

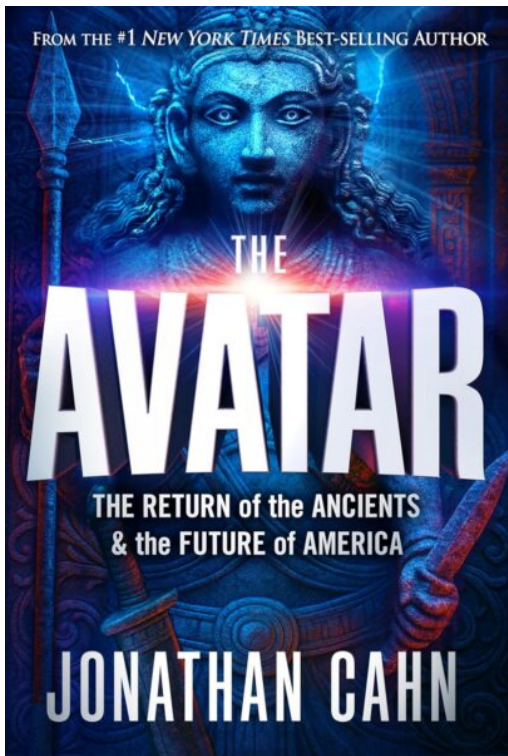
Doctors Stunned by 'Medical Miracle': Ectopic Baby Hidden Behind 22-Pound Tumor

Physicians in Los Angeles are calling the unexpected delivery of a baby boy who was hidden behind a 22-pound tumor in his mother's womb a "medical miracle."

Suze Lopez of California was scheduled to have a 22-pound ovarian cyst removed at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center when she discovered she was carrying an almost full-term baby during a routine test before her planned surgery.

In a [press release](#), the hospital explained that Lopez, an emergency room nurse, had been growing the ovarian cyst for years.

"Because of the large ovarian cyst that had been growing for years, it could have been a false positive, even ovarian cancer," Lopez said in the press release. "And I was used to very irregular periods and some abdominal discomfort. I could not believe that after 17 years of praying and trying for a second child, I was actually pregnant."



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Lopez said she took three pregnancy tests to be sure.

Three days after finding out she was pregnant, she decided to share the good news with her husband, Andrew Lopez, while on a date at a L.A. Dodgers game. Lopez was excited and thought she was around two to three months far along.

However, during the trip, the 41-year-old nurse started having pain in her abdomen, and they headed to Cedars-Sinai.

A team of doctors and nurses under the supervision of Dr. John Ozimek, medical director of Labor and Delivery at Cedars-Sinai, worked to stabilize her blood pressure, ordered an MRI, blood work, and an ultrasound.

Ozimek was shocked to discover a very rare abdominal ectopic pregnancy.

"Suze was pregnant, but her uterus was empty, and a giant benign ovarian cyst weighing over 20 pounds was taking up so much space," Ozimek said. "We then discovered a nearly full-term baby boy in a small space in the abdomen, near the liver,

with his butt resting on the uterus. A pregnancy this far outside the uterus that continues to develop [is almost unheard of.](#)

“It was very shocking because I initially thought she was two to three months pregnant, and turns out she was 41 weeks,” Andrew told Fox News L.A.

The physician explained that as the baby grew inside Lopez’s abdomen, behind the mass, it pushed the very large cyst forward.

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