

In a first, Laparoscopic Whipple's Surgery for pancreatic cancer performed at Lilavati Hospital

Whipple's Surgery is considered as one of the most challenging pancreatic surgeries

By Christopher Rodrigues

Mumbai: In a groundbreaking achievement, Lilavati Hospital in Mumbai performed its first laparoscopic Whipple's surgery, a minimally-invasive procedure offering hope to pancreatic cancer patients. Led by Dr. D. R. Kulkarni (GI Surgeon) and Dr. Deepak Chhabra (Cancer Surgeon), supported by anaesthesiologist Dr. Sucheta S Gaiwal, the surgical team successfully operated on Ramesh Shirodkar, a 45-year-old farmer from Washim, Maharashtra, who was diagnosed with early-stage pancreatic/periampullary cancer.

Mr. Shirodkar initially sought medical help for symptoms like abdominal pain, weight loss, loss of appetite, and dark urine. His local doctors discovered obstructive jaundice caused by a tumour obstructing the bile and pancreatic ducts. After receiving initial treatment in Washim, he was referred to Lilavati Hospital where Dr. Kulkarni assessed him promptly, conducting PET CT scans, tumour marker tests, and assessing his fitness for surgery despite complications like uncontrolled diabetes and a bile duct stent.

Whipple's laparoscopic surgery is a highly complex procedure involving the removal of the cancerous parts of the pancreas, bile duct, and duodenum, followed by intricate reconstruction. Dr. Kulkarni highlighted the rarity and challenges of this surgery, noting its benefits in selected patients with

small tumours and specific conditions.

Advantages of the laparoscopic approach include smaller incisions, reduced pain, quicker recovery, and shorter hospital stays compared to traditional open surgery. Despite its complexities and longer operative times, this approach is transforming cancer treatments, extending beyond gall-



Dr. D. R. Kulkarni

bladder and appendix surgeries to now include pancreatic, colon, stomach, and liver cancers.

Dr. Deepak Chhabra spoke about the role of advanced surgical tools and the skilled team at Lilavati Hospital in ensuring the surgery's suc-

cess. Dr. Niraj Uttamani, Chief Operating Officer, acknowledged the hospital's pioneering role in setting new standards for Whipple's surgeries with advanced laparoscopic techniques.

The successful outcome of Mr. Shirodkar's surgery underscores the hospital's commitment to leveraging cutting-edge technology for better patient outcomes. Dr. Kulkarni stressed the importance of early diagnosis in combating pancreatic cancer, which is projected to become a leading cause of cancer-related deaths by 2030.

Mr. Shirodkar expressed gratitude for the hospital's expertise, which enabled him to swiftly resume his normal life post-surgery. The achievement at Lilavati Hospital marks a significant milestone in advancing surgical interventions for pancreatic cancer, promising higher success rates and improved quality of life for patients.

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