

Yousef El Qady, from Egypt

Date of birth 12.06.2012.



Yousef was born with a complex congenital heart defect. Youssef is the only child in the family and parents were doing at much as they could to help him. From his birth, he developed cyanosis and investigations revealed pulmonary atresia, fallot tetralogy and VSD. He underwent urgent catheterization on 7th day for stenting of the PDA to maintain adequate oxygenation. Six months later he underwent an open heart surgery for MBT shunt to maintain his oxygen tension. At the age of 4 years, he underwent the second open heart surgery for central shunt. He needed an urgent third open heart as his oxygen saturation was extremely low for survival. He lost much weight and became cyanosed. He couldn't do even minor daily activities like walking; He could not even play or laugh for a short time, and sometimes he developed attacks of difficulty in breathing. The required surgery for such a high risk complex case is not performed in Egypt so the family contacted many specialized hospitals

in different countries and all hospitals confirmed that it is a complex high risk surgery. Great Ormond Street Hospital in the UK accepted the case but the cost of surgery was very high and was extremely beyond the capabilities of the family and relatives to find such sums of money. The family committed all their life savings, but it was far not enough to fund the life-saving operation for Yousef. The family searched and searched for charities that were willing to help to support Yousef's case.

Children's Hearts charity (UK), jointly with the family and a number of other charities and organisations supported the child to have a life-saving operation in the UK, Great Ormond Street Hospital in London (GOSH).

The operation was successfully performed at GOSH by Dr M.Kostolny in March 2022 (right ventricle to pulmonary artery conduit and closed the VSD and reconstructed the right and left pulmonaries; it raised his oxygen Saturation to 94%) and the child's recovery was good. Now Yousef is back home in Egypt together with her family. Yousef is now living like a normal kid and this was the family's dream come true!

Children's Hearts charity (UK) was happy to support the life-saving CHD procedure for the child and contribute to the life-saving operation for Yousef.

The child recovered well and is now back home in Egypt. We wish Yousef all the best and happy life!

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