

# German clinic: Man had pencil in head for 15 years

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(AP)—German doctors say a man spent 15 years with a pencil in his head following a childhood accident.

Aachen University Hospital says the 24-year-old man from Afghanistan sought help in 2011 after suffering for years from [headaches](#), constant colds and worsening vision in one eye. A scan showed that a 10-centimeter (4-inch) [pencil](#) was lodged from his sinus to his [pharynx](#) and had injured his right eye socket.

The unnamed man said he didn't know how the pencil got there but recalled that he once fell badly as a child.

The German doctors removed the pencil and say the man has recovered.

Hospital spokesman Mathias Brandstaedter said Wednesday the case was presented for the first time at a medical conference this week.

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