

Support group ‘For and By Heart Transplant recipients’ launched at Fortis Hospital Mulund

~ Launched in observance of World Heart Day 2018, this initiative brought together over 40 Heart recipients from Mumbai & beyond ~

Mulund, Mumbai, Oct 5th, 2018: With an aim to provide cohesive support to the recipients who underwent Heart Transplants at the hospital since Aug 2015, Fortis Hospital Mulund launched a support group named ‘SAMVEDNA’, today. This initiative by and for Heart transplant recipients will help them come together, share experiences and concerns, seek aid, and contribute to help each other from the group live a productive post-transplant life. Over 40 past recipients including baby Aaradhya Mule (4yr old), baby Ahanti Sahane (7yr old), Madhavi Vishwakarma (9yr old), Suhana Shaikh (14yr old) graced the launch. On the occasion, Fortis Hospital, Mulund also announced a separate OPD for the Heart Transplant recipients, which will be led by Dr Talha Meeran, Interventional Cardiologist, at the hospital.

The team of cardiac experts led by **Dr Anvay Mulay, Head, Cardiac Transplant Team** and Mental Health expert **Ms Nishita Choudhari, Psychologist, Fortis Hospital, Mulund** hosted sessions on ‘life after undergoing a transplant’. Hereon, the members of SAMVEDNA will meet month-on-month, so necessary intervention is provided, medically and otherwise.

Talking about this initiative, **Dr S. Narayani, Zonal Director, Fortis Hospital, Mulund, said, “Post-transplant journey is not an easy one; it is a lifechanging experience for the patients and their families. Through this initiative we bring them together to support each other, and to provide aid, both physically as well as emotionally. For the waitlisted patients, SAMVEDNA will provide much needed experience-based support and a guiding hand until and beyond their transplant”.**

Baby Aaradhya’s father, Yogesh Mule, who welcomed this initiative, said *“This initiative will help build a cohesive bond amongst the recipients, and importantly, help registered patients gather courage from our experiences”.*

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