



*Binu Nettikardan, who underwent the surgery, with V.V. Bashi who operated on him with a team of doctors*

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## Haemophiliac undergoes open heart surgery

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**CHENNAI:** Binu Nettikardan (38) always had to be very careful about nicks and cuts because of a rare blood disorder — haemophilia — that prevented his blood from clotting.

So when he started experiencing chest pains, and was diagnosed with an aneurysm, most doctors were hesitant to operate on him.

Finally, he was referred to MIOT International, where V.V. Bashi, chairman of Centre for Thoracic and Cardiovascular Care, worked with doctors from six different specialities to find a way to operate on Binu.

“The patient came in with a large aneurysm of the ascending aorta, and a leak in the aortic valve. This procedure needs an open heart surgery, but with haemophilia, even the smallest mistake can cause the patient to bleed to death,” he said.

In a seven-hour procedure, the doctors repaired the patient's aorta, the safest option available to them. Binu can now lead a normal life after a month's rest. He will be discharged on Saturday.