



UBPN Happenings:

Meet Chris...

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My name is Chris Kemp, I'm 26 years old. Six years ago, I was in a motorcycle accident where I fully avulsed my Brachial Plexus off the spinal cord and severed my subclavian artery. After 5 surgeries I still have very limited motion in my left arm.

Three years after my injury I found the company Myomo and their Myopro device. Myomo's development of the robotic exoskeleton along with physical therapy, allowed me to have motion in my left arm again, which, without it, I wouldn't have.

The Myopro is a myoelectrical exoskeleton that is fitted over the arm with adjustable straps. The Myopro is powered by small efficient rechargeable battery packs, which is really convenient.

How the device works: The Myopro has carefully placed sensors on your bicep and triceps that read your electromyography signals from your muscles which enables the device to move. The lightweight technology makes it easy for everyday use.

One of the better features of the Myopro is it's capability to amplify the weakest electromyography signals, which allows a wide range of people to be able to use it.

The Myopro has helped me boost my self confidence and achieve simple every day tasks like holding a clipboard at work to carrying the laundry basket and helping my wife with stuff around the house.

Working with them [Myomo] has given me the opportunity to share my story and experiences through

sports. Last year I was invited to play with the North American One Armed Golf Association [NAOAGA] and The Paralong Drive Cup. Seeing each individual and their different injuries and how they have adapted to be able to play golf is inspiring and it's awesome to have a place where we can all compete. Meeting everyone and bonding over our similarities and struggles was a life changing experience. It is truly a brotherhood.

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