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## FROM MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT DESPAIR TO DAILY FUNCTION

A motorcycle accident left Carrie with few good choices. Then a physician at Mayo Clinic recommended MyoPro.

Three years ago, 51-year old Carrie was thrown from her motorcycle, leaving her with multiple compound fractures, a dislocated shoulder and elbow and a serious brachial plexus injury. She spent a week in intensive care, then six months completely bed-ridden. After other parts of her body had recovered, she was left with a lifeless arm and hand.

Carrie was referred to Mayo Clinic, where she underwent extensive testing and evaluation – a complete neurological workup. She was presented with depressing options: surgery, which may or may not help a bit, and amputation. Carrie's response: "I was completely overwhelmed by the news".

Carrie had the surgery, which indeed helped a bit, but still left her without real function. Then her surgeon recommended MyoPro to restore function and aid in rehabilitation. Three months ago, she was fitted with the device.

Now, Carrie dons the device first thing in the morning. She wears it all day, and with it, she can do many of the activities of daily living that require two arms and hands: lifting and carrying household items, stabilizing food while cutting it, holding bottles while removing their tops. Carrie continues with occupational therapy, twice a week.

Not only has MyoPro helped restore function, Carrie says, "I feel like having the MyoPro has not only helped me physically by strengthening my arm, it has also helped to give me my independence back. I am looking forward to much more progress."



"I feel like I'm stronger because of it."

- Carrie, recovering from BPI

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MyoPro® from Myomo® is a unique, powered upper limb orthosis designed to restore function to the weakened or paralyzed arms of patients suffering from CVA stroke, brachial plexus injury, traumatic brain or spinal cord injury, ALS or other neuromuscular disease or injury. It is the only device that, sensing a patient's own EMG signals through non-invasive sensors on the arm, can restore an individual's ability to perform activities of daily living, including feeding themselves, carrying objects and doing household tasks. Many are able to return to work, live independently and reduce their cost of care.

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