



## Man has severed hand grafted to foot after accident

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**Doctors in China take the drastic step of grafting a man's severed hand by onto his foot in order to save the limb.** Xie Wei, 25, had his right hand sawn off by a drilling machine at work last month in Changde, in the central **Chinese** province of Hunan.

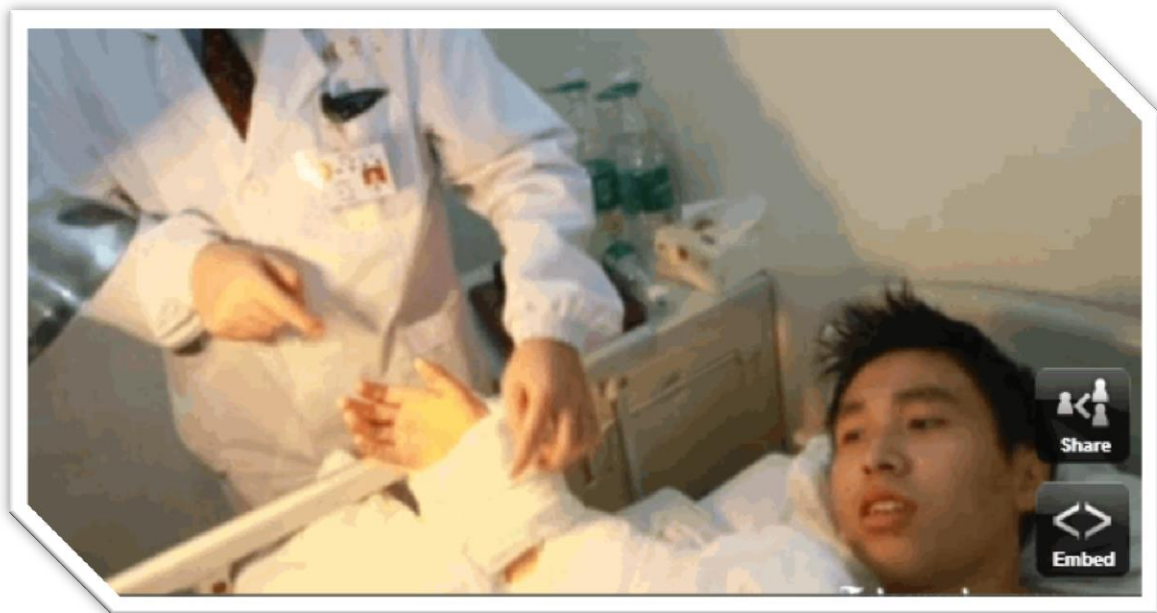
He went to the hospital seven hours later with his missing limb but medics said they could not reattach the hand to his arm right away because the tissue would have died before the surgery was complete.

Instead they decided transplanting the hand somewhere else on his body was the best way to save it.





Thirty-five days later doctors reattached his hand, removing it from his ankle and putting it back on his arm.



Speaking to a news agency from hospital, Xie said: "I just thought it was miraculous. I would never have thought that my hand could be saved."

Xie said his hand still felt numb and it would take months for it to show any signs of functioning.

The hospital said a great deal of rehabilitation was needed for the hand to function better than a prosthetic hand.

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