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Man gets liver from brother-in-law

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Dr Kanubhai Gohil 52, is a lucky man. He got a successful liver transplant done on him with the help of organ donated by his brother-in-law. Gohil's sister's husband Poonam Parmar, donated part of his liver and saved his life.

Gohil's was the first successful liver transplant carried out on a patient in Sterling Hospital. Chief of liver transplant programme at the hospital, Dr Gitesh Chavda, said that Dr Gohil is a general practitioner in Anand and had approached him with complaints of abdominal discomfort, weakness and jaundice. "Investigation revealed that he was suffering from liver cirrhosis caused due to Hepatitis C infection which he had contracted some 20 years ago due to a con-

taminated blood infusion," said Dr Chavda.

Dr Gohil was given just a couple of weeks to live and could not wait for a liver donated through cadaver programme where the organs of a brain dead person are used in the transplant. Dr Gohil's brother-in-law came forward for the liver donation and luckily his blood group matched as well.

The liver transplant lasted for 14 hours and nearly 30 doctors were involved in the treatment before and after the operation.

Dr Chavda said that there is a growing need of liver transplant programme in the state because the number of people suffering from liver failure due to Hepatitis B, C and other infections as well as alcoholism, is rising.