

DR. DHIRAJ K BALAJI

Consultant – Paediatric Surgery and Paediatric Urology

Qualification

MBBS | MS | DNB | FICRS (Fellow of International college of Robotic Surgeons)

Overview

Dr. Dhiraj K Balaji is a senior and extensively experienced paediatric surgeon in Hebbal. He is currently practising as the Lead Consultant – Paediatric Surgery and Paediatric Urology – at Manipal Hospital Hebbal, Bangalore, bringing over 20 years of surgical experience in managing congenital, neonatal, and urological conditions in infants, children, and adolescents. His clinical practice focuses on precise diagnosis, minimally invasive surgical care, and structured long-term follow-up for children requiring specialised surgical treatment. Dr. Balaji completed his MBBS, followed by an MS in General Surgery from Baroda Medical College, M.S. University, Baroda. He later pursued super-speciality training in Paediatric Surgery through the Diplomate of National Board (DNB) programme at Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health, Bangalore, where he gained structured exposure to neonatal surgery, paediatric urology, and minimally invasive paediatric procedures. His surgical expertise covers a broad spectrum of paediatric conditions, including neonatal surgery, paediatric urology, congenital gastrointestinal disorders, thoracic anomalies, and minimally invasive paediatric procedures. A key area of his practice is paediatric urology, where he

manages congenital abnormalities of the kidney, ureter, bladder, and urethra. He has a special interest in hypospadias surgery, an area in which he has more than 15 years of operative experience, along with procedures addressing obstructive uropathy and other congenital urological conditions. His clinical experience in reconstructive paediatric urology places him among the best paediatric surgeons in Hebbal for paediatric urological conditions. Dr. Balaji also performs advanced thoracoscopic and laparoscopic surgeries in children, enabling minimally invasive treatment of several surgical conditions. These techniques allow smaller incisions, reduced postoperative discomfort, and quicker recovery for paediatric patients. His surgical practice includes thoracoscopic management of congenital thoracic cysts, diaphragmatic hernia repairs, and laparoscopic procedures for abdominal conditions. In neonatal surgery, he manages complex surgical conditions diagnosed during the early days of life. His work often involves close communication with parents, helping them understand surgical conditions, treatment options, and postoperative care requirements. This expertise and patient-centric attitude make him one of the best paediatric surgeons in Hebbal for specialised paediatric surgical care. Dr. Balaji has also contributed to academic and clinical discussions in paediatric surgery. He has presented papers at national and international surgical meetings, including presentations at the IAPSCON National Paediatric Surgical Conference and the Asian Association of Paediatric Surgeons Congress. His presentations have covered topics such as thoracoscopic repair of congenital diaphragmatic hernia, thoracoscopic management of intrathoracic cystic lesions, and paediatric surgical emergencies. His research contributions include published work in peer-reviewed journals such as the Journal of Neonatal Surgery, Journal of Indian Association of Paediatric Surgeons (JIAPS), and Urology Annals, addressing clinical cases and surgical techniques in paediatric urology and neonatal surgery.

Fellowship & Membership

- Indian Association of Paediatric Surgeons
- Bangalore Surgical Association
- IMA

Field of Expertise

- General Paediatric Surgery
- Paediatric Urology
- Special interest in Hypospadias repair
- Congenital anomalies of the Kidney, ureter, and Bladder
- Reconstructive Urology - Extropy repair, Bladder Augmentation, Feminising genitoplasty, etc.
- Neonatal Surgery
- Paediatric Thoracic Surgery
- Minimal Invasive Surgery
- Laparoscopy - Appendicectomy, Orchidopexy, etc
- Thoracoscopy, Empyema, Lung Cyst, Lobectomy, etc
- Endo Urology - P U Valves, Ureteroceles, etc
- Paediatric Rigid Bronchoscopy with Foreign Body Removal
- Paediatric Hepato Biliary - Pancreatic conditions
- Robotic Paediatric Surgery

Languages Spoken

- English
- Kannada
- Hindi

Awards & Achievements

- Secured All India Gold Medal in Paediatric Surgery (National Board of Examination) for the year 2007 -2008.

Talks & Publications

- He has many National & International Publications to his credit.
- Presented 2 papers in the International Paediatric Surgery Conference held in Delhi.
- He has actively participated in organising workshops.
- Basic Laparoscopic training courses for Pediatric Surgeons, Advanced Laparoscopic program.
- Attended International workshops on Laparoscopy, Thoracoscopy, Hypospadias Repair and a workshop on Deflux for Ureteric reflux.