



DR. RAGHAVENDRRA CHIKATOOR

Consultant - Cardiothoracic Surgery

Qualification

MBBS | MS (Gen Surgery) | MCh (CTVS)

Overview

Dr. Raghavendra Chikatoor is the best Cardiothoracic Surgery Specialist at Manipal Hospital, Varthur Road, with more than 20 years of rich clinical and surgical expertise in treating a wide range of complex heart and thoracic disorders. He is currently practising as a Consultant - Cardiothoracic Surgery at Manipal Hospital, Varthur Road, Bengaluru. Known for his academic excellence, surgical precision, and leadership in cardiac sciences, Dr. Raghavendra is widely regarded as one of the most trusted and experienced specialists in adult cardiac and thoracic surgery in the region. Dr. Raghavendra completed his MBBS from Bangalore Medical College, followed by an MS in General Surgery from Vijayanagar Institute of Medical Sciences, Bellary, where he was awarded two Gold Medals for outstanding academic performance. He subsequently pursued his M.Ch. in Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery from LTMM College & LTMG Hospital (Sion), Mumbai. His early professional years involved rigorous residency and registrar roles, providing him with a strong foundation in both elective and emergency cardiothoracic procedures. Over the course of his career, Dr. Raghavendra has held several senior leadership roles, including

Head of Department and Director of Cardiac Sciences. In these positions, he not only managed high surgical volumes but also played a key role in establishing, expanding, and administrating advanced cardiac programmes. His surgical expertise encompasses the entire spectrum of adult cardiac surgery, including off-pump coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG), valve repair and replacement, major aortic surgeries, and adult congenital heart surgery. He has a special interest in Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery (MICS), particularly minimally invasive valve procedures, which help reduce surgical trauma, enable faster recovery, and improve overall patient outcomes. In addition to cardiac surgery, Dr. Raghavendra has extensive expertise in thoracic and mediastinal surgery, including Video-Assisted Thoracoscopic Surgery (VATS) for both diagnostic and therapeutic purposes. His ability to manage complex thoracic conditions alongside cardiac disease makes him a leading cardiothoracic specialist at Manipal Hospital, Varthur Road. Patients seeking advanced cardiothoracic care value his comprehensive approach, combining meticulous surgical planning with personalised patient care. Dr. Raghavendra's professional journey also includes significant international exposure in the United Kingdom, where he worked as a Specialist Registrar in Cardiothoracic Surgery at the London Chest Hospital, under the BARTS and The London NHS Trust. This experience further refined his expertise in managing advanced cardiac conditions, acute myocardial infarction care, and evidence-based surgical protocols practised at leading global centres. His academic commitment is reflected in his role as an Assistant Professor and Lecturer, where he trained undergraduate and postgraduate medical students and mentored young surgeons. An active contributor to medical literature, Dr. Raghavendra has authored and co-authored several peer-reviewed publications in national and international journals, focusing on valve surgery, congenital heart disease, off-pump CABG, and complex thoracic conditions. His research work highlights his dedication to advancing cardiothoracic surgical practices through evidence-based

innovation. At Manipal Hospital, Varthur Road, Dr. Raghavendra is known for his calm clinical judgement, ethical decision-making, and patient-first philosophy. He ensures that patients and their families clearly understand diagnoses, treatment options, and surgical risks, enabling informed and confident decision-making. His vast experience, coupled with a compassionate bedside manner, has earned him the trust of patients across all age groups seeking high-quality cardiothoracic care.

Fellowship & Membership

- Life Member of Indian Medical Association (IMA) and Indian Association of Cardio-Thoracic Surgeons (IACTS)

Field of Expertise

- Super Specialty : Cardio-Thoracic and Vascular Surgery
- Interests : Adult Cardiac Surgery
- Thoracic Surgery
- Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery
- Major Aortic Surgery
- VATS for Lung and Mediastinal Diseases
- ECMO

Languages Spoken

- Kannada
- English
- Hindi

Talks & Publications

- Publications and Case Reports in Various National and International Journals
- Presented in Various National Conferences