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KOLKATA: The bone flap of a 23-year-old that was being preserved in the operating theatre of Ruby General Hospital has gone missing.

The youth underwent brain surgery in the hospital in January last year. The flap was opened during the surgery and was to be put back later on.

Neurosurgeons, however, said that missing bone flaps would not have any bearing on the patient's recovery and that artificial cartilage would be used instead.

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Arnab Dutta, 23, had jumped from the terrace of his Lake Gardens apartment in January last year.

The computer engineering student was rushed to Ruby General Hospital with a severe head injury.

During discharge, the hospital told Arnab's family that the bone flap was being preserved to be re-implanted. But the family did not come back for months. In May this year, they asked the hospital for the bone flap to be found, said a hospital source.

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"Bone flaps are replaced "Bone flaps are replaced once the brain swelling comes down. But in r which is done mainly for cosmetic purposes. Otherwise, once the overline skin and hair covers t recovery," said Anirban Deep Banerjee, consultant neurosurgeon with Apollo Hospitals, Kolkata

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The Ruby hospital authorities have assured the family of compensation. "We will compensate th

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