

City doctors remove 25cm tumour weighing 1.8kg from kidney through keyhole surgery

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MUMBAI: A city surgeon removed a tumour weighing 1.8kg enveloping a 55-year-old Tanzanian national's kidney by performing a minimally invasive surgery. The team of surgeons said that this is perhaps the largest tumour removed laparoscopically, a procedure where micro incisions are made through which surgeon removes the tumour. A healthy kidney weighs about 300g.

Jaffer Haji, 55, feared an open surgery which is ideally suggested when a patient comes in with such a large tumour. However, his doctor, Dr Anup Ramani, a senior uro-oncological robotic surgeon at Saifee Hospital decided to remove the tumour through a four inch incision instead of performing an open-surgery.

Such cancerous tumours do not develop overnight, said doctors. In Haji's case, Dr Ramani,

said, "His family told us that he is a chain smoker, which definitely has a role to play in the growth of such a malignant tumour. It was about 25cm and an open surgery would mean longer recovery and blood loss." Haji's wife, Fatima said that he smokes at least two to three cigarette packets a day.

On September 23, Haji underwent the surgery where the surgeon was successfully able to remove the tumour laparoscopically.

"We had a surgeon in the operation theatre if in case we were unable to remove the tumour laparoscopically. In case of small tumours, a surgery would last only to 30 to 40 minutes but in this case we took about two hours to completely take the tumour out," said Dr Ramani adding that most of the patients that are diagnosed with the cancer of the kidney and urinary bladder have a his-



■ Jaffer Haji, 55, underwent the surgery on September 23. HT PHOTO

tory of smoking or consuming some form of tobacco.

Haji's wife, Fatima said, "We were scared after doctors told us he has a massive tumour. And my husband did not want to undergo a big (open) surgery. He had just complained of pain initially, which turned out to be a tumour."

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