

Ready to smile again: shotgun victim with world's first full-face transplant

A farmer who suffered a gunshot wound to the face has received the world's first, full face transplant.

Surgeons in Spain said that they had carried out the surgery to restore the appearance of a man who has been unable to eat, speak or breathe normally for at least five years.

The operation, carried out in Barcelona, is understood to be the first time that an entire face, including the skin, muscles, teeth, lips, cheekbones and jaw, has been transplanted using tissue from a brain-dead donor.

In a 24-hour procedure at Vall d'Hebron University Hospital, a team of 30 replaced