



## Rare Illness Triggers Formation of 20-Pound Neck Tumor in Woman Who Carries It In a Sling

### Description

A 30-year-old German lady, Alexandra, suffering from a rare genetic disorder, neurofibromatosis (NF1), had a benign tumor that comprised almost 20% of her body weight and was roughly half her size. This rare disorder, affecting only 0.03% of the world population, leads to the growth of tumors all over the body.

Originating as a minor bump on her neck during her elementary school years, the tumor assumed grapefruit proportions by the time Alexandra turned 15. Today, it hangs down from her neck to her thighs, and weighs a huge 20 pounds. So enormous is the lump that she has even designed a sling to assist in carrying it, lightening some of the weight it exerts on her neck and back.

The presence of the benign tumor exerts significant pressure on her throat, making it difficult for her to breathe and upsetting her balance. The mass also becomes extremely sensitive, with even a light touch likened to a determined hit with a baseball bat.

Despite complications including the prospect of possible paralysis due to the mass's suspected attachment to the spinal cord, Alexandra sought the advice of Dr. Ryan Osborne, a Los Angeles-based oncologist. Impressively, Osborne and his team were able to remove the entire growth in a six-hour-long surgery, freeing Alexandra to live a more comfortable life. Post-surgery, she is said to be enjoying life and feeling "like a princess".

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Neurofibromatosis** // (noun): A genetic disorder that causes tumors to grow on nerves.
2. **Benign** // (adjective): Not harmful in effect.
3. **Tumor** // (noun): An abnormal mass of tissue resulting from uncontrolled cell division.
4. **Complications** // (noun): Unforeseen problems or difficulties.
5. **Paralysis** // (noun): Loss of the ability to move.
6. **Oncologist** // (noun): A doctor who specializes in the treatment of cancer.

## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. Which type of cancer mainly affects the prostate gland in men?  
Option: Breast Cancer  
Option: Lung Cancer  
Option: Prostate Cancer  
Option: Skin Cancer
2. What is the plural form of the word "Diagnosis"?  
Option: Diagnoses  
Option: Diagnosiss  
Option: Diagnosies  
Option: Diagnosees
3. Which term refers to a heavy load or responsibility?  
Option: Gift  
Option: Burden  
Option: Joy  
Option: Freedom
4. What is the term used to describe the act of getting involved in a situation to alter an outcome?  
Option: Intervention  
Option: Abstention



- Option: Detraction
- Option: Indifference

5. Which term is used to describe a characteristic or quality of a person or thing?

- Option: Defect
- Option: Attribute
- Option: Shortcoming
- Option: Fault

6. What term means thriving or developing in a healthy or vigorous way?

- Option: Declining
- Option: Stagnant
- Option: Flourishing
- Option: Withering

7. Which term describes something related to the healing of disease?

- Option: Harmful
- Option: Therapeutic
- Option: Toxic
- Option: Dangerous

8. What term means done at random without careful judgment?

- Option: Selective
- Option: Indiscriminate
- Option: Specific
- Option: Targeted

9. What do we call additional medical problems that arise during a disease or condition?

- Option: Solutions
- Option: Simplicities
- Option: Complications
- Option: Resolutions

10. Who is a medical doctor specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer?

- Option: Cardiologist
- Option: Pediatrician
- Option: Oncologist
- Option: Endocrinologist

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**



11. An \_\_\_\_\_ in COVID-19 cases was recorded after the public gatherings.
12. As a photography \_\_\_\_\_ she owned multiple cameras and lenses.
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the drums could be heard from afar during the festival.
14. The doctor explained the \_\_\_\_\_ of the patient's condition to the family.
15. The new educational policy aims to bring about \_\_\_\_\_ changes in the system.
16. The bacteria became \_\_\_\_\_ to the antibiotic after prolonged exposure.
17. He always had \_\_\_\_\_ ideas for solving complex problems.
18. \_\_\_\_\_ is a genetic disorder that causes tumors to grow on nerve tissue.
19. The doctor assured the patient that the tumor was \_\_\_\_\_ and not cancerous.
20. The accident left him with temporary \_\_\_\_\_ in his lower limbs.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**



21. of certain conditions can lead to delayed treatment and worsened outcomes.
22. She felt after eating the spoiled food from the picnic.
23. His speech had a impact on the audience leaving them introspective.
24. The small business showed signs of after implementing new marketing strategies.
25. The detective spent hours the mystery to uncover the truth.
26. The study aimed to find between diet and heart disease.
27. The evidence strongly him in the crime leading to his arrest.
28. It is upon all citizens to vote in the upcoming election.
29. She was well- about the potential risks before signing the contract.
30. The surgery went well without any arising during the procedure.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Prostate Cancer 2. Diagnoses 3. Burden 4. Intervention 5. Attribute 6. Flourishing  
7. Therapeutic 8. Indiscriminate 9. Complications 10. Oncologist

**Gap-Fill:** 11. upsurge 12. enthusiast 13. pounding 14. severity 15. transformative 16. resistant  
17. unconventional 18. Neurofibromatosis 19. benign 20. paralysis

**Matching sentence:** 1. Underdiagnosis 2. Nauseated 3. Profound 4. Flourishing 5. Unravelling 6. Correlations  
7. Implicated 8. Incumbent 9. Informed 10. Complications

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