

Twins Trishna and Krishna separated after marathon op

Australian surgeons have separated conjoined twins Krishna and Trishna. After more than 27 hours of separation surgery, plastic surgeons at Melbourne's Royal Children's Hospital have moved in to work on the Bangladeshi girls, aged two years and 11 months.

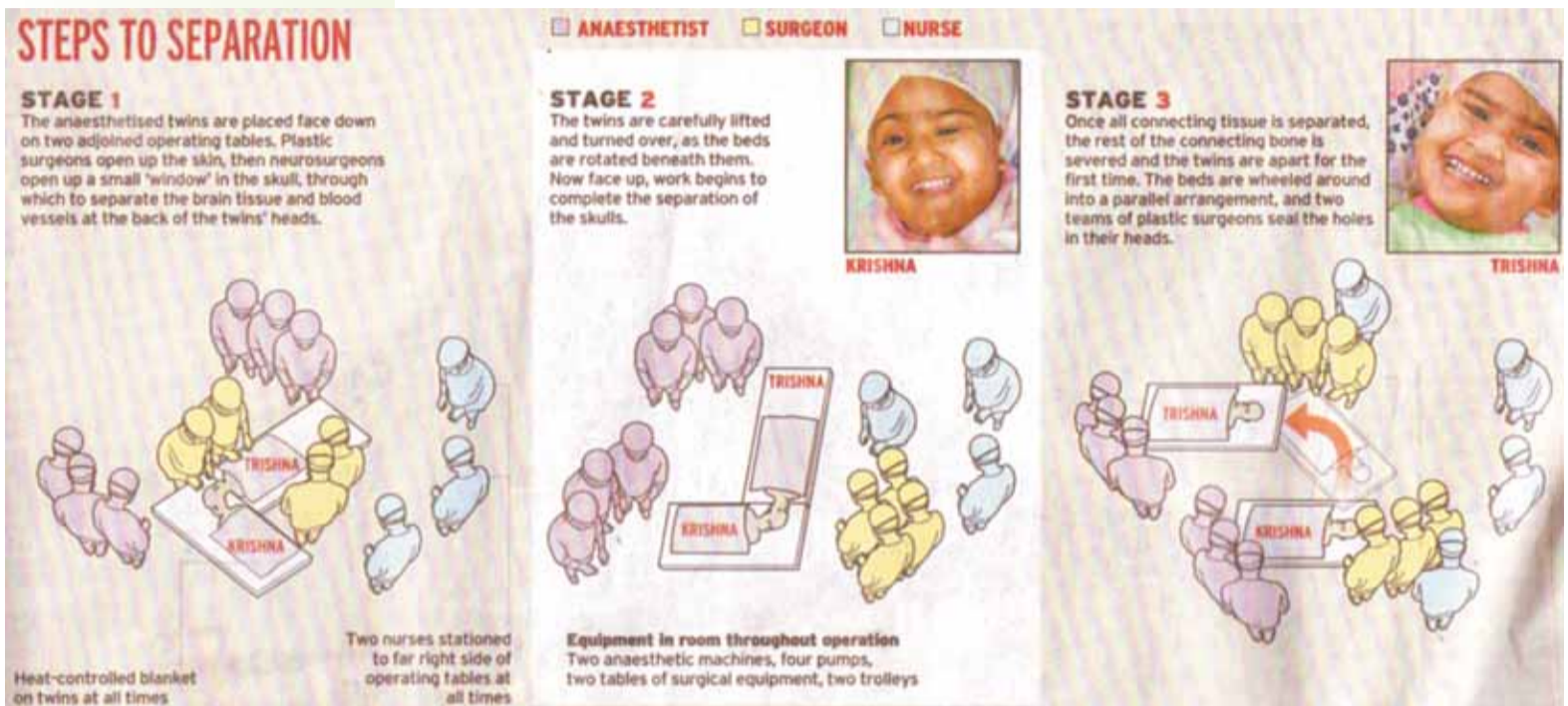
The hospital's head of surgery Leo Donnan praised his doctors, who he said had worked seamlessly to separate the girls.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime operation that teams would do," Mr Donnan told reporters outside the hospital.

"There really still is a long way to go," Mr Donnan said.

"The girls have a very difficult time ahead of them. For the hospital, it is an historic moment and for the girls, an even more historic moment."

The operation went for longer than would have been expected, Mr Donnan said. He said the staff had taken planned breaks and the twins were well nour-



ished before the operation. The mood inside the operating theatre had changed following the separation, Mr Donnan said.

"It's been a very nice stage to move into," he said with a smile.

Surgery to separate Trishna and Krishna began Monday morning. Anaesthetist Dr Ian McKenzie told reporters earlier that concerns over problems

with Krishna's kidney had eased. The Bangladeshi orphans were given just a 25 per cent chance of making it through the operation without harm. The hospital's experts considered some level of brain damage a 50 per cent chance, and death was also a significant possibility. However, surgeons were quietly confident yesterday afternoon, saying

all the signs so far had been positive. "Everyone was particularly optimistic and excited," said plastic surgeon Tony Holmes. Earlier operations to separate blood vessels shared by the twins had been a success with no new major connections appearing.

"If the blood vessels started to reconnect we would end up with pressure problems, but those

connections didn't seem to be major," Mr Holmes said.

At 8am the unconscious twins were wheeled into an operating theatre usually used for heart surgery and placed face-down on two connected operating tables. For the first two hours anaesthetists worked to get the twins to the point at which surgery could begin.

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