

All you need to know about paediatric surgery

Lilavati Hospital and Research Centre offers complex paediatric surgical treatments for children. Paediatric surgery is a surgical super-speciality dealing with diagnosis and management of surgical diseases in children (less than 18 years), adolescents, infants (less than 1 year), newborns (less than one month) and unborn babies.

Besides common operations for children like hernia and circumcision, there are some complex delicate major surgeries for intestines, lungs and the urinary system that are performed by paediatric surgeons. Even paediatric cancers can be treated by surgical assistance. Newborn surgeries are unique with issues like absent anal opening, food

pipe communicating with windpipe and congenital diaphragmatic hernia, which have satisfying long-term outcomes.

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PERFORMING PAEDIATRIC SURGICAL PROCEDURES

Routine paediatric surgery involves surgical correction of hernia (swelling in groin), hydrocele (fluid filled swelling in scrotum), undescended testis and circumcision for a tight foreskin, appendicitis and abdominal and thoracic operations for intestinal, kidney, liver and lung issues. Dr Rajeev Redkar (Consultant, Paediatric Surgery) is well-known for performing biliary atresia surgeries across the globe. He says, "Lilavati Hospital offers paediatric surgical treatments for children with gastro-intestinal, biliary (the Kasai procedure has greatly improved therapy in biliary atresia) and pancreatic conditions. Our Paediatric Surgical Centre offers an advanced level of care with treatment of a variety of cancers like Wilm's tumour of kidney, neuroblastoma and hepatoblastoma of liver."



TREATING NEUROLOGICAL PROBLEMS IN CHILDREN

Children with neurological problems like spina bifida are treated and complex reconstructive surgeries related to genito-urinary system are offered by a paediatric surgical team. Dr Santosh Karmarkar (Consultant, Paediatric Surgery) is a renowned expert for continence surgeries and spina bifida. He says, "Endoscopic surgery through laparoscopes, thoracosopes, cystoscopes and upper and lower gastro-intestinal endoscopes are performed at our centre. Laparoscopic

appendectomy is a common surgery performed by expert paediatric surgeons. The Paediatric Surgical Centre has a well-equipped neonatal and Paediatric Intensive Care Centre with a full-time, fully qualified paediatric intensivist to aid the recovery process. Paediatric surgical super-specialities like paediatric orthopaedic surgery, paediatric eye surgery and cochlear implant surgery are also available."