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Mandeville Hospital Saves Patient's Only Remaining Leg Through Complex Bypass Procedure

The Mandeville Regional Hospital (MRH) in Manchester recently successfully performed a complex bypass procedure that saved a patient's only remaining lower limb from amputation.

Dr. Varunesh Chand, Consultant General Surgeon at the MRH, explained that 72 year-old, Edwin Rowe was admitted to the hospital in April 2026 with chronic limb threatening ischemia, manifesting as gangrene to his fourth toe. This is a condition where the tissue dies due to inadequate blood supply.

His right leg was at elevated risk for amputation due to peripheral arterial disease with severely reduced blood flow to the leg, brought on by long term diabetes, hypertension and a past history of smoking.

"Four years earlier, Mr. Rowe underwent a left below-knee amputation due to infectious complications related to diabetes. Despite this setback, he remained functional and independent. With his right leg now solely responsible for mobility and balance, it was considered his 'precious limb,' and its loss would result in permanent wheelchair dependence" Dr. Chand added.

"Once admitted a CT scan revealed severe arterial blockages involving the main artery in the thigh and continuing into the major arteries of the lower leg and foot. Only a small segment of a healthy artery below the ankle remained usable for bypass surgery. Endovascular stenting was not an option for him" the general surgeon pointed out.

The surgical team proceeded with an inframalleolar bypass, a specialized procedure used to redirect blood flow to the foot by bypassing severely blocked arteries. To restore circulation to the foot, a portion of the patient's saphenous vein was harvested and then used as a bypass graft.

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Post-operative scans showed more than a 50 percent improvement in blood flow to the foot and Mr. Rowe made a smooth recovery and was later discharged.

With blood flow restored, the immediate threat of losing the limb was removed, giving Mr. Rowe the opportunity to maintain his mobility, independence, and quality of life.

The successful procedure was performed on May 20, 2026.



(Left to Right) Dr. Denzel Clarke, Medical Officer at the MRH; Dr. Varunesh Chand, MRH Consultant General Surgeon; patient, Mr. Edwin Rowe; Dr. Sanneta Myrie, Surgery Resident former Miss Jamaica World 2015, and Dr. Joel Sugrim, MRH Medical Officer share a photo opportunity. Mr. Rowe is seen ambulating with the aid of crutches and a prosthesis one week after surgery.

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