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KMCH performs heart transplantation

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Kovai Medical Center and Hospital (KMCH) recently performed a heart transplantation on a 26-year-old man from Erode.

The patient was brought to the hospital with only a 15 % heart function, as he had dilated cardio-myopathy, a condition wherein the heart muscle is too weak to pump blood.

Cardio-thoracic surgeon Prashant Vaijyanath and interventional cardiologist R. Sureshkumar examined the patient and concluded that a heart transplantation was the only solution.

The transplantation was performed last week when the hospital was allotted a heart donated from a brain dead person through the Transplant Authority of Tamil Nadu.

The transplantation was done free of cost as it was covered under the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme.

Chairman of KMCH Nalla G. Palaniswami said the entire process, right from harvesting the heart from the brain dead person to the transplantation, had to be done within a short span of time.

