

DR. RAGHAVENDRRA CHIKATOOR

Consultant - Cardiothoracic Surgery

Qualification

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

Overview

Dr. Raghavendrra Chikatoor is a highly accomplished cardiothoracic surgeon in Whitefield, with 20+ years of extensive clinical and surgical expertise to the management of complex heart and chest conditions. He is currently practising as a Consultant - Cardiothoracic Surgery at Manipal Hospitals, Whitefield, Bangalore. With a career defined by academic excellence, surgical precision, and leadership in cardiac sciences, Dr. Raghavendrra Chikatoor is widely regarded as one of the most experienced and dependable specialists in adult cardiac and thoracic surgery in the region. Dr. Raghavendrra 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 2 Gold Medals for outstanding academic performance. He went on to pursue M.Ch. in Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery from LTMM College & LTMG Hospital (Sion), Mumbai. His early years were marked by rigorous residency and registrar roles, laying a strong foundation in both elective and emergency cardiothoracic procedures. Over the years, Dr. Raghavendrra has held several senior leadership positions, including Head of Department and Director of

Cardiac Sciences, managing not only high surgical volumes but also overseeing the development and administration of cardiac programmes. His surgical expertise spans the full spectrum of adult cardiac surgery, including off-pump coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG), valve repair and replacement, aortic surgeries, and congenital heart surgeries in adults. He has a special interest in Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery (MICS), particularly minimally invasive valve procedures, offering patients reduced surgical trauma, faster recovery, and improved outcomes. In addition to cardiac surgery, Dr. Raghavendrra has deep expertise in thoracic and mediastinal surgery, including Video-Assisted Thoracoscopic Surgery (VATS) for both diagnostic and therapeutic indications. His ability to manage complex thoracic conditions alongside cardiac disease makes him a leading cardiothoracic specialist. Patients seeking the best cardiothoracic surgeon in Whitefield often value his balanced approach that combines meticulous surgical planning with personalised patient care. Dr. Raghavendrra's professional journey also includes international exposure in the United Kingdom, where he worked as a Specialist Registrar in Cardiothoracic Surgery at the London Chest Hospital, part of the BARTS and the London NHS Trust. This experience refined his skills in managing advanced cardiac conditions, acute myocardial infarction care, and evidence-based surgical protocols followed in leading global centres. His academic inclination 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. Raghavendrra has authored and co-authored numerous peer-reviewed publications in national and international journals, particularly in areas such as valve surgery, congenital heart disease, off-pump CABG, and complex thoracic conditions. His research work underscores his commitment to advancing cardiothoracic surgical practice through evidence-based innovation. At Manipal Hospitals Whitefield, Dr. Raghavendrra is known for his calm clinical judgement, ethical decision-

making, and patient-first philosophy. He takes time to explain diagnoses, treatment options, and surgical risks clearly, enabling patients and families to make informed decisions with confidence. His long-standing experience, combined with a compassionate bedside manner, has earned him the trust of patients across age groups seeking care from the best cardiothoracic surgeon in Whitefield.

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 Mediasinal Diseases
- ECMO

Languages Spoken

- Kannada
- English
- Hindi

Talks & Publications

- Publications and Case Reports in Various National and

International Journals

- Presented in Various National Conferences