

Braden Anderson: Giving somebody back something that's so core to their lifestyle is really rewarding to see. The people that are out there living with chronic pain, we're talking about co-morbid developing conditions of depression, anxiety, they develop social phobia. These people really deal with a host of lifestyle issues. Chronic pain is no joke.

Marc Montagnino: I'm a professional drummer. At one point it was getting so bad that my fingers were starting to get numb, there was no way I was going to be able to give that up. I just didn't see that as a future.

Braden Anderson: Chronic pain is a massive emotional drain, the people that we see here have already tried several things.

Suzanne Behla: I'd had surgery on it where they cleaned it up, I had cortisone shots, I had [inaudible], that helped for a while. Then it was just getting to the point where I was kind of hobbling when I'd hike, I'd make sure I had my poles and was kind of using them as a crutch, that's kind of where I was at, and I was kind of looking at a knee replacement. I didn't want to go that route if I could avoid it.

Braden Anderson: And then they're coming to us as kind of a last resort to avoid joint replacements or to avoid even more aggressive medications. When we talk about introducing stem cells, what we're not doing is masking pain, stem cells are one of the only treatments that are truly going to fix the underlying issue, and it's gonna do that in several ways. Two of the most notable is that it's going to decrease the exaggerated immune response, instead of just having a big swollen joint, your body is going to work on repairing that joint, and then that's the second area that the stem cell is going to work, is actually recover these tissue types that we previously thought were unrecoverable, it will actually help regenerate them.

Marc Montagnino: I was barely able to lift my arm, now I've got full range of movement. There were some songs that I kind of even dreaded playing because there was a lot of extra pressure on my shoulders. I just noticed that I was able to get through it a lot easier, and without as much pain after the show. Means the world to me.

Braden Anderson: Stem to me was a new way to treat pain in a host of chronic conditions, even immune conditions and other elements like that. You see people need fewer pills over time, not more. You see them feel better, and more energy, and get back to living the lifestyle that they were previously accustomed to. That is huge.

Suzanne Behla: I've been hiking all summer, sometimes two times a week, I hike a 12 mile hike and I'm like, "This is a test to see if that's gonna work" And I came back, I'm like wow, my knee doesn't even hurt at all, and it's not even swollen.

