

Family Responsibility



Five-year old Balagani Naga Ganesh Deepak of Vadlamudi village had bluish eyes at birth that was diagnosed as Congenital Hereditary Endothelial Dystrophy (defective endothelial cells of the cornea) along with congenital glaucoma (high eye pressure) by Dr Pradeep Kumar at LVPEI Vijayawada. The bluish tinge remained unresolved even after glaucoma surgery so he was referred to the Hyderabad campus where Dr Jagadesh Reddy performed corneal transplantation, replacing the cloudy cornea with transparent donor corneas, first in

the right eye and then the left eye. Later, Dr Preeti Chhablani operated on both his eyes to remove cataract.

The multiple surgeries have instilled a sense of responsibility in the young boy and his family. Both his grandmothers are proud of the boy's keenness to complete his school work before play every evening. The family for their part has been very vigilant about the congenital and hereditary eye disease. Naga Ganesh's younger brother was spared but his little cousin hasn't been so lucky and the grandmother brings him to LVPEI for periodic examination and treatment.

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I am Muna Als Suwaidi from UAE. My brother underwent a cornea transplant at LVPEI. My parents and I too have undergone treatment here for eye problems. I am now accompanying my cousin who has debilitating double vision. He struggles to see normally and the double vision goes away only if he holds his head in a particular position, which makes it very awkward and embarrassing for him when dealing with people or attending meetings – he is in the training sector in the police department. He has been to USA and Korea for treatment and was told he would require two separate surgeries. My family recommended LVPEI as we have been successfully treated here and just a single surgery here has got him the required results. No eye drops, no sunglasses, no lenses, and his double vision is gone more than 95 percent! He is so very happy he could cry. Firstly, he thanks God for the enormous relief he feels. He is also is very grateful to the treating surgeon Dr Ramesh Kekunnaya and his team. We have offered a donation to the hospital so that others who cannot afford to pay for their treatment will receive it at our expense.

