

Profile

Dr. K S Iyer

**Director – Pediatric & Congenital Heart Surgery
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Dr. K S Iyer is India's front ranking pediatric cardiac surgeon. Renowned for his clinical expertise and wide ranging involvement with cardiac care for children in India and developing nations, Dr. Iyer initiated the dedicated pediatric cardiac care programme, a pioneering initiative, at Escorts Heart Institute in 1995. Under his guidance, the pediatric cardiac programme at Escorts Heart Institute has become the benchmark for cardiac care for children for India and its south East Asian neighbours. The pediatric cardiac care facility has a 10 bed ICU, 36 bed pediatric unit and does 600 cases a year.

Dr. Iyer has operated on more than 7000 children and adult with congenital heart diseases spanning arterial switch operations, Fontan and Fontan type procedures, corrections for tetralogy of fallot, senning operations and wide range of one stage and multi-stage corrections for complex congenital heart diseases. He has done original work on rapid two-stage arterial switch. His current interests are cardiac surgery in malnourished infants and children and salvaging late presenters of chronic heart diseases.

Dr. Iyer completed his M.B.B.S, M.S. and M.Ch. (Postgraduate examination in Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery) from All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi. Post his education, he joined the cardiology department of AIIMS and was Additional Professor at AIIMS before moving to Escorts Heart Institute to set up its pediatric cardiac care division.

He trained in pediatric and infant cardiac surgery under the guidance of the renowned pediatric cardiac surgeon – Dr. R.B.B.Mee - as Senior Fellow at the Department of Pediatric Cardiac Surgery at Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne in Australia. Since his return he has endeavored to popularize the specialty of pediatric and congenital heart surgery in India.

He has contributed prolifically to furthering the cause of pediatric cardiac care through a large number of research papers and studies, authoring sections in medical books on pediatric and neonatal cardiac surgery and traveling to cities across India and abroad to deliver lectures.

He has been the President of Asia-Pacific Pediatric Cardiac Society and President of Pediatric Cardiac Society of India. He is a member of Specialty Board of National Diplomate Examination.

During his brilliant academic career, Dr. Iyer has won many awards. Some of these are the Institute Gold Medal for Best Graduate of the year at MBBS examination, Sorel Catherine Friemna Prize for proficiency in Pediatrics, Pfizer Postgraduate Medical Award, Gold Medal and Scroll of Honour, Hira Lal Gold Medal for being the best postgraduate in General Surgery. He was awarded the Doppler award for best paper at the Sixth International Symposium on Echocardiography in Cardiac Surgery held in Washington D.C. in 1994.

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