

As a member of the NYPD, Officer Eder Loor puts his life on the line every day to protect the people of New York. And that's exactly what he was doing when he responded to a situation in East Harlem.

At first, everything seemed under control. But then a man on the scene lashed out, striking Officer Loor on the side of his head with a knife. The 3.5-inch blade drove through his skull and deep into the temporal lobe

of his brain, a nearly fatal blow that caused excessive bleeding and created a large hematoma. Despite the ferocity of the attack, Officer Loor remained alert – he actually managed to pull the blade out and apply pressure himself – but his condition deteriorated rapidly, and time was of the essence.

Fortunately, Officer Loor had backup of his own – a team of experts from the Department of

Neurosurgery at The Mount Sinai Hospital. They immediately performed emergency cerebrovascular surgery, cutting out a portion of Officer Loor's skull to remove the blood clot, then repairing a large vein in his Sylvian fissure, an area of the brain that holds major blood vessels.

The lifesaving surgery lasted nearly three hours. Since then, Officer Loor has had a remarkable recovery,

and while it hasn't always been easy, he continues to make progress every day. He's very grateful to the doctors at Mount Sinai. But he's not the only one. His wife, his two children, and the entire city are grateful as well.

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