

## **The young receptor of the second face transplant carried out in Spain shares illusions at the Three Wise Men Parade in Seville**

**LOCALIZACIÓN:** Seville

**DURACIÓN VTR:** 1'56"

**SUMMARY:** King Melchior is one of the three Wise Men who has been characterized this year by Dr. Jose Pérez Bernal from the Virgen del Rocío Hospital in Seville, who over last decade has coordinated the Transplants Unit in the province of Seville, supervising over 1.500 organ receptors. In his parade float he was honored to count with the presence of Rafael Flores, his patient, a child who had the second face transplant carried out in Spain in January 2010, a successful operation carried out in the Virgen del Rocio Hospital in Seville. They were accompanied by other 28 children who have been organ receptors or whose parents have been receptors themselves; they have shared illusions around the city streets. In 2009 in Andalusia doctors carried out 722 transplants interventions, a historic record that brings the amount of this interventions media to two per day.

### **VTR:**

Under the skin of this Wise Man from Seville lays someone who has given the best of illusions to people for years. As the organ transplant coordinator in the province of Seville, Dr. Perez Bernal has helped more than 1500 people to be re-born, amongst them, many children.

**JOSÉ PÉREZ BERNAL**  
**DOCTOR IN MEDICINE**

"The first fist of sweets from King Melchior today is thrown up to heaven, in memory of those Little angels that left us and gave life, to organ donors"

In a privileged area is Rafa, the receptor of the second face transplant carried out in Spain, at the Virgen del Rocio Hospital in Seville.

**RAFAEL FLORES**  
**FACE TRANSPLANT RECIPIENT**

"He is the most, as well as his medical team, but it was him to spoke to the donor's family and thanks to him they carried out the transplant"

**JOSÉ PÉREZ BERNAL**  
**DOCTOR IN MEDICINE**

"To us he is not a patient; he is an incredible human being and a fighter"

A special Wise Man with a special entourage... his young 28 page-boys and girls are transplant recipients who celebrate a second chance in life. Like little 10 years old María.

**MARÍA**  
**KIDNEY TRANSPLANT RECIPIENT**

"When I was born I had a problem and I went into the hospital where they gave me a new kidney"

Or Elizabeth, a dialysis patient, that since she was a baby is desperately trying that her body does not reject a kidney. She has had four tries so far.



“When a person becomes a donor they don’t only save a life, they save many lives, we need organs here, not up in heaven”

**ELIZABETH  
DIALISYS PATIENT**

Rafa’s case was shown by the media, but in 2010 hospitals around Andalusia carried out another 721 transplants, a historic number that brings to two the amount of daily implants. That is the best gift these patients can get.

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