

MAKING A DIFFERENCE ONE PATIENT AT A TIME

Dolphin FIS[®] Changed His Life



Having lived with quadriplegia for over 20 years, Jan is very familiar with the seriousness of pressure injuries and the length of time it takes to recover from them. He had been battling one for almost a year and suddenly developed two more.

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Immediately admitted into a long term acute care hospital, Jan began receiving heavy doses of IV therapy and wound care treatment. After six weeks of no improvement, Jan was placed in a Dolphin Fluid Immersion Simulation[®] (FIS) advanced therapeutic support system.

SOLUTION

Once in the Dolphin FIS, Jan’s pressure injuries began to heal. “I immediately started showing progress and the wound care supervisor attributed the improvement to the Dolphin,” Jan said. “The Dolphin system greatly sped up my healing.”

After tremendous progress and forward momentum, Jan started to worry what would happen once he was discharged. So a Joerns Healthcare representative worked with Jan’s case manager and they obtained a Dolphin system for Jan’s home. “The representative’s diligent work and extra effort made sure I continued healing and eliminated the possibility of future pressure sores,” Jan recounted. “This meant everything to me.” After discharge Jan continued his rehabilitation at home, and appreciated that his family was not under the constant stress to monitor his pressure injuries.

Today, Jan has come full circle. “Now that I have recovered, I have full confidence that pressure sores will not return due to inadequate bedding,” Jan shared. “I truly believe without the assistance of the Dolphin I would still be battling pressure sores and probably osteomyelitis. The Dolphin literally changed my life. I am 100 percent pleased with it and the professionalism Joerns has always maintained. My lifestyle has finally returned to ‘normal.’”