Eyeborg: Man has video camera inserted to replace damaged eye

Rob Spence, a documentary filmmaker from Canada, has a prosthetic eye that doubles as a video camera.

Spence, who is in his 40s, accidentally shot himself in the eye as a child, and though he retained his damaged eye for years, his cornea eventually degenerated to the point that it needed to be removed in 2007.

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He began speaking with independent radio-frequency engineer and designer Kosta Grammatis, who helped him design a camera eye. The wireless camera sits behind a prosthetic eye...Later, electrical engineer Martin Ling helped design a tiny circuit board that can take all the data from the camera and send it out to the wider world via a receiver <u>according to the Eyeborg Project</u>, a website about Spence's project.

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So far, the camera has no connection to his brain or his optic nerve, so it's perhaps not fair to call Spence a <u>true cyborg</u>. The camera can record about 30 minutes of footage before needing to be recharged, which means it's never on all the time. The camera is also fitted with a glowing red LED light, so anyone who is being recorded knows they are being recorded.

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"There is a competing tension between my right to replace my eye that I lost versus others' rights to privacy," Spence [says]. "Am I not allowed to put an eye camera in my own body?"

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