

RELA NEWS

A BRAVE LITTLE FIGHTER BABY SIWANSH'S SUCCESSFUL LIVER TRANSPLANT



Staff at Rela Hospital witnessed a happy ending instead of what could have easily been a tragic one when they bid farewell to Siwansh Awasthim from Nepal. Back in 2019, with an advanced stage of jaundice, bloated stomach, and pale-yellow body colour from the 14th day of his birth, Baby Siwansh was admitted to a Government Hospital in Nepal where they attempted treatment for a month. But the child needed advanced lifesaving treatment and care, hence the doctor referred the family to Prof. Mohamed Rela in Chennai.

The family was advised that liver transplantation was the only solution ahead of them however the family was not sure. The father stepped forward as the donor. Prof. Rela and his expert team performed the surgery successfully. The biggest challenge, in this case, was the weight of the baby which was only 2.3 kgs. Post-transplant and its 3 years since then, Master Siwansh has now grown into a charming little boy, enjoying his childhood in high spirits.

“A miracle at 50 days: A new borns fight against liver failure”

Although he didn't have any problem initially, from the 14th day onwards he started showing symptoms like turning pale yellow in colour and a bloated stomach. This worried us so much that we had to rush him to a Government Hospital in Nepal. For one full month, doctors extracted water from his stomach but his condition didn't improve. That's when we came to Rela Hospital, Chennai and after a thorough diagnosis, a liver transplant was suggested as the only curative treatment.

My husband stepped forward as the donor and both Siwansh and my husband are doing absolutely fine now. I feel rejoiced to see my little one running around now. We are thankful to Dr. Jagadeesh Menon, Dr. Mohamed Rela, and the whole team for making us feel at home. Rela Hospital was a home away from home and they treated us with utmost humbleness.

Siwansh came to us when he was just 45 days old with features of liver failure. He was suffering from a rare condition called Neonatal Acute Liver Failure, which if not treated on time can be life-threatening. He had a distended tummy and deep jaundice and liver transplantation was the only curative treatment for him. But the challenge was his weight which was only 2.3 kgs and surgeries like these needs expertise, skills, and meticulous planning. We took a part of his father's liver and the transplant was done by Prof. Rela and his team of experts. Siwansh is absolutely normal now, running around and growing up like normal kids.



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