



Rare transplant surgery turns strangers into friends

Video	Audio
	(NATS)
	(TRACK) Whatever life brings, Tony Miranda meets it with a smile — even in the hospital just hours before a rare and highly complex triple-organ transplant.
Tony Miranda, Patient	(SOT) "It was something I've been waiting for, and I finally felt like today was the day."
Courtesy: Miranda family	(TRACK) Years of chronic health problems damaged Tony's organs, leaving him in desperate need of a new heart, liver and kidney to survive. Tony turned to Mayo Clinic in Arizona, where he found hope and support.
On the phone: Doyle Duke, patient	(SOT) "You're gonna feel a hundred times better. When I woke up, I hurt but felt it immediately."
Courtesy: Duke family 2023	(TRACK) While waiting to go into surgery, Tony got an unexpected call from Doyle Duke, (nats of bell ringing) the first patient in Arizona to undergo the rare triple organ transplant three years earlier.
	(SOT) "You're gonna feel just fine. You've got the greatest group of doctors. I have a lot of trust in them."
	(NATS - beeping in surgery)
May 8, 2025	(TRACK) During Tony's surgery, a highly skilled multidisciplinary team of surgeons worked around the clock to perform his triple transplant..and then, recovery.
	(NATS) "Push! Push! Push! We'll have you doing pushups in no time!"
	(TRACK) Eight months later, Tony has his health back and out playing catch with his triple transplant buddy, Doyle.
	(SOT)

	"It's unbelievable, what he told me. I just kept thinking if Doyle can do it, I can too. He was a big inspiration for me."
	(SOT) "It was the least I could do..."
	(TRACK) Two families with bright futures, now close friends, united by gratitude for the gift of life. For the Mayo Clinic News Network, I'm Marty Velasco Hames.