

# Lilavati Hospital & Research Centre and Spinal Bifida Foundations introduce foetal surgery prog



*Partners with The Medical University of Silesia In Poland*

Lilavati Hospital in association with the Spina Bifida Foundation has partnered with Poland's Medical University of Silesia to inaugurate a foetal surgery department, aiming to repair birth defects and fetal conditions in the womb. This landmark collaboration seeks to offer fetal surgery as a primary clinical option for intrauterine correction, significantly enhancing the prospects for affected infants.

To raise awareness about the importance of foetal surgery in India, a three-day Fetal Surgery And Urinary Incontinence Surgery Twin Conference (FSUI 2024) was organised in Mumbai. The conference served as a forum for leading experts, practitioners, and researchers from around the world to convene and discuss various aspects of fetal surgery and its development in India.

Distinguished speakers include Dr Santosh Karmarkar, Organising Chairman of FSUI Conference 2024 and Pediatric Surgeon at Lilavati Hospital, Dr Agnieszka Pastuszka, Fetal Surgeon from Poland, and Dr Tandulwadkar, President-Elect of FOGSI.

Dr Santosh Karmarkar, Sr Consultant, Pediatric Surgeon, Lilavati Hospital and Research Centre, Mumbai emphasised, "Our partnership with Poland's Medical University of Silesia reaffirms our dedication to enhancing foetal surgical techniques and enhancing patient outcomes. Through this collaboration, we aim to pioneer innovative approaches to foetal surgery, ensuring that expectant parents have access to the most advanced and effective treatments for their unborn babies. This joint effort underscores our commitment to pushing the boundaries of medical excellence and improving the lives of both mothers and infants."

Dr Niraj Uttamani, CEO, Lilavati Hospital & Research Centre, Bandra said, "The conference symbolises a beacon of hope for parents, emphasising the critical role of early intervention and specialised care for children with birth defects. The establishment of the forthcoming fetal surgery department will empower parents to advocate for their child's health and well-being, arming them with the necessary knowledge and resources to provide optimal care even before birth."

Dr Agnieszka Pastuszka, representing Poland, expressed enthusiasm for the collaboration, stating, "We are thrilled to partner with Lilavati Hospital to elevate the standard of fetal surgery in India. The conference presents a unique opportunity to exchange knowledge, foster collaboration, and shape the future of fetal surgery."

Rohit Shelatkar, Director, Meyer Vitabiotics, expressed his commitment to advancing healthcare in India through collaborations with Lilavati Hospital and the Spina Bifida Foundation. He looks forward to contributing to innovative initiatives that will enhance the healthcare sector in the future."