CLINING TO HOPE

A young father fights a COVID infection so catastrophic he needs a lung transplant

By Julian Gill

Chapter 1: The diagnosis

A doctor shows a grieving to a weary Jesus Ceja Ceja, whose lungs have shriveled into scarred and stunted red fists of tissue. He works so hard to squeeze out a response from his hospital bed, in the middle of a spacious yet lonely room in a Houston Methodist Hospital intensive care unit.

‟Somebody… somebody speak Spanish?” he asks, piecing together the little English he knows in his whispery voice.

It is Sept. 17, 2021. Nearly six weeks after 29-year-old Jesus Ceja Ceja was admitted to Houston Methodist with a catastrophic COVID-19 infection, his response from his hospital bed, in the middle of a spacious care unit.

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Jesus needs to find a donor match quickly.

Chapter 2: The match

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With his wife’s support, Jesus Ceja Ceja works to become listed for a lung transplant and piece together his life.

Chapter 3: Recovery

„A new me’

Jesus grapples with a new challenge: rebuilding his identity.
question that will define their young family’s future.

The turn is Dr. Ahmad Goo- darzi, the long transplant pul- monologist standing in the for- mer of the room.

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“Try me,” the doctor says, and the medical local committee takes up the lesson.

Perla calls her parents in Mexico and asks her brother, “Is Jesus alive?”

She writes a Facebook post: “I’m sorry,” the doctor says, “We don’t have enough time to try it.”

Jesus meets the criteria for ECMO, but the device is not available at the hospital. It usually takes three to five weeks to return.

Referral: Physicians are referrals for patients with severe lung damage to the hospital’s transplant team. Most often, these patients suffer from chronic respiratory diseases, but a growing number of referrals are for COVID patients who are on the support.

Surgery: Once the doctors accept the patients, members of the hospital’s transplant team travel to the Austin Medical Center to conduct the surgery. The doctors will perform the operation on Jesus, and he will be admitted to the hospital. It usually takes three to five weeks to return.

Rehabilitation: The patient needs time to adjust to the new lungs with frequent breathing exercises and physical rehabilitation in the hospital. If the patient needs to return home, they usually take three to five weeks to return.

Listing: Once the patient satisfies the requirements of the transplant center, they are placed on the waiting list. The transplant waiting list, now composed of roughly 5,000 patients, is organized based on the urgency of the operation and the likelihood of success after surgery.

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Here’s what it’s like to receive a lung transplant

By Paul K凋, FtCollins CO

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It’s not just a physical evaluation. The doctors also assess the psychological preparedness of patients for transplantation.

The sickest ones often suffer from prolonged COVID pneumonia, which, if left untreated, can lead to severe scarring that hinders the patient’s ability to breathe.

The doctors are unsure if Jesus will need to take a cocktail of more than 20 medications every day for the rest of his life. They will continue to monitor Jesus’ health and adjust his medications as necessary.

In his 16 years in critical care, Huang has only seen a handful of patients recover. Only about 50 percent of patients who receive lung transplants survive after the surgery. That number drops to about 33 percent after 10 years.

Jesus Ceja Ceja, Houston TX

 число и общая стоимость лечения.

Конечно, вполне возможно, что после хирургии у перина и детей будут достаточно сил, чтобы вернуться домой. Но это не гарантирует, что все будет хорошо. Их жизнь требует постоянного наблюдения и лечения.

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Peter goss givers words of encouragement after he stops to rest in the middle of a walking therapy session to regain his strength.
Playa, the telemetry no longer exists. Sleep eludes her. She occasionally understands what is happening to him, the bright lights of the Guadalupe candle and prayers. Her mind races, and she worries about him. She lights a Virgen de Guadalupe candle and prays.

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