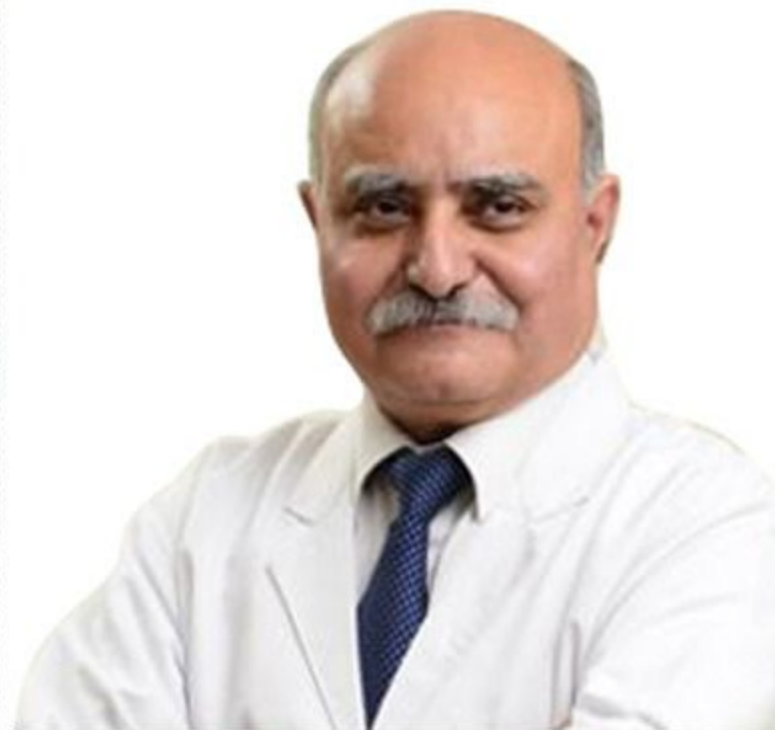


## The Story Of A Successful Heart Transplant

A heart transplant is performed when all hope is lost. In cases where medication and treatment fail to work, death is imminent in the absence of a transplant. But, owing to a shortage of donors, the number of heart transplants remain largely constant around the world—only 4,500 heart transplants are being done every year.

The success rate of the transplant is 85 percent—this percentage reflects those who will live for a year after transplant. About 72 per cent will live for five years and 20 percent will live until 20 years.



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