

Artemis Hospital saves life of a severely premature baby girl child who undergoes rare pediatric cardiac surgery

From an area which is infamous for female feticide and a skewed sex ratio here's an inspiring story. Coming to her rescue was none other than Artemis hospital whose doctors and medical professionals ran the extra mile to save this premature baby girl born at 23 Weeks, , with a rare heart condition- **Patent Ductus Arteriosus (PDA)** that would send too much blood into the lungs and make it impossible for her to breathe.

Gurgaon: This is a story of an extraordinary girl who has been fighting against all odds to survive. She has valiantly battled her condition for the past 3 months at Artemis Hospital, Gurgaon.

Baby Anandita (Name changed) was born severely premature (spending only 23 weeks, out of 40, in her mother's womb). She was extremely underweight about 500 gm and was born with a defect in her heart- **Patent Ductus Arteriosus (PDA)** that would put way too much water in the lungs and make it impossible for her to breathe.

Her mother had a complicated pregnancy which resulted in Anandita being born about three months prematurely and doctors found a 'Heart defect' (PDA) that would send too much blood into the lungs and render it 'water logged'. Right after birth, she struggled to breathe and had to be connected to a ventilator to keep herself alive. She needed a heart surgery promptly to survive.

Her parents being migrant workers who live off their daily wages could not afford such a surgery along with months of specialized care- that was necessary to keep Anandita alive.

When the hospital management heard about the case, they decided to take baby Anandita's case in their expert hands. They assured her family that Artemis Hospital would bear the complete cost of the surgery, medicines as well as hospitalization.

"Baby Anandita was suffering from **Patent Ductus Arteriosus**- an easy fix if one were dealing with a grown up child. But when you have a child which is equal to the size of your palm things are sensitive. Her severe prematurity, made the surgery extremely complex and fraught with danger. In the words of Dr. Aseem Ranjan Srivastava, Senior Consultant Paediatric Cardiac Surgery, Artemis Hospitals "Operating through the chest, you are trying to close an abnormal artery carrying blood under high pressure, that has walls that are less than paper thin, in probably the tiniest baby you will ever see "

He further went on to add “At 23 weeks, she is the youngest child to survive heart surgery for a congenital heart defect. She is recovering well at Artemis hospital’s Neonatal ICU under Dr. Prabhat Maheshweri Head- NICU, and is expected to be discharged by next week. She will be visiting the hospital very frequently for about a year, after which she will probably be just another healthy kid with no heart disease but the small scar on her chest that will always tell stories about a ‘Brave child ‘ who fought against all odds to survive.

About Artemis Hospital

Artemis Hospital was established in July 2007 by Apollo Tyres Ltd. Spread across 9 acres; Artemis is a 400 bed; state-of-the-art, super-speciality hospital located in Gurgaon, India. Artemis is the first JCI and NABH accredited hospital in Gurgaon.

Designed as one of the most advanced in India, Artemis provides an in-depth expertise in the sphere of advanced medical & surgical interventions, comprehensive mix of inpatient and outpatient services. Artemis aims to provide excellent medical care in a compassionate environment and a practice dedicated to pioneering research, empowering the health care professionals and the diverse communities we serve. The clinical procedures followed in the hospital are technologically advanced and supervised by distinguished doctors of international repute. Top-notch services, in a warm, open centric environment, clubbed with affordability, have made us one of the most revered hospitals in the country.

All the aspects of the functioning of the hospital, including future plans and expansions are supervised by our Executive Director Dr. Devlina Chakravarty.

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