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“COCHLEAR IMPLANT” – A Boon to Hearing Impaired People

Is just another milestone in the world of science and technology but to introduce such invention successfully into the world of **“HEARING CHALLENGED”** people requires a well experienced and dedicated doctor.

One such doctor who is humanist first and surgeon next is **PADAMSHREE AWARDEE Prof. (Dr.) J. M. Hans** who brought revolution in the field of cochlear implant and auditory brain stem implant.

I, **Dr. Anita Rawat** have discovered a new world with the gift of hearing after being operated by the magic hands of Prof. Dr. J. M. Hans.

I am narrating my **tragic past** before cochlear implantation.....

Since childhood, I had bilateral CSOM for which I never consulted any doctor. I had the complaint of mild ear discharge which I did not take seriously. During my school days, I never complained of any problem regarding hearing as I could hear clearly. So, I successfully completed my schooling without any problem. I was good at studies and always wanted to be a doctor. I was totally unaware of the progressive nature of my ear problem. When I started preparing for PRE MEDICAL ENTRANCE EXAMS, I began to feel problem in hearing. Then day by day my hearing worsened and I was feeling hard of hearing. Meanwhile I got selected in MBBS in GSVM Medical College, Kanpur. It was like a dream come true for me. But by that time I was not able to hear clearly from distance and when for the first time I attended lectures in such big halls, I realized the severity of my hearing loss as I felt very difficulty in making class notes.

Doctors advised me to use high powered BTE Hearing aid. I started using the hearing aid and somehow completed my 1st Prof. Exam. As the degree of hearing loss was not so great, it helped me a lot to carry out my daily and professional tasks.

I was totally unaware of the fact that internally my ear condition was worsening day by day and it showed its worst effect when one day I suffered **sudden bilateral Sensorineural hearing loss**. I underwent through a number of tests and when even the highest powered hearing aid did not help me in hearing, I was suggested by many doctors to have Cochlear Implantation surgery. So, cochlear implantation was the last option to restore my hearing. That was the beginning of my tragic past, a turning point in my life which changed my and my family's life forever.

I always wanted to give whole hearted support to my parents and always wanted to lessen the burden on their shoulders, but I had such a bad fate that I became their burden for the rest of the life. I cried a lot and my dream shattered into pieces as I knew that without hearing I could never complete my MBBS, the dream of my parents.

Cochlear implantation surgery is a costly affair and my family could not afford that much. But with the help and support of my family, I underwent surgery on my left ear in 2005. It was a successful surgery and I returned to my college to continue my course. I successfully completed my MBBS in 2008 without any problem.

The pain was not enough when GOD gave me a little more. Fungal infection developed in my implanted ear for which I had to undergo urgent surgery. I again started using my implant comfortably **but the things did not end here and the GOD had to hurt me more.** When I was pursuing 1st year of MD, Physiology from CSMMU, Lucknow I again suffered fungal infection which almost finished me because after that I was told that my implant had become exposed and it may lead to the spread of infection to the brain. I had to undergo urgent explantation and fresh implantation on the other side.

I lost all the hopes of hearing again and became frustrated with myself as I was giving so much trouble to my family. I was dying day by day thinking about who will do my surgery again when I have severe complication on one side. But with the love and sincere efforts of my family at last I came in contact with the person who has developed **1st ever VERIA technique in the country.....yes..** i'm talking about Prof. J. M. Hans, the person with a **smiling face, loving heart and magic hands.**

When I 1st met him, I again developed the desire to live and to hear. He always used to tell my parents that everything would be all right and I would be able to hear again. He gave emotional support to my family and lots of love and care to me.

He successfully performed explantation one side and fresh new implantation on the other side in 2011. As the new implant was much better and efficient than my previous implant, I resumed my daily and professional work very soon. Even I did not feel the need of Speech Therapy.

Now my communication methods have greatly expanded since being implanted. I love to talk on the phone with friends and family without any concern or hesitation. Listening to music is one of my hobbies. Now I can enjoy each and every sound very easily.

Presently I am in 2nd year of MD, Physiology and I am 100% assured of my good future. I am enjoying my life with my family and friends. Now my past is dead. I have begun the journey into the world of hearing.....the journey of a lifetime.

All this would not have been possible without the help and support of Prof. Dr. J. M. Hans.

**For others, Doctor may be next to GOD.....
But for me..GOD is next to my Dr. J.M Hans.**

***Thank you so much for your kindness, love, care and all time support. I will
always pray for your good health and long life.***



Everything in this world is so fine,
But everything in this world is not mine.
But there is one thing that is pure and divine.....your blessings
and luckily it is mine.

WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR 2012

