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City hosp conducts rare hip joint replacement surgery successfully

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Pune: City-based Columbia Asia Hospital conducted a successful hip joint replacement surgery of a patient with a rare congenital (birth) defect known as Larsen Syndrome. The patient also had a heart problem.

Larsen Syndrome causes a variety of orthopaedic as well as cardiac abnormalities.

Along with short limbs, Bhushan also had a knock-knee deformity in both his knees along with a severely bent spine. Although he could go about his routine daily activities, his heart condition would put him at a risk of heart failure in times of stress.

Dr Sinukumar Bhaskaran, Joint Replacement Consultant, Columbia Asia, Pune said that Bhushan's case was rejected by many reputed hospitals over the last four years due to the severe complications.

"We formed a team of the most experienced surgeons and highly skilled anaesthetics doctors. Because Bhushan had extremely small limbs, the available hip replacement implants would not fit him and specially sized implants had to be ordered for him. There was a risk of fracture during the procedure," he added.

Dr Sunil Borde, chief anaesthetist of the hospital, said that the management of such cases requires well-coordinated multidisciplinary teamwork.

"We are happy to report that the intra-operative period was uneventful. By ensuring that we follow international protocols, we have been able to tackle many such difficult cases," he said.

Dr Mahesh Kulkarni, joint replacement consultant of the hospital, said that after the surgery, the patient was observed in the ICU for a day and discharged on the seventh day.

Bhushan is now mobile and free of pain.