

# Lilavati Hospital & Spinal Bifida Foundation Introduce Fetal Surgery Program In Partnership With Medical University Of Silesia

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In an initiative to address the growing demand for fetal intervention and surgery, Lilavati Hospital, in collaboration with the Spinal Bifida Foundation, has joined hands with Poland's Medical University of Silesia to launch a new fetal surgery program. This program aims to provide specialised care for conditions like Spina Bifida, large neck masses, lower urinary tract obstructions (LUTO), and certain tumours, which can adversely affect fetal development, the hospital said in a press statement on Friday.

The inaugural ceremony of this landmark collaboration coincides with the Fetal Surgery And Urinary Incontinence Surgery Twin Conference (FSUI 2024), a three-day event organised at The Trident Hotel, Nariman Point, Mumbai. The conference serves as a platform for leading experts, practitioners, and researchers worldwide to convene and discuss various aspects of fetal surgery and its development in India.

Dr Santosh Karmarkar, Senior Consultant Pediatric Surgeon at Lilavati Hospital, Mumbai, emphasised the importance of fetal surgery in improving long-term outcomes for children with birth defects. He highlighted the significance of early intervention in preventing complications and disabilities, stating that fetal surgery offers a brighter future for affected infants.

The FSUI 2024 conference features discussions on the latest surgical developments and techniques in fetal surgery, with renowned experts from Europe and the USA sharing their insights. The event aims to raise awareness about the critical role of early intervention and specialised care for children with birth defects.

Dr Niraj Uttamani, Chief Operating Officer at Lilavati Hospital and Research Centre, Bandra, expressed optimism about the forthcoming fetal surgery department, emphasizing its potential to empower parents and enhance patient care.

Dr Agnieszka Pastuszka, representing Poland, expressed excitement about the collaboration, stating that it presents a unique opportunity to exchange knowledge and shape the future of fetal surgery in India.

Rohit Shelatkar, Director of Meyer Vitabiotics, reiterated his commitment to advancing healthcare in India through collaborations with Lilavati Hospital and the Spinal Bifida Foundation.

FSUI 2024 is expected to drive innovation and set new standards for fetal surgical care in India, promising transformative outcomes for patients and families affected by birth defects.