

## Cardiac Surgery in Bangladesh Today

### Dhaka Apollo Hospital

Dhaka Apollo Hospital is the Bangladeshi branch of this famous international brand. In 2007, they performed around 500 open heart cases. Located in a quite Baridhara neighborhood, the hospital is also nicely decorated. Dr Zulfikar Haider is the senior most Bangladeshi cardiac surgeon of this center. Its facilities and rates suit the affluent patients.



### Z H Sikder Medical College Hospital

Z H Sikder Medical College is one of the earliest private centers. This center, located in Rayer Bazar area, is performing at a modest level. Its facilities and rates are suitable for the upper middle class patients. Dr Abdullah Ahmed Solaiman is the Chief Cardiac surgeon here.

### Al Helal Specialized Hospital

Al Helal Heart Hospital is a high volume center located in Rokeya Sarani. With just one full time and a few part time surgeons, this center has performed more than 350 open heart cases in 2007. Dr Asit Baran Adhikary is the Chief cardiac surgeon here. Some other NICVD surgeons operate their private patients here on part time basis.

### Square Hospital

Square Hospital is relatively newer hospital managed by the famous Square group. Located in Panthapath this multidisciplinary center is nicely decorated. Dr Md Akhtar Hossain and Dr Habibe Millat are cardiac surgery consultants here. Its facilities and rates are suitable for the upper middle class patients.

### Bangladesh Heart and General Hospital

Bangladesh heart and General Hospital is another small private set up for cardiac cases. Located in Dhanmondi, This center mainly serves outsider consultant surgeons with their private cases. This is suitable for budget private patients.

### Metropolitan Medical Center

Metropolitan Medical Center is a small private center. located in Mahakhali, This center also basically serves outsider consultant surgeons with their private cases. This center Best suited for middle class patients,

### Khaja Yunus Medical College Hospital (KYMCH), Sirajganj

Khaja Yunus Medical College Hospital is the only center in Bangladesh offering cardiac surgery outside Dhaka. located in Sirajganj, KYMCH is serving mainly the patients of North Bengal.

Compared to other countries, cost of cardiac surgery is very little in Bangladesh. A basic open heart surgery (ASD, VSD or CABG) at NICVD would cost around 50,000 Taka (equivalent to US \$ 700) only. In mid level expensive centers (e.g. NHF) it would cost around 1 lac Taka on average. Even in more posh centers (e.g. United or Lab Aid) it would cost between 2 and 3 lacs which is very cost-effective even compared to neighbouring countries. This is because despite high price of disposables, our patriotic surgeons are providing their expertise at a very nominal rate. When a patient goes abroad, many other expenses regarding travel, accomodation, meal, shopping and miscellaneous expenses of the patient and attendants are added to the bill. Even with conservative estimate of Taka 4 lacs expenditure per operation on average abroad, 5000 open heart surgery performed in Bangladesh annually saves hard-earned foreign currency worth Tk 200 crores. This is a silent contribution made by the cardiac surgeons to our national economy. Increase in the number of cases thus not only helps our patients, but also helps the economy. We believe that active cooperation from all corners will make our battle against cardiac diseases a success.

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