

From Siloed to Celebrated:
The Tragedy & Triumph Behind Special Olympics
Transcript of Lobotomy Video

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[On Screen: This video shows part of a lobotomy being performed, which may be challenging or disturbing to some viewers. Viewer discretion is advised.] The skin is scraped off and markings are made with a chisel. [whirring] The crude edges are then retracted with a self-containing mastoid retractor. [whirring] A borehole is placed in the coronal suture by means of successive drills. [whirring] The opening is then enlarged in the line of the coronal suture by a rongeur to give greater play for the knife. [whirring] The bore is opened, and the cortex is punctured in a vascular area, by and which the leucotome and the nasal septum periostular elevator are introduced. [whirring] A similar opening is then made on the opposite side. [whirring] In the following procedure, the surgeon inserts the leucotome into the brain. He is guided by the neurologist in order to keep the brain incision constantly in the plane of the coronal suture. His first move is to penetrate directly through the brain from one opening in the skull to the other.