

## Gleneagles Global Hospitals launch new program in Karnataka

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Gleneagles Global Hospitals has announced the launch of their Heart and Lung Transplant program in Karnataka in order to serve the local community and promote the benefits of these procedures. This initiative will help boost the healthcare sector of the state while also build awareness regarding end-stage heart and lung conditions, providing options to those who may not have had viable treatment options in the past.

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Dr Thasee Pillay, Advisor & Sr. Consultant Cardiac & Cardiopulmonary Transplant at BGS Gleneagles Global Hospitals, said, "Heart transplantation is a major, critical and complex surgery. It should only be considered if the surgery is going to improve the recipient's chance of survival or quality of life, post-transplant. Over the years, results have shown that the survival rates of cardiac failure patients have risen from 20% to 80% due to the availability of this procedure, making it a true life-saver and game changer for those patients suffering from heart failure."

Dr Sandeep HS, Consultant Transplant Pulmonologist at BGS Gleneagles Global Hospitals, said, "There is no way through which lost lung function can be restored completely in respiratory diseases like COPD and ILDs. Despite medical management these diseases continue to progress and the patients eventually end up with respiratory failure. Lung transplantation is the only option to improve quality of life and increase the longevity in such situations. Lung Transplantation is being done worldwide for more than 30 years and the time has come now for our countrymen to utilise this life saving treatment modality."

With the launch of this program, the medical team at Gleneagles Global Hospitals will be available for consultations, assessment, and performance of transplants in the state of Karnataka at their hospitals.

Should the necessity present itself, these doctors will also be at hand to do outreach programs to help remote areas of the state. These transplant procedures will follow internationally established protocols, from assessing whether the patient's condition necessitates a transplant, to assessing the patient's ability to withstand the procedure, inclusive of evaluation of the damaged organ as well as other organ functions, to identifying and minimising all potential risks that could arise from the performance of these transplant procedures.

Dr K Ravindranath, Chairman, Gleneagles Global Hospitals Group said, "With the launch of this transplant program, we hope to educate the public on the benefits of undergoing transplants. These medical procedures offer patients a new lease of life, and a better quality of life than the one they were going through while on medical management. Gleneagles Global Hospitals Group is a pioneering institution in multi organ transplantation in India with cutting edge technology for transplant procedures since it is a world-class transplant center. With our team of experienced medical professionals and a laboratory devoted to transplant immunology, I am sure that this program will be able to benefit all members of the society who need transplant for Heart failure."