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## Scarless Surgery

Montreal surgeon's successfully removed a tumor from a toddler's forehead without leaving a visible scar. Kristin Falcao shows us the surgical procedure that's a first in Canada.


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You'd never know this toddler had a tumor removed from his face only five days ago. His parents are breathing a sigh of relief. "We were very relieved that he wouldn't have that scar for the rest of his life," says Jayden's father Ron Cambridge.

Eighteen month old Jayden Cambridge was born with a benign tumor in the middle of his forehead. Surgeons usually cut it right out, leaving behind a visible scar. But Montreal doctors decided to use a technique never before seen in Canada.

Doctor Fanous was asked by the Children's Hospital to perform the surgery because he had done similar techniques on adults during face lifts. A tiny incision was made above the hairline, then a tunnel is made deep in the face to the tumor using a camera and special instruments, and the lump is removed. The operation is infrequently performed in the U.S., because of the risks.

Dr. Nabil Fanous says, "the surgeon has to be very careful going underneath and in between the nerves and muscles of the face you could hurt the movement of the face, you could hurt the feeling of the face, you could actually paralyze the face."

This is Jayden, only three days after the surgery... scar less. "We couldn't be more thrilled about the way it turned out," says Cambridge. "Two hours later after the surgery he was playing he was himself, he was Jayden."

"I think this is the way to the future," says Fanous. With about cases of facial tumors seen on children at the hospital each year, Fanous hopes every child will have the same flawless outcome.

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