

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge

Zoo Doctor

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC MEDICAL EDGE.
	FOR DR. CHRISTOPHER MOIR, IT'S ALWAYS A GOOD DAY WHEN A PATIENT SMILES. BUT TODAY, THE MAYO CLINIC PEDIATRIC SURGEON IS SEEING A DIFFRENT KIND OF PATIENT.
Christopher Moir, M.D.	"SHE LOOKS GREAT."
	HONEY IS AN ASIAN SUNBEAR, A RESIDENT OF THE MINNESOTA ZOO. YOU SEE, HONEY AND HER MATE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO HAVE BABIES. TO HELP HER CONCEIVE, DR. MOIR IS PERFORMING A LAPAROSCOPIC PROCEDURE. IT'S MINIMALLY

	INVASIVE SO THERE'S LESS PAIN, AND THE SUNBEAR CAN GET BACK ON EXHIBIT. THE ZOO'S TOM NESS SAYS HELPING THE LITTLE BEAR CONCEIVE IS IMPORTANT...
Tom Ness, Minnesota Zoo	"BECAUSE THIS IS A RARE SPECIES. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO MAKE SURE THEIR GENES ARE PASSED ON TO FUTURE GENERATIONS."
	SO WHY IS A HUMAN DOCTOR, NOT A VET, OPERATING ON A BEAR?
Dr. Moir	"IT'S ABOUT WORKING TOGETHER. IT'S ABOUT SHARING OUR TECHNOLOGY, OUR KNOWLEDGE. AND TOGETHER WE CAN GET THE BEST OUTCOME FOR THIS LITTLE SUNBEAR."
	FOR MEDICAL EDGE, I'M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.