

Eva's Algovita® Story

Eva's happy, active life changed after a slip and fall on ice. Instead of getting better, the pain worsened, even with treatment, and it didn't stop. "I can't even describe it," recalls Eva. "It took a lot out of me because I couldn't do the things I liked to do."

Eva began taking pain medication, getting injections, and going to physical therapy to treat her pain. It was radiating down her leg and making it hard for her to go to work and do daily activities. Before her fall, she was an avid salsa dancer and active mother and grandmother. Once her pain began, she could barely walk or stand for long periods of time. She became isolated at home, unable to do the job she loved or go out with her friends and family.

Eva's pain doctor talked to her about spinal cord stimulation as an option. Since she wasn't getting good relief from the injections and medication alone, he thought she was a good candidate for the therapy. "I was willing to try whatever it takes to make me feel better," she explains. "I was scared because I was saying this pain was never going to go away. It's there for life. But I was willing to take that chance and try the stimulator." After researching the therapy and talking it over with her family, she decided to undergo a spinal cord stimulation trial. The trial was successful, and Eva moved forward with a permanent implant.

Now, with her spinal cord stimulator and continuing physical therapy, Eva is getting relief. She is able to walk for longer periods of time with better posture. With the pain under control, she is focusing on getting stronger. She is already able to go out with friends and keep up with her young grandchildren. Her goal is to return to the work she loves with United States Postal Service and go salsa dancing again.

"I lost five years of my life, and I never thought that I would be back to how I used to be," she says. "I'm so happy that it's working for me."

