

Avani Hakim was born with a benign growth called a hemangioma on her forehead. It started small. By the time she was 18 months old it was dangerously large and people started to stare. But it wasn't just a cosmetic issue. Eventually, it would impact her eyesight, since it was starting to push down on her eyebrow.

Local doctors knew that little Avani desperately needed surgery, but didn't have the training to help. So her mom turned to social media and a network of mothers whose children suffered from the same condition. Eventually, she found her way to a renowned surgeon at the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary of Mount Sinai.

Not only had he performed the procedure many times, his own daughter suffered from the condition and was successfully treated as a baby.

Avani's case was unique. Her tumor was not just large, but also deep. The surgeon removed the tumor and also cosmetically reconstructed her forehead in a single

surgery. Avani returned to her home country with a smile on her face. And without the tumor. **For you. For life.**

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TOLD AVANI'S MOM HE WOULD ADVISE HIS OWN DAUGHTER  
TO HAVE THE PROCEDURE. HE WASN'T LYING.

