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Dr. Sandeep Attawar

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Brief Description

Dr. Sandeep Attawar is one of India's leading heart surgeons and is a recognized expert in the field of cardiothoracic surgery and an authority on heart and lung transplantation. Over his career, he has participated in over 10000 open and closed heart surgeries—a combined 200+ heart and lung transplants—and is capable of performing a variety of surgical procedures on patients of any age, from neonates to octogenarians.

Dr. Attawar is recognized for his ability to perform a variety of complex cardiothoracic, most notably heart and lung transplantation. Those under his care enjoy a high level of satisfaction—further proof of his exceptional results. He has accumulated extensive expertise in starting successful thoracic transplant units from the bottom up, having set up comprehensive heart and lung transplant units in Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, and Mumbai. Dr. Attawar enjoys the challenge of working in new environments and is driven by a commitment to the development of quaternary level transplant services.

In addition to his surgical expertise, Dr. Attawar is an active member of international cardiothoracic forums such as the International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation (ISHLT), Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS), and the European Association of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS). He has had work published in leading journals such as the Annals of Thoracic Surgery (ATS) and regularly contributes to papers and presentations delivered across the world. He is also on the editorial board of the Journal of Thoracic Disease (JTD).

Dr. Attawar is also involved in advancing the field of mechanically assisted circulation or Long-term Ventricular Assist Devices (LVADs). He is part of the International faculty on the I2C2 committee that spearheads policies and outcomes of Mechanically assisted circulatory therapies, a subcommittee of the ISHLT. He is also an adviser to ReliantHeart Inc., a leading American left ventricular assist device manufacturer.

He is on the Advisory board of YMC Organ Donation and Transplant Foundation

