

Spain surgeons cut giant 25kg tumour from woman's womb

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Surgeons in Spain successfully removed a giant benign tumour weighing 25 kilograms (55 pounds) from the womb of a 47-year-old woman, the hospital treating her said on Wednesday.

The head of obstetrics and gynaecology at Torrevieja Hospital in eastern Spain, Eduardo Cazorla, "said that in his 20-year career he had never treated such a case", the hospital said in a statement.

It said that [scientific publications](#) recorded only about five cases of such giant tumours—defined as bigger than 11.3 kilograms—in the world.

The woman was referred to the hospital by her [family doctor](#) after complaining of discomfort and [weight gain](#) in her torso.

Doctors detected a "giant cystic tumour", 41 centimetres (16 inches) long, and removed the woman's [womb](#) and both ovaries in a two-hour operation, extracting the entire growth in the process.

"This type of operation is highly complex, given the distinctive size of the tumour," the hospital said.

"After five days in hospital and about three weeks' rest the patient completely recovered," it added. It did not say exactly when the operation took place.

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