

Nanavati surgeon operates on TB patient for removal of cyst behind heart

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In a complex surgical procedure, a patient diagnosed with tuberculosis was successfully operated at Nanavati Super Specialty Hospital (NSSH) for the removal of a cyst which had formed behind her heart.

Elaborating on the complexities involved in the operation, Dr. Rohit Shahapurkar, Cardiac Surgeon, NSSH, said, "The patient was experiencing problems in swallowing and breathing. A CT scan revealed the formation of a big cyst filled with fluid behind her heart. She was referred to us when other hospitals expressed their inability to surgically remove the cyst owing to the complexities involved. The surgery was difficult as the cyst was right behind her heart and had spread to her wind pipe and food pipe. It was also positioned in the posterior of the heart along the blood vessels arising from the heart. In a carefully calibrated and timed operation, we stopped the heart during the course of the surgical procedure and successfully removed the cyst following extensive dissection."