Frequently Asked Questions

What type of Liver Transplant Surgery is performed at Shifa International Hospital?
Shifa International Hospital is specialized in conducting Living Donor Liver Transplant Surgery. In Living Donor Liver Transplant, a portion of liver is taken from the donor and implanted in the patient (who requires transplant).

How does the Liver Transplant Surgery affect the Donor?
In Living Donor Liver Transplant, surgeons remove patient's diseased/damaged liver and replace it with a portion of the liver from the living donor. The remaining portion of the liver in donor's body grows back to its full size within a few weeks.

Who can donate the Liver?
A blood relative (parents, children, brother/sister, cousin, etc.) who share compatible blood group with patient.
- The average age of the donor should be between 18 and 50 years.
- Donor should be in good health with no major health problem.
- Living donation is not possible for all the donors due to medical and technical reasons.

How long patient and donor are required to be admitted in the hospital?
- Generally, patient & donor are asked to get admitted at the hospital 01 day before the surgery.
- Normally the surgery takes approx. 8 hours in Operation Theater.
- On average, patient and donor needs to stay 07 to 10 days at the hospital after the surgery.

How patient is provided with care after discharge from the hospital?
After being discharged from the hospital, patient is called for follow-up visits to check the recovery progress through clinical examination, diagnostic testing, and drug monitoring.

What is the cost of Liver Transplant at Shifa International Hospital?
The approximate cost of Liver Transplant Surgery is PKR 4.8 million. The actual cost of the surgery depends on the level of treatment and disease complexity of the patient.

What is the success rate of Liver Transplants at Shifa International Hospital?
Shifa International Hospital has so far performed more than 950 Living Donor Liver Transplants of adults, children, and infants with success ratio of over 85%, which is compatible to international standards.

After how much time the patient and the donor are able to start their daily routine activities?
Normally the donor is able to carry out routine tasks within 06 weeks of surgery while recipient can perform routine activities after 12 weeks.

After the surgery how much time the patient and the donor are required to stay in Islamabad?
Generally, the donor is required to stay for one week and the recipient has to stay for one month in Islamabad for followup checkups.

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