

**Mayo Clinic Medical Edge**

***Robotic Tongue Cancer***

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<b>Log</b>	<b>Audio</b>
<b>Intro with music</b>	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
	ROGER COMBS MAY HAVE A TOUGH TIME BEATING HIS WIFE GLORIA AT A GAME OF GIN RUMMY. BUT HE'S WINNING A MUCH TOUGHER BATTLE. A FIGHT AGAINST CANCER THAT FORMED AT THE BASE OF HIS TONGUE.
<b>Roger Combs Had tongue cancer</b>	"I REALLY DIDN'T FEEL BADLY. I HAD SOME DIFFICULTY SWALLOWING."
	THE CANCER HAD TO BE REMOVED. MAYO CLINIC DR. ERIC MOORE SAYS TRADITIONAL SURGERY OFTEN INVOLVES SPLITTING THE JAW BONE OPEN TO ACCESS THE TUMOR.

<b>Eric Moore, M.D.</b>	“AND OBVIOUSLY THAT’S DISFIGURING, INTERFERES WITH SPEECH AND SWALLOWING AND IT TAKES A LOT OF TIME TO RECOVER.”
	SO INSTEAD, DR. MOORE USED A ROBOT TO REMOVE ROGER’S CANCER. THE OPERATION INVOLVES LOWERING THE ROBOTIC EQUIPMENT THROUGH ROGER’S MOUTH TO THE SITE OF THE TUMOR. DR. MOORE THEN GUIDES THE ROBOT AS IT REMOVES THE CANCER WITHOUT DAMAGING SURROUNDING STRUCTURES.
	WHILE CARDS ARE STILL A CHALLENGE, ROGER IS WINNING WIN HIS FIGHT AGAINST CANCER.
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I’M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.