



Kristina Zagryazhskaya

Date of birth 31.05.1998.

Moscow, Russia

When Kristina was 5 years old she was diagnosed with congenital heart defect (CHD).

Since then she was under medical supervision in cardiac centre – there was a hope that the CHD would be cured on its own.

Unfortunately, this did not happen and doctors advised that a heart operation is required, and any further delays may negatively affect Kristina's health.

The CHD that has been diagnosed for Kristina could be done by performing an endovascular repair (EVAR), rather than an open heart operation. EVAR is relatively new procedure and is less traumatic and painful compared to an open surgery option.

However, the cost of such operation was estimated to be around £5000.

Kristina lives with her father – her mother disappeared 7 years ago. Her father is a disabled person and could not possibly afford to pay for such an operation. The family lives on rather modest incapacity benefit state pension.

Clinical diagnosis: Congenital heart defect of intra ventricle membrane

On the 29 June 2009 in the Scientific Centre of Cardiovascular Surgery, Russian Academy of Medical Sciences, Moscow, Russia, Kristina had a successful EVAR surgery. The operation went well and Kristina is at home now. She will be on 1 year supervision by doctors and some medications, but after that it is expected that she will have virtually normal growth, development, and life expectancy.

We wish Kristina all the best and happy life!

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