

First total face-transplant performed in Spain

Madrid, Apr 23 (THAINDIAN NEWS) A Spanish hospital has claimed that they have performed the first total face-transplant on a patient. The hospital also says that the patient was given a new nose, skin, jaws, cheekbones, teeth and other facial features that he had lost in a devastating accident. The marathon surgery was performed by a team of 30 medical experts, who took 24 hours to perform the 'first total face-transplant' at the Vall d'Hebron Hospital in Barcelona.

Medical experts of other countries have praised the Spanish doctors, for carrying out the unique surgery, but at the same time they also say that they can't be totally sure that it could be technically called a 'full-face' transplant.

The patient on whom the transplant was carried out, now has a totally new face beneath his hairline. Only one scar is visible on his face, and it seems like it's a wrinkle on his neck. "If you look him in the face, you see a normal person, like anyone else we have as a patient in the hospital," said Dr. Joan Pere Barret, who led the 30 member medical team. However Dr. Joan Pere Barret refused to disclose the identity of the patient. He just disclosed that he was a Spanish man who ranged in age, between 20 and 40 years.

