

Workshop

Workshop On Improving Living Donation

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A workshop on 'Improving Living Donation' was conducted by MOHAN Foundation on February 12, 2023, at Abu Sarovar Portico Hotel in Chennai. This Advanced Transplant Coordinators' workshop was supported by the SBI Foundation and SBI Card. A total of 33 delegates from India and abroad attended the workshop. The meeting had discussions on the following topics:

- Use of social media to improve donations
- Special judgements on living donations
- Non-directed altruistic donation

Faculty for the workshop included experts from Kerala, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Gujarat and some were connected via virtual platform. The learnings from the workshop included the following:

Social media shall be used positively to improve living donations. While other countries have witnessed success stories and have had long domino transplant chains, the transplant law in India is silent about the use of social media to solicit organs for transplant. The transplant societies in India shall outline guidelines for facilitating living organ donations using social media.

Most of the judgements with regard to living donations, support organ failure patients and the judgements are given in favour of the donation and transplant. (Ministry of health and family welfare, Govt. of India issued an order to remove the condition for requirements of domicile certificate for registration of patients requiring deceased donor organ for their transplant)

Panel Discussion on Non-Directed Altruistic Donation



Dr. Vijaya Sethumadhavan (Senior Nephrologist, The Voluntary Health Services Hospital, Chennai), **Dr Rajasekara Chakravarthi** (HOD - Nephrology & Transplant Services, Yashoda Hospitals, Hyderabad), **Ms Pallavi Kumar** (Executive Director, Delhi-NCR, MOHAN Foundation), **Dr J Amalorpavanathan** (Senior Consultant, Dept. of Vascular Surgery & Head - Transplant, MGM Healthcare, Chennai)

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There have been many recent cases of individuals coming forward to donate their organs altruistically while they are alive. To make non-directed donations possible, India needs an exclusive altruistic donor registry as well as allocation guidelines for distributing such organs.

Role of social media in increasing living donation



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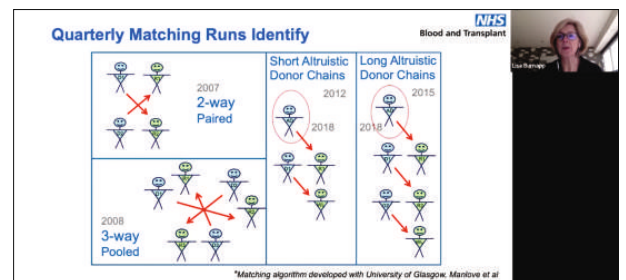


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Special Judgements on Living Organ Donations - Panel Discussion



Dr Mathew Jacob (Senior Consultant, Liver Transplantation & Hepatobiliary Surgery, Aster Medcity Hospital, Ernakulam), **Dr Sunil Shroff** (Managing Trustee, MOHAN Foundation), **Dr Noble Gracious** (Executive Director Kerala - SOTTO), **Dr Rajasekara Chakravarthi** (HOD - Nephrology & Transplant Services, Yashoda Hospitals, Hyderabad), **Mr Prashant Ajmera** (Founder, Ajmera Law Group), **Mr Anil Srivatsa** (Managing Trustee, Gift of Life Adventure Foundation Inc.)



Ms Lisa Burnapp (Consultant Nurse, Associate Medical Director, Living Donation and Transplantation, NHS Blood and Transplant) speaking on Non-directed altruistic donation - UK's Experience

