

RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGICAL FOUNDATION
(SUSHALYA CHIKITSA FOUNDATION)

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India, the 2nd largest populated Country of the World, has a large population which suffers from congenital defects, deformities caused by accidents, disease, burn injuries etc. Unfortunately most of these people belong to the economically and socially deprived class, which cannot afford expensive medical facilities.

“Reconstructive Surgery Foundation” and Medical Professionals like Dr. Ashok Gupta, have taken initiatives in this direction and have been undertaking various welfare projects in different part of the Country.

For Dr. Ashok Gupta, it started on his return from the United Kingdom having successfully completing the Higher Specialized Training in Reconstructive Microsurgery, he wanted to give back the advantage of his acquired skill and knowledge to under-privileged people in the remote / tribal belt of Maharashtra. During his tenure as Trainee and thereafter as Teacher at Government run Medical College at Nagpur and Mumbai, Dr. Ashok Gupta came across a number of physicians / patients who required reconstructive surgery, but were suffering due to lack of money and medical facilities. He started conducting free reconstructive surgery sessions in the remote areas of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra for the underprivileged. He also felt that he owed certain obligations to people of these States wherein, he had undertaken all his education and training from pre-primary schooling onwards to the Post-doctoral Degree in Medicine. Despite many odds, Dr. Gupta continued to help the poor people by undertaking free reconstructive surgery sessions at local hospitals in Padher, Betul, Itarsi, Jhansi, Durg (Madhya Pradesh) Amaravati, Akola, Badnera, Gondia, Jalna, Srirampur, Tumsar, Warora (Maharashtra) and Sumerpur (Rajasthan) as well at his private Clinic / Hospital at Bombay. Although Dr. Gupta was working very hard to alleviate suffering of these under-privileged, he was doing it single handed on a relatively small scale.

The said “Reconstructive Surgery Foundation” is duly registered with the Charity Commissioner, Govt. of Maharashtra as vide Registration No. E / 28089 (Mumbai) dated 30th July 2011 and Permanent Income Tax Account No. AABTR 8849K on 30th July 2011.

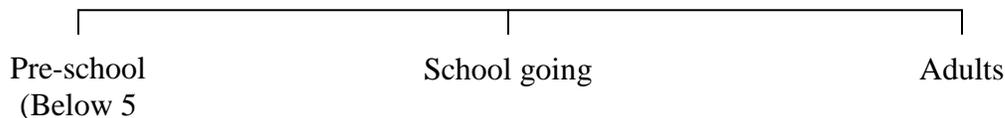
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In order to reach and to co-ordinate specialised surgeries for the patients in remote areas, operative sessions are organised at regular intervals on various parts of the country.



Prior to any operative session a team of local doctors identify and select genuine cases that need surgery. Relatively simple surgeries are undertaken at the local Hospital and for major specialised surgeries, patients are either brought to advanced Hospital at Mumbai. "Reconstructive Surgery Foundation" through its volunteers, provides the necessary pre surgery assessment, surgeries and post operative follow up examinations. Patients only from economically / socially under-privileged class are being operated upon in these operative sessions are. Various kinds of surgeries are performed by "Reconstructive Surgery Foundation" professional team including ear deformities, webbed fingers, cleft lip, cleft palate major birth defects, craniofacial anomalies, and microsurgical reconstruction and burn injuries.



The problems are divided into:

1. Acquired (burns, accidents, etc.)
2. Congenital (since birth)
3. Interfering with day to day life
4. Not interfering with day to day life

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Priority is given to children and to the problems interfering with day-to-day life. While doctors help these patients to solve their medical problems, the social workers help them cope with social and psychological problems.

Parents of most of these patients are daily wage earners, who earn anything between Rs. 30 to Rs. 50 a day. On an average, the expenditure for surgery for a case of cleft lip is about Rs.15,000/- and for burn injuries between Rs.35,000/- to 60,000, depending upon the injury. This amount is beyond their reach. Indifference towards their sufferings on the part of the society and the social ostracism due to deformities has forced them to suffer in isolation. Along with his private practice as a Plastic surgeon Dr. Gupta kept contributing in social service.



Today Dr. Gupta is a world famous surgeon and has been rated as one of the best plastic surgeons of India. He has handled some very complex cases and has given miraculous results. He is the best example of medical miracle man. Some of the newspaper cuttings attached will throw more light on his medical achievements and social service done through "Reconstructive Surgery Foundation".