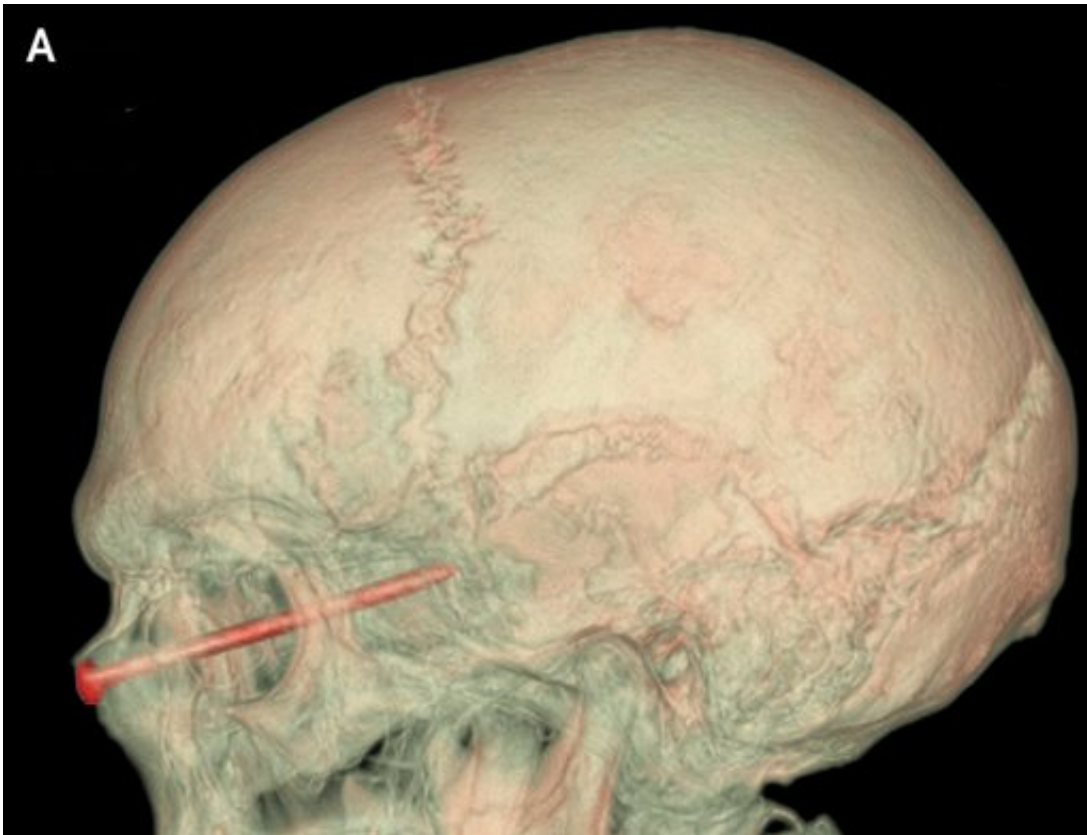


## A nail in the eye, a lucky landscaper left without a scratch

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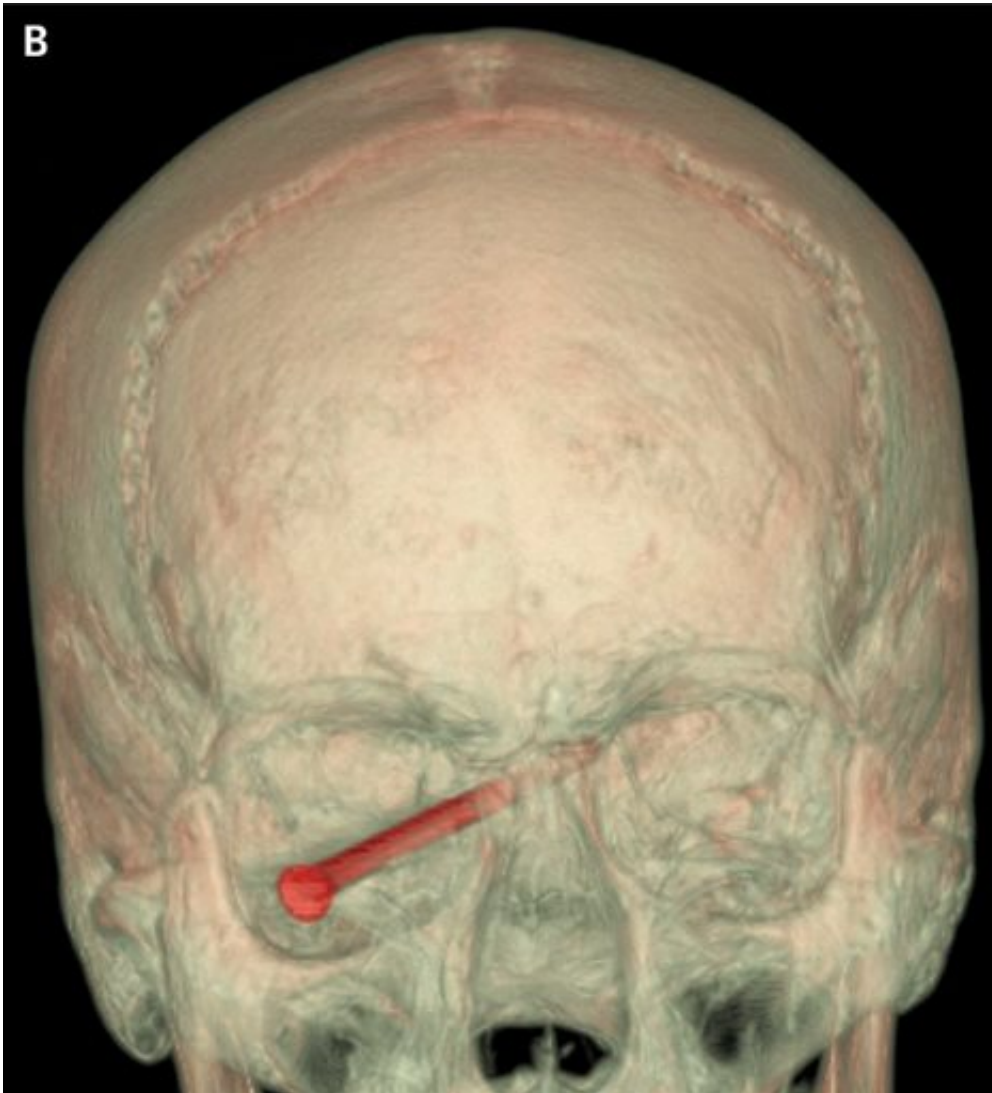
A 27-year-old landscaper is one lucky guy: The Boston man escaped with barely a scratch after a nearly 3-inch nail hurtled into his eye when he accidentally hit it with a weed-whacker.

Doctors who removed the nail at Massachusetts General Hospital describe the case in Thursday's *New England Journal of Medicine*.

It happened about two years ago, and the man wasn't identified.

The nail had not penetrated the globe of the eye but the tip was against [major arteries](#). Doctors made an elaborate plan to operate through his head or neck, but in the end, a doctor was able to simply pull the nail out.

The man recovered full vision. Doctors say the case shows the need to wear goggles when using [power tools](#).



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