

Liver Transplantation: Indian Perspective

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Abstract

India has a large number of patients with end-stage liver disease requiring liver transplantation. Cadaver organ donation has been unable to meet the existing demand and further efforts are required to promote organ donation and ensure optimal utilization. Living donor liver transplantation offers a viable and effective alternative solution to meet the shortage of cadaver organs. Challenges involved in establishing a successful living donor liver transplant programme include acquisition of advanced infrastructure and technical skills, ensuring donor safety and reducing overall costs making it accessible to a larger number of patients. In this article, we present the results of liver transplantation at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, identify the obstacles faced during the evolution of the programme and outline the strategies adopted in order to overcome those obstacles.

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