

2009 Activity report of OSS

This was the first time two separate teams joined together for the OSS in Kolkata. The two teams arrive in Kolkata on 7th Mar 2009.

Team from USA: DrJeff McConnell, MD; Lehigh Valley Hospital Neuroscience unit head nurse, Holly Tavianini, RN; surgical scrub nurse from St. Luke's Hospital, Marion DeMillio, RN ; neuromonitoring specialist, Ms. Hillary LeClair; and Medtronics representative, Dave Kelley.

Team from UK: Dr Ujjwal K Debnath; Dr Caroline Davies, Consultant Anaesthetist; Dr Neena Seth, Consultant Anaesthetist; Sister Marian Barry RN, Surgical Scrub Nurse; and Sister Rachel Hunt RN Paediatric Nurse Specialist.

In the next 10days we performed 13 surgeries. This included 5 spondylolisthesis, 3 TB spine with paralysis, 4 idiopathic scoliosis, 1 congenital scoliosis.

The remarkable cases were the two TB spine cases. One was a 2 year old girl with paraparesis and a 9 year old girl with quadriparesis. Both recovered from their illness in few months.

A farewell lunch was organized by Dr Debnath at his residence on the day of the departure i.e. 19th Mar 2009.