



POORNIMA UNIVERSITY

Report

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Session on "How to save a life"

An Awareness Program on Organ donation

By **Dr. Christopher Taylor Barry**

A session on "How to save a Life" was conducted on 26th Feb 2015 with an objective to spread awareness among students of Poornima University regarding organ transplant and donation. The session was delivered by renowned surgeon,

Dr. Christopher Taylor Barry, (MD, PhD, FACS, a Stanford and UCSF trained abdominal transplant surgeon) who himself has cured patients by organ transplant surgery and saved lives of numerous patients.



Dr. Barry shared live examples whose lives were saved by transplant surgery and who are now leading a normal life. His recent surgery was transplanting two kidneys and one liver from a 14 year girl child who lost her life in accident, but saved another two lives by donating her organs. This One Hour session was designed to articulate the myths and circumstances for such social favours. Dr. Barry also detailed about the pre requisites of donating organs, brain death, statistics in India, and, myths related to donors etc.

Dr. Barry was accompanied by **Mr. Utpal Rajoria**, Project Manager and **Mr. Ashok Goyal**, CA, who also shared their experiences and reason of being actively involved in spreading awareness and critical requirement of motivating people for organ donation.

Dr. Barry, most recently Associate Professor at the University of Rochester in New York. He is an Advisory Board Member with the **MOHAN** (Multi Organ Harvesting Aid Network) Foundation and a Transplant Consultant to the Government of Rajasthan. He is a passionate organ donation advocate, TEDx speaker, and blogger. He will be in India for one year helping to establish a Deceased Donor Liver Transplant Program at Sawai Man Singh Hospital in Jaipur. He is a member of numerous transplant societies and he regularly publishes scientific articles on liver cancer and fatty liver disease. The session was graced by presence of **Dr. K.K.S. Bhatia** (President, Poornima University) who felicitated Dr. Barry by presenting him a memento and shared his words of wisdom with students. **Dr.A.K. Jain** (Asso. Prof.), **Dr. D.L. Suthar** (Asso Prof.), and approximately 200 students attended the session.