

Press Release on occasion of Organ Donation Day

Organ Donation Day is celebrated every year in India on 13th August. On this occasion Dept. of Organ Transplant, KGMU organised registration camp and awareness event. More than 50 people registered in the camp and pledged their organs. Registered organ donors can save lives of upto 8 patients by donating their organs after death.

A felicitation program was held in the seminar room of Dept. of Gastroscopy to honour families of last three donors at KGMU. Family of Late Ms Deeksha Srivastava from Lucknow, Late Mr Awadh Bihari Sinha from Lucknow and Late Mr. Rakesh Singh, Village HARAUNI, Lucknow were honoured in an emotional ceremony. Honourable Vice Chancellor of KGMU, Prof MLB Bhatt presented flower bouquet, shawl and a Ganesh idol as a mark of respect to each of the family. Prof Bhatt spoke about the need of more organ donors in our society and met and thanked each donor family personally. He also stressed on KGMU's commitment to start KGMU's own transplant unit in near future. Also present in the function were CMS Dr. SN Sankhwar, DIG Police Dr. DK Goswami IPS, Director Liver Transplant unit Cambridge University, Dr. Asif Jah, HOD Gastroscopy Dr. Abhijit Chandra, HOD Neurosurgery Dr. BK Ojha, MS Dr. Vijay Kumar and Dr. Mohd. Pervez Khan from Transplant Anesthesia. Dr. Vivek Gupta from Dept of Organ Transplant made presentation about the technical aspects of organ donation, while Dr. D.K. Goswami updated the audience about medicolegal aspects of organ donation. He also spoke about the need to broaden the donor pool and to include altruistic donors and family friends as possible donors apart from blood relatives. CMS Dr. Sankhwar also expressed his gratitude to the donor families on behalf of the University. Lucknow based Sparsh NGO is actively promoting organ donation in state of UP. Its director Mr. Dharmendra Sharma was felicitated by our Vice Chancellor in this ceremony. Mr. Vijay R Raghvan is an independent film maker who has made a documentary on organ donation, was also present on the event. He was felicitated by our CMS and clips of his documentary titled "Gift of Life" were shown to the audience. Dr. Pooja Sharma, Assistant Professor, Lucknow University recited a soulful poem composed by her. Finally Dr. Manmeet Singh, assistant prof. Dept of Organ Transplant thanked all audience and all members of the society coming together to build an organ donation and transplant program in the city of Lucknow. He specifically thanked organ coordinators of the department, Mr Peeyush Srivastava, Mr Kshitiz Verma and Mr. Ashwini Kumar, who have the specific job of counselling and taking care of donor families. With a vote of thanks the ceremony was closed. Events like this promote organ donation in our society which is the need of the hour. In Spain for example where 34% of population is registered organ donor, in India this figure falls to below 0.03%. Honourable VC Dr. Bhatt gave examples of Indian Mythological Figures, especially Mahatma Dhadichi, who donated his whole body for a noble cause. He also stressed on the need for organising more such events in peripheral areas and villages to improve organ donation rates. Till date 17 families have donated organs of their lost ones in KGMU, thus benefitting more than 70 patients with organ failure.