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Surgeons remove massive cancerous tumor from man's jaw

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Majeed N, 45, from India, underwent a painstaking 12-hour facelift surgery to have the cancerous lump cut out. (SWNS)

A dad-of-four who hid his face from the world for 10 years has embarked on a new life after having an enormous 5.3kg (approx. 11.6 pounds) tumor removed from his face.

Majeed N, 45, from India, underwent a painstaking 12-hour facelift surgery to have the cancerous lump cut out.

His lower jaw was reconstructed to completely change his appearance using a bone taken from his leg.

For the past decade, Majid has barely left his house in the city of Palakkad because he was ashamed of his facial deformity.

The tumor, known as a chondroblastic osteosarcoma and measuring 8-inches by 6-inches, also made it difficult for Majeed to swallow and speak.

"Due to the huge deformity on my face, my whole life had collapsed," he said. "I began staying indoors as people made fun of me. It is a huge relief to get the tumor off my face – it is almost like a second birth."

The complicated surgery was carried out by 12 surgeons at Amrita Hospital in Kochi over the course of a number of hours.

"Despite having several cycles of chemotherapy, the swelling on Majeed's face continued to enlarge, making his life unbearable," Dr. Subramania Iyer, who oversaw the surgery, said. "The huge mass was leading to grave complications. If the condition had persisted, Majeed would have found it impossible to use his mouth."

"The removal of the tumor, as well as reconstruction of the lower jaw, was a great challenge," Iyer said.

Iyer said that Majeed is recovering well following the successful surgery.