

# Youth's mangled hand restored at city hospital

In a 6-hr surgery, three Medisurge doctors 'reconstruct' 22-yr-old accident victim's right arm, saving him from undergoing amputation

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A 22-year-old youth who was set to lose his limb after an accident can't thank two city enough for saving him from amputation. Junaid Khan, a student and resident of Udaipur, met with the accident while driving his car in Udaipur around 10.30 am on November 5.

Junaid was driving with his left hand, the other resting outside the window. When he swerved suddenly to avoid hitting someone on the road, the car turned turtle and his got jammed between the car and the road.

The victim's arm was completely mangled in the accident. His muscles, arteries and veins were crushed and the blood supply to his arm was blocked. Passers-by rushed him to a



Junaid Khan was set to lose his right arm after a car crash in Udaipur

hospital nearby, where doctors said his arm would have to be amputated.

After other doctors also suggested amputation, someone advised Junaid's family to consult a doctor in Ahmedabad. Around 9.15 pm, seven hours af-

ter the accident, Junaid was brought to Medisurge Hospital in the city.

A team of three doctors— Dr Rajesh Mishra, Dr Bijal Parekh and Dr Bhupesh D Shah — examined Junaid and rushed him to the operating theatre.

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Dr Rajesh Mishra and Dr Bijal Parekh

After a four-to-six-hour surgery, which involved grafting skin and veins from his leg to the arm, the surgery was successful. The blood supply to Junaid's arm was restored.

"Due to the long time gap between

the accident and Junaid being brought to Medisurge, infection had spread in the injured arm. We took steps to check the infection. The patient regained the sensation in his fingers and the infection was cured within a week," Dr Rajesh Mishra said.

Mishra added, "If Junaid wasn't brought here, he would have lost his right arm. Contribute to the popular perception that severed or mangled limbs can only be re-attached if the victim reach a hospital within 2 to 3 hours, the procedure may be possible even after 12 hours of the accident. The earlier you come, more are the chances of a successful operation and recovery. People should rush such victims to the nearest well-equipped hospital, be it government or private. Timely treatment could save someone from amputation."