

# Mexican boy fighting massive tumor is out of ICU

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An 11-year-old Mexican boy who had portions of a massive tumor removed in New Mexico is out of intensive care.

Kristean Alcocer of the First Baptist Church of Rio Rancho said Jose Antonio Ramirez Serrano is recovering after his 11-hour surgery last month.

Doctors at University of New Mexico Hospital in Albuquerque expunged a third of the watermelon-sized tumor during the surgery. They say he will need months of physical therapy followed by more surgeries.

In July 2012, U.S. Homeland Security Investigations assisted in picking up Jose and his parents from a neighborhood in Ciudad Juarez—one of the deadliest cities in the world because of [drug cartels](#).

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