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Apollo touching lives beyond border

After having performed a successful liver transplant on Madhia Tariq, a 16-year-old girl who was airlifted from Lahore in Pakistan in a critical condition recently, the Indraprastha Apollo Hospital on Friday announced the successful completion of 350 liver transplant cases of Pakistani patients at the Hospital.

Apollo Hospitals group medical director and senior paediatric gastroenterologist Prof. Anupam Sibal said: “With success rate of over 90 per cent Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals created a milestone in the history of medicine by becoming the first hospital in the country to reach the 350 mark for patients from a single foreign country.”

Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals liver transplant surgeon Prof. Subash Gupta said: “We are delighted that we have been able to touch so many patients from across the border. From the time we performed the successful liver transplant in India in 1998, the Apollo Transplant Program has performed 1,252 liver transplants in children and adults.” Speaking about patient Madhia Tariq, Prof. Gupta said: “The patient had developed an acute fulminant liver failure due to Hepatitis A. She was admitted to the Hospital early in February 2013. Next day she underwent a successful emergency liver transplant where part of the liver was donated by Madhia’s elder brother. Madhia was off the ventilator within 24 hours of the transplant and started eating the very next day. Over the following weeks her condition improved gradually and the young girl is now ready to fly back home to Pakistan.”