

Penny's Algovita® Story

Several years ago, a car accident and surgery started the downward spiral into a life Penny neither recognized nor wanted. "I was a zombie and didn't realize it. I'd just fall asleep any time because of the drugs. I couldn't get on without them," she admits.

She could no longer sleep, stand to cook, or even take a short drive. She went from an active life of yoga, biking, and playing with the kids (she has 3 of her own, 3 adopted, 18 grandchildren, and has had more than 50 foster kids) to using a cane, walker, or even a wheelchair to get around.

Penny's pain specialist recommended a short trial with the Algovita Spinal Cord Stimulation (SCS) system, which was placed during an office visit. After that, Penny was ready for her newfound relief to be long term. So her permanent system was placed and programmed for the pain on her right side. "The relief was so good, I started noticing pain on my left side, too."

Having considered this possibility, her physician had proactively placed two leads during her procedure. Addressing the new pain area required only a change of stimulation settings.

Penny loves how Algovita lets her choose stimulation at any time. During the day, she likes the massaging feeling. At night, she prefers a silent program that works without her feeling it. "My leg pain used to wake me up at night, but not anymore."

Now Penny is back to her old self, and her walker is folded up in the back of her closet. Even better, she's putting her yoga mat to good use again. "For a while there, I thought I'd never be able to do yoga again!"

The Algovita SCS system may be right for you. Ask your doctor if a simple, quick trial is indicated for your type of pain. Just like it did for Penny, your body will tell you if the therapy can improve your quality of life in as little as a few days.

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The patient story above explains the experiences of an individual who has received a neurostimulation system to manage chronic pain of the trunk and/or limbs. This account and this patient's results are specific to this individual and does not indicate, warrant or guarantee the results or outcomes of others to neurostimulation treatment. Consult your doctor to discuss the risks and henefits of neurostimulation and determine if this therapy is right for you. As with all implantable therapies, the surgical placement and use of a neurostimulation system poses some risks. Please visit http://nuvectamed.com/us/patient/indications-safety-warrings for more information.

Brief Summary: Product Technical Manuals and Information for Prescribers (IFP) must be consulted prior to use of this product.

Indications for Use: The Algovita® Spinal Cord Stimulation (SCS) System is indicated as an aid in the management of chronic intractable pain of the trunk and/or limbs, including unilateral pain. Contraindications: Diathermy, patients who are poor surgical candidates.

Warnings/Precautions: Strong electromagnetic interference (eg, electrocautery, RF or microwave ablation, or MRI) can result in serious patient injury or death, unexpected stimulation, or device malfunction or damage. Rupture or piercing of the neurostimulator many result in severe burns. Safety and effectiveness of SCS have not been established for pediatric patients, for use during pregnancy, or for use with nursing patients.

Adverse Events: may include painful stimulation or loss of pain relief, hardware malfunction or migration, allergic response and surgical risks, such as infection, or additional surgery. For full prescribing information, please call Nuvectra at 1.844.727.7897 and or consult Nuvectra's website at www.nuvectramed.com. Rx Only.