

**Accident.** The man was brought to the hospital of Bussolengo by a colleague. He went under the knife last night.

## He cuts his face with the grinder. Nose and mouth reconstructed.

A 36-year old worker was injured while working in a firm of industrial machinery in Albarè: the surgery, performed by top clinician Stelio Mocella, lasted nearly two hours.

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It was a successful operation done by Stelio Mocella, head of the department of Otolaryngology, specialist in nose surgery, such as reconstruction of the cartilage in patients who have suffered serious impairments.

This case was not easy: in the afternoon, a 36 years old worker from Cavaion cut his mouth and nose with the grinder while he was at work in an industry of machinery in Albarè. A clean cut, a sort of saber, which vertically opened in two his upper lip and nose.

The man was immediately brought to the emergency room of Bussolengo by a colleague who worked with him.

He could not go immediately under the knife because he just had lunch, therefore it was decided to wait a little.

"But he was calm as he waited to enter the operating room" says Stelio Mocella, who performed the operation.

"The bleeding was very limited because the rotation of the grinder in the tissue cauterized the vessels".

The operation began at 18:45 and ended at 20.30.

"It was a very delicate operation, with an accurate reconstruction, for which we used biological glues to make the tissues adhere" says Mocella.

"However, a scrupulous cleaning of the wound was necessary, because if it is true that the cut cauterized the vessels, it is also true that he caused black injuries that needed to be cleaned. Any residual can cause infection and affect the result of the reconstruction".

The operation was successful and Dr. Mocella ensures that with time the wounds will disappear. "A so clean cut provokes very little aesthetic damages" says the chief.

The patient was then admitted in the Department of Otolaryngology, he now has a cast that protects the nose and a gauze on the mouth.

He will not be able to eat in the upcoming days, but he will be able to drink with a straw.



The hospital in Bussolengo where the reconstructive surgery was performed

"An immediate reconstruction reduces the risks of infection in these type of wounds" continues Dr. Mocella. "Now we will see how the post operation goes, but I believe that the patient will recover well.



Doctor Stelio Mocella

However, the sensitivity of his lip and the tip of the nose will be verified: the grinder may have cut the innervations of the parts it hit".

Dr. Mocella recalls two other operations similar to this one. "I operated a man who falling from a tractor torn his nose" he recalls. "Another time, I have dealt with a man who had his arm in the bitumen, cutting from upper limb and shoulder up to the ear". Both operations were successful.