

AIMS Hand Transplant Lauded

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Professor of Arizona University Dr Warren Breidenbach (C) and Associate Professor of Plastic surgery department at Pittsburg University Dr Vijay Gorantla (R) along with Dr Subrahmania Iyer in Kochi | Mithun Vinod

KOCHI: International experts and surgeons lauded the efforts made by the Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences (AIMS) in successfully conducting India's first hand transplantation.

Warren C Breidenbach, chief of the reconstructive and plastic surgery division and professor of surgery at the University of Arizona, visited the AIMS and met Dr Manu and his assistant Dr Vijay, who led the surgery. During the meeting, Dr Bredenbach expressed satisfaction over the hospital's advanced methods, and assured every help in its research activities.

"Hand transplantation is rare in India as donation of hand is yet to become a common practice here," said Dr Breidenbach.

"Organ donation, including hand, has become common in Western countries. Our team has performed 86 surgeries in America and Europe alone," he added.

AIMS plastic surgery department head Dr Subramanian and medical director Prem Nair were also present.