgery last year, loves to dance and enthralled the audience with his moves. Baby Ronak*, who was operated just earlier this year, enjoys poems and recited one for everyone at the event. The parents got a chance to interact with other parents who have been through a similar journey and shared their experiences, building a peer group that will always be willing to support other parents of children who need a liver transplant.

Upcoming events

- TPAF Participates at the 5th Annual meet of Indian Society of Pediatric Gastroenterology Hepatology and Nutrition (ISPGHAN) on 27th and 28th October
- TPAF meets with the Joint Effort to Enable Transplants (JEET) initiative in Mumbai

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