

Kenyan teen gets new lease of life

The 14-year-old undergoes a complex surgery for a rare disease at a hospital in city

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A 14-year-old boy from Kenya, who was suffering from an unusual disease Juxtarenal aortic aneurysm, was operated upon in a city hospital.

Michael Mwangi, the patient, had been complaining of chronic pain in abdomen for long and was also suffering from high blood pressure. Michael's medical tests revealed his unusual condition and the medicos recommended surgery.

"The surgery was challenging because it involved high risk of kidney failure, liver and intestinal complications which might have led to death on table. The chances of death in such operation are 30 to 40 per cent," said Dr Bhupesh Shah, a cardio-vascular and thoracic surgeon, who took the challenge.

On June 24, Michael was operated upon by a team of six doctors head by Dr Shah. "The surgery went on for eight hours. Now, the boy is doing well and set to return his country with his mother," said Dr Shah.



Post surgery, Michael Mwangi has been doing fine, say doctors attending to him

The patient's family was unable to bear the medical expenses. At this time, Kutchi Leuva Patel Samaj came to its help and extended financial support for the costly surgery and also meet the expenses of air-fare. Medi-Surge hospital, where the surgery was performed, waived off a part of the Michael's hospital bill.