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Docs remove 7kg tumour from woman

■ 39-yr-old Nasima from Afghanistan had been suffering from the past 3 yrs

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WHEN Dr Rajesh Taneja, a urological surgeon with the Pushpawati Singhanian hospital in South Delhi, began operating upon Nasima, a patient from Afghanistan, little did he know that he would be in for a surprise.

The doctor and his six-member team successfully removed a kidney tumour weighing 7 kg from the 39-year-old patient's gut after a three-hour-long operation. "This is a rare case. A doctor comes across such a large tumour barely once in a lifetime," said Dr Taneja.

Though the operation was a success, there was one hitch: The hospital did not have a bag large

enough to hold the 40 cm long and 25 cm wide tumour. Finally, a special bag had to be ordered.

Nasima had been in pain for three years and repeated visits to doctors in Afghanistan failed to ease her pain.

The tumour was finally detected after a CT scan was done in Peshawar on January 2.

According to the family, the doctors in Peshawar suggested to get the operation done in India as it involved some risk.

The massive tumour, which covered over two-thirds of Nasima's gut, had pushed all the other organs to a corner and completely damaged her left kidney. "The condition was life threatening and needed a good hospital with required infrastructure for its removal," said Dr Taneja.

According to doctors, Nasima had become very weak as the giant kidney tumour was eating into the body's nutrients. "The kidney tumour grows like any other tumour



Nasima at Pushpawati Singhanian Hospital in the Capital. RENUKA PURI

due to erratic cell division. Nasima's tumour appears to be benign and would not have affected other organs," said the doctor. The doctors are planning to get the tumour ex-

amined for cancerous tissue.

Nasima is currently recuperating in the surgical ICU. The doctors say that she should be fine soon but she will have to come for check-ups.