



**THE MIRAJ HEART INSTITUTE
SUTURES RECEIVED FROM GLOBAL LINKS, USA
THROUGH THE COURTESY OF DR. JEROLD VELDMAN
A REPORT**

The Miraj Heart Institute is committed to provide COMPREHENSIVE CARDIAC CARE WITH COMPASSION AND CHARITY and present an effective Christian Witness through its Advanced Cardiac Care to the poor and un-affording class of patients. Our small effort in Miraj has been possible because of the tremendous help, support and encouragement that we continue to receive from all our friends and well wishers.

Global Links, USA (www.globallinks.org) a charitable organization continues to help us by donating Cardiac surgical suture. It is because of such continued support that we are able to run our program and care for the un-affording section of patients in this part of our country.



Surgical sutures received from



The cost of Cardiac Surgery in India is very high (Rs. 250,000 to Rs. 300,000 per patient, over \$5,000) and such facilities are available at private Corporate Hospitals, which are affordable only to the upper middle and rich classes. The Miraj Heart Institute provides subsidized Cardiac surgical care (Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 120,000 per patient, about \$2,500) with a very high level of professional skill and a compassionate Christian approach. The cost of disposable items constitutes a major part of the expenditure on Cardiac surgery. Cardiac suture is a very important and fairly costly ingredient of the operation. Our average cost of suture per Open Heart Surgery varies from \$200 to \$400; depending on the type of surgery. We will be using these sutures in around 20 patients and it will help defray my surgical cost by about \$150 per patient. Last year I received a similar donation of sutures from Global Links that I was able to use in 15 patients which helped me to defray my surgical cost by about \$150 per patient.

We the staff of the Miraj Heart Institute, Wanless Hospital and our patients are grateful to Global Links, USA for this great donation of costly suture material. We are greatly indebted to Ms. Ellen Wilson for her continued efforts not only to procure suture but also to store and organize them and expeditious transport of these sutures to help our program. Our special thanks to Dr. Jerold Veldman (Member of the Board of Administration, Medical Benevolence Foundation, USA) who hand carried these sutures to Miraj when he visited us in February 2008.

The humanitarian efforts of Global Links and their staff have made it possible for us to subsidize our costs still further and offer our services to many more patients. Our small effort in Miraj largely depends on the prayers, equipment and financial support that we receive through friends and well-wishers like your good self. We once again thank Global Links for their continued help and support which empowers us to carry out this service which has been the Mission and Vision of our founder Sir, Dr. William Wanless.

With much love and prayers,
Yours in His service,
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