

DR. DHIRAJ K BALAJI

Lead Consultant - Pediatrics Surgery and Pediatrics Urology

Qualification

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

Overview

Dr. Dhiraj K Balaji is a highly skilled Paediatric Surgeon in Yelahanka. He is currently practising as the Lead Consultant – Paediatric Surgery and Paediatric Urology at Manipal Hospital Yelahanka, Bangalore, bringing over 20 years of extensive surgical expertise in treating infants, children, and adolescents with a wide spectrum of congenital, urological, gastrointestinal, thoracic, and complex reconstructive conditions. With his experience across advanced paediatric surgical domains, his clinical excellence, and compassionate approach to child-centric care, he is widely recognised as one of the best paediatric surgeons in Yelahanka. Dr. Balaji began his journey in medicine with an MBBS, followed by a Master's in General Surgery (MS) from Baroda Medical College, M.S. University, one of the oldest and most reputed medical institutes in the country. He later went on to pursue super-speciality training in Paediatric Surgery from the prestigious Indira Gandhi Children's Hospital, Bangalore, which laid the foundation for his deep understanding of congenital anomalies, neonatal surgeries, paediatric urological conditions, and minimally invasive paediatric surgical techniques. His exceptional academic performance earned him

the All India Gold Medal in Paediatric Surgery (National Board of Examinations) for the year 2007–2008, highlighting not only his professional dedication but also his surgical acumen. With more than two decades of clinical experience, Dr. Balaji has successfully performed over 2,000 surgeries, ranging from common paediatric procedures to advanced reconstructive and minimally invasive surgeries. His expertise spans across neonatal surgery, paediatric thoracic surgery, hepatobiliary and pancreatic conditions, paediatric urology, laparoscopic surgery, thoracoscopic surgery, minimally invasive reconstructive surgeries, and paediatric endourology. He holds specialised proficiency in hypospadias repair, bladder augmentation, genitoplasty, oesophageal replacement, Mitrofanoff procedure, extrophy bladder repairs, and complex congenital urological reconstructive interventions. His skill in paediatric thoracic procedures includes thoracoscopic management of empyema, lung cysts, lobectomy, and tracheal anomalies. He is also proficient in paediatric rigid bronchoscopy for foreign body removal, an advanced emergency skill that has saved numerous young lives. In paediatric urology, Dr. Balaji is known for his precision in managing kidney, ureter, and bladder conditions, including posterior urethral valves, vesicoureteral reflux, ureterocele, and other obstructive uropathy cases. His expertise in minimally invasive paediatric surgery ensures faster recovery, smaller incisions, reduced postoperative complications, and better long-term outcomes for children. At Manipal Hospital Yelahanka, Dr. Balaji is dedicated to building a child-friendly surgical environment focused on safety, comfort, and personalised care. He places a strong emphasis on thorough preoperative evaluation, multidisciplinary care planning, and counselling parents to ensure they are informed and emotionally supported throughout their child’s treatment journey. His warm demeanour, gentle communication, and ability to handle complex surgical cases with confidence and precision make him highly trusted by families. He is an active member of the Indian Association of Paediatric Surgeons, the

Bangalore Surgical Association, and the Indian Medical Association. He has presented his work at national and international conferences and has several publications to his credit. He has also contributed to organising workshops and training in paediatric laparoscopy, thoracoscopy, advanced surgical techniques, and specialised reconstructive urology. His vision is to advance paediatric surgical care by integrating minimally invasive techniques, multidisciplinary collaboration, and evidence-based clinical practices to improve outcomes, especially in neonates and children with rare congenital and reconstructive conditions. Known for his clinical precision and exceptional patient care, he continues to build trust as one of the best paediatric surgeons in Yelahanka, with Manipal Hospital Yelahanka being a preferred destination for paediatric surgical excellence.

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.