

Woman survives removal of 132-pound ovarian tumor

A 132-pound ovarian tumor was removed from a 38-year-old Connecticut woman this year, according to two doctors involved in the case.

The patient, who wished to remain anonymous, reported that the tumor began growing at a rate of about 10 pounds per week in November. A medical team, including 12 surgeons, removed it in a five-hour procedure February 14 at Danbury Hospital in Connecticut, according to [Dr. Vaagn Andikyan](#), a gynecologic oncologist for Western Connecticut Health Network and a lead surgeon on the case.

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The tumor originated in the epithelial cells lining the ovary and was “mucinous,” meaning it was filled with a gelatin-like substance produced by the tumor cells, according to Andikyan.

“Ovarian mucinous tumors tend to be big,” he said. “But tumors this big are exceedingly rare in the literature. It may be in the top 10 or 20 tumors of this size removed worldwide.”

Although the tumor was technically benign, or noncancerous, and had not spread outside the ovary, it was compressing nearby blood vessels and was therefore a threat to the patient’s life, according to [Dr. Linus Chuang](#), chairman of obstetrics and gynecology for Western Connecticut Health Network, who was also involved in the case.

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The physicians were able to save the patient’s uterus and right ovary, meaning she can still bear children if she chooses, according to Andikyan.

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