

THOMAS H.



Thomas is a 32-year-old advertising executive who enjoys scuba diving, mountain biking, and flying kites.

Thomas came to medical attention when a dog bit off the tip of his nose. Despite attempts to graft the separated piece of nose, skin, cartilage and mucosa, this did not take and he was left with a blackened nasal tip.

His first operation involved transferring skin from his forehead down to his nasal tip. It was then left joined to his forehead and connected to his nasal tip for three weeks until it had taken. After three week its cross-clamped with a metal clamp for one hour to ensure that it had taken to the tissues at the nasal tip. This pedicle skin flap was then divided and the excess material discarded. At this same operation ear cartilage was used as scaffolding to rebuild the underlying architecture of the nose.