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Wrinkle removal by laser at a Delhi clinic

DEFYING AGE

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DELHI For three years, like many busy housewives, juggling a hundred daily chores, a 49-year-old Afghan lady had no time to worry about her own niggling abdominal pain. Little did she realise that the cause of her pain would make history. When she could no longer ignore the aches and finally made her way to the doctor, she was diagnosed with kidney tumour. She came to Delhi's Pushpavati Singhania Research Institute for surgery. The hospital specialises in kidney and liver diseases.

Last month, when the team led by Dr Rajesh Taneja operated upon her, they found themselves looking at the largest tumour they had ever seen. And weighing 7.5 kg, it was indeed the world's largest kidney tumour. An



The patient post surgery

extensive search of medical literature corroborated this, for the largest tumour of this kind previously reported in the world was 5.7 kg in a 33-year-old woman. "We knew the present case was unique because of its size and weight," says an excited Taneja.

Carefully preserved, the tumour is now a show-piece at the hospital. And the story has a happy ending. The patient recovered well and was discharged from the hospital after five days, feeling considerably lighter.

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