

Acid-burn victim gets rare stem cell surgery

A group of local doctors on Wednesday injected grown stem cells into a severely-burnt Malaysian woman to repair her skin. In an extremely rare procedure, doctors extracted, cultivated and then injected adult stem cells into the woman to treat intractable burn scars, experts said. Doctors with JK Plastic Surgery Center in Seoul said the surgery on 19-year-old Hui-Linn was successful. The woman's body was scarred after her father Lim Teik Swee splashed acid on her mother and her while they were sleeping at home on Oct. 24, 2009. The mother died of her injuries.

Hui-Linn lost the sight in her right eye and had nearly all of the skin on her face severely burnt. Her other eye has limited vision. The doctors said stem cell injections were the best way to allow Hui-Linn to smile and make other facial expressions.

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