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City makes attempts at **liver**aging donations

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At a time when cadaver liver donation is not very popular in India, experts believe that a common registry should be maintained to list available cadaver donors as there are three liver transplant centres in Gujarat. This was suggested by medical experts at the Sterling Hospital in Ahmedabad during a media interaction held after the hospital successfully completed a 14-hour marathon liver transplant operation.

The operation, where a general practitioner from Anand district Dr Kanu Gohil suffering from liver cirrhosis received part of liver of a living donor, Gohil's brother-in-law Punam Parmar, was the first-of-its-kind to be carried out at Sterling Hospital.

Dr A S Soin, Dr Hitesh Chavda, Dr Ravi Mohanka and their team conducted the operation. Dr Sudhanshu I Patwari, a part of Dr A S Soin's team said many times cadaver liver is not used because of lack of information of requirement in other hospitals. He suggested that if a common registry is main-



Experts addressing the media —Dhaval Bharwad. DNA

tained by the three liver transplant centres in Gujarat, they would be able to help more people in need of liver transplant.

"In India, around 3% to 4% people are carriers of hepatitis B and C. To be specific, around 0.1% people are carriers of hepatitis C – that causes liver cirrhosis in a period of 10 to 20 years.

There is a need to create awareness about cadaver liver donation," he said.

Talking about the operation Dr Hitesh Chavda said, "Gohil was suffering from terminal liver failure and was not expected to survive more than a few weeks without a liver transplantation. Hence, Gohil was advised not to go for cadaveric donor (deceased donor) liver transplant as the waiting time in such cases can vary from 1 to 12 months."

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