

# PSYCHOSOCIAL AND ETHICAL FACTORS THAT AFFECT INFORMED DECISION MAKING ABOUT VCA

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#### Psychosocial and Ethical Factors specific to VCA

Personal

Goals of VCA procedure

Caregiver considerations

Society & Interaction

Access to Care



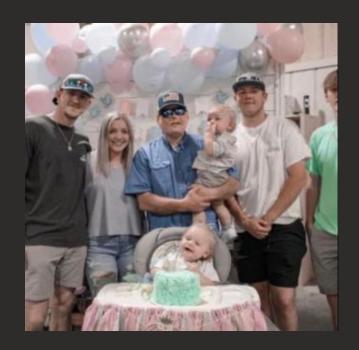
#### Quality of Life after VCA (face, in particular)





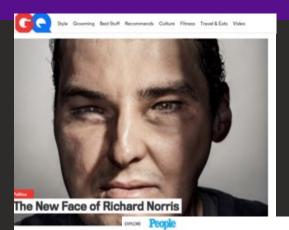
DisneyWorld Football tailgate











#### **Publicity and attention**

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Patrick Hardison's face was not always his own.

Three months ago, it belonged to a young Brooklyn bike mechanic.

Ay Steve Fishman



#### Transplant After Failed Suicide Attempt: 'I Got My Son Back,' Says

After a self-inflicted gunshat wound left her son Cameron badly disligured. Bev Bailey-Patter set out to find him a new face — and a second chance at life

California Man, 26, Receives Face

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Mom

maverick doctor gave him transplant, a new life, and a

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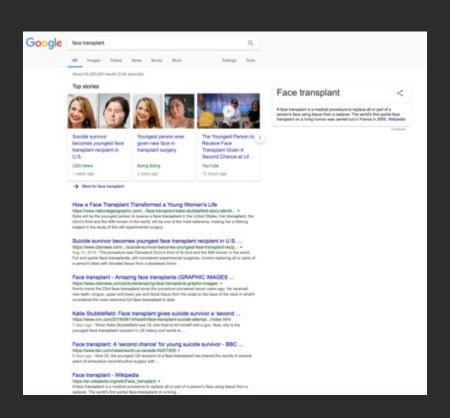


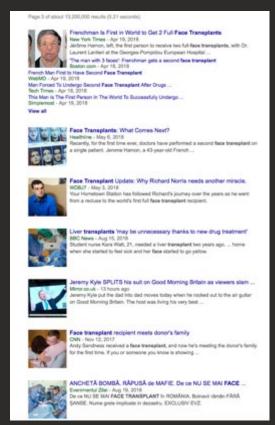
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#### Media Attention, Publicity, and Privacy









Donor's sister meeting face recipient



#### Compliance fatigue







NYU Langone Health

Return to normalcy / celebration

#### Family Dynamics





Bilateral hand and face recipient fully independent for firs time since injury



#### **Assuring the dignity of the donor**

Donor dignity preserved with 3D printed reproductions of donated VCA components







#### **Donor after organ and VCA recovery**





#### **Extensive Resources Required**







#### Psychosocial and Ethical Factors specific to VCA

Lasting effects from reconstructive surgeries preceding VCA transplant Underlying psychologic trauma
Prior interactions with medical field
Potential vulnerable population, risk for consent challenges

Quality of Life after VCA (face in particular) / definition of "Life Saving" & "Life Changing" Acceptance (psychological) of allograft Publicity and attention Integration with society, sense of 'more normal'

Distance to treatment team
Compliance fatigue
Risk of restricted access to care

**Donor Factors** 

Clinical team size and breadth of expertise needed for success Team notoriety; caution re: motivations





## Thank you





