Miraculous Recovery

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Wheelchair-Bound Patient Walks Days After Complex Spinal Tumour Surgery in Konkan at Walawalkar hospital

In what is being described as a medical marvel, a 42-year-old patient from Mahad who had lost the ability to walk has made a miraculous recovery following a high-risk spinal surgery performed by Chief Neurosurgeon, Dr Mrudul Bhatjiwale and his team at BKL Walawalkar Hospital, Dervan.



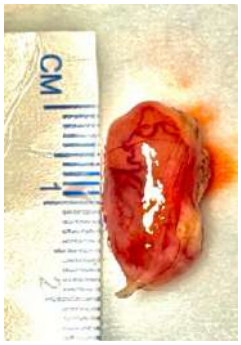
Just four days after the removal of a severe spinal tumour, the previously wheelchair-bound patient is now walking independently with the help of a walker.

The patient had been suffering from progressive weakness in both legs for the past two months. The condition deteriorated rapidly, ultimately leaving the patient entirely wheelchair-bound and dependent on others for daily activities. Extensive investigations revealed a complex tumour at the D8-9 level of the spine, dangerously compressing the spinal cord.

The intricate surgery lasted over 4 hours. It was supported by an expert anesthesia team comprising Dr. Rishikesh and Dr. Nivedita. Advanced intraoperative neuromonitoring was used intra operatively to increase surgical safety.

The patient and his relatives were delighted when his legs immediately began to move after surgery and he regained enough power in the lower limbs to stand and walk independently with a walker within just 3 -4 days of the surgery.

The removed Spinal Tumour



Dr Bhatjiwale, with over 10 years of neurosurgical experience, said,
"**Removing tumours at the dorsal level of the spine, with an already weak spinal cord is a highly critical procedure. The utmost care and surgical skill is absolutely necessary to safely extract the tumor without damaging the delicate neural structures.**
The hand of God is seen in such rare rapid recoveries after surgery."

The surgery was performed free of cost under the PMJAY scheme.

This landmark case brings a wave of hope for patients in the Konkan belt suffering from complex neurological and spinal conditions. It highlights not only the availability of expert surgical doctors but also state-of-the-art technology now available here.