

# Doc: Face transplant patient making good progress

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A surgeon who operated on Poland's first face transplant patient says the man is already practicing swallowing and making sounds.

The 33-year-old man received a skin-and-bone transplant on May 15, three weeks after losing his nose, [upper jaw](#) and cheeks in a workplace accident. [Doctors](#) say it was the world's fastest time frame for such an operation.

Dr. Maciej Grajek told The Associated Press on Monday the man is practicing to swallow [liquids](#), has gotten out of bed a few times this weekend, communicates through writing and can make sounds when his tracheotomy tube—which helps him breathe—is closed for a moment. Grajek called that "very good progress."

The patient remains in isolation to guard against infections.

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