PATIENT STORIES

Geoff's Story

After gastroparesis turned his life upside down, Geoff says that Enterra™ Therapy helped him get his life back.

Geoff, Enterra™ Therapy patient, United Kingdom

Start of symptoms

As Geoff sat down for dinner one night in 2016, he felt a little nauseous but pushed through. He was eager to enjoy the evening and reconnect with some friends from out of town.

But when his nausea and other symptoms didn't end, Geoff went to the doctor—concerned that he might have diabetes. After months of diagnostic testing, his doctor eventually told him two things: you don't have diabetes, and don't bother coming back to see me. I don't know what's wrong with you.

Journey to diagnosis

Unfortunately for Geoff, his symptoms only worsened. He started vomiting ten times a day or more. He was constantly hungry, but unable to eat. He felt washed out, rotten, and completely drained.

Eventually, Geoff saw a doctor at his local hospital and was told that he *did* have diabetes, and had for some time. Because it had gone unmanaged for so long, Geoff had sustained damage to his stomach nerves.

Despite trying new medications and doing his best to manage his diabetes, Geoff's nausea and vomiting just didn't stop. He used so much sick leave that his employer mandated an occupational health assessment. Geoff recalls vomiting in the waiting room, only to be told that there was nothing the doctor could do for him. Eventually, Geoff lost his job.

At this point, Geoff says he was truly losing his will to live.

> "I hope my story can help someone who's going through what I went through."

Discovering Enterra™ Therapy

But Geoff didn't give up on the search for answers—or relief.

In 2019, he was referred to a surgeon in the United Kingdom who implants the Enterra Therapy System.

This doctor recognized that Geoff had gastroparesis—and that he was an excellent candidate for gastric electrical stimulation. When he suggested Enterra Therapy and discussed the risks, Geoff jumped at the chance. He was willing to try anything to find relief.

Life with Enterra Therapy

Three years later, Geoff says he's gotten his life back.

Since receiving his Enterra Therapy system, he feels normal. He's found a new job that he loves, working as a machine operator at a medical and industrial manufacturer whose supplies have been sent to support Ukraine.

If Geoff experiences symptoms, he visits his doctor to have his neurostimulator adjusted. He says that, now, he only gets sick if he bends over after eating.

Despite describing his journey with gastroparesis as "going to hell and back," he says that "Enterra Therapy helped him get his life back on track." Now, Geoff says he feels grateful—for Enterra Therapy, for his doctor, and for the chance to help someone else on their path to relief.

Geoff's experience is unique to him and individual results may vary.

Important Safety Information

Enterra Therapy for treatment of chronic, resistant to medication nausea and vomiting associated with gastroparesis caused by diabetes or an unknown origin in patients aged 18 to 70 years: patients should always discuss potential risks and benefits of the device with their physician.

Indications for Use: The Enterra Therapy System for gastric electrical stimulation is indicated for use in the treatment of chronic, intractable (drug refractory) nausea and vomiting associated with gastroparesis caused by diabetes or an unknown origin in patients aged 18 to 70 years.

Contraindications: The Enterra Therapy System is not intended for patients whom the physician determines are not candidates for surgical procedures and/or anesthesia due to physical or mental health conditions. You cannot have diathermy (deep heat treatment from electromagnetic energy) if you have an Enterra device. Patients with Enterra should not have magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).

Warnings/Precautions/Adverse Events: This system has not been evaluated for pregnant women, for use in patients under the age of 18, or patients over the age of 70. The system may be affected by or adversely affect cardiac devices. Strong sources of electromagnetic interference (EMI) such as from electrocautery, defibrillation/cardioversion, therapeutic ultrasound, radiofrequency (RF)/microwave ablation, or MRI, can result in serious injury, system damage, or operational changes to the system. EMI, postural changes, or other activities may cause shocking or jolting sensations. Patients on anticoagulation therapy may be at a greater risk for post-operative complications. The use of non-Medtronic components with this system may result in damage to Medtronic components, loss of therapy, or patient injury. There is the possibility of an allergic or immune system response to the implanted materials. When possible, a physician is to identify and treat any infections prior to surgery. Infections at the implant site almost always require the surgical removal of the implanted system. The lead can become entangled with the bowel or perforate your stomach and cause life-threatening blockage or infections that require immediate medical attention and may require surgery. Patients should avoid activities that may put undue stress on the implanted system components (activities that include sudden, excessive, or repetitive bending, twisting, bouncing, or stretching that can cause component fracture or dislodgement). Adverse events related to the therapy, device, or procedure can include: infection, pain at the surgery site, device components may wear through the skin, bruising at the neurostimulator site, bleeding, loss of therapeutic effect, undesirable change in stimulation (described as a jolting, shocking, or burning sensation), gastrointestinal symptoms and gastrointestinal complications (in that the lead may perforate your stomach or device components may become entangled with or obstruct other internal organs, requiring surgery). The system could stop because of battery depletion or mechanical or electrical problems. Any of these situations may require additional surgery or cause your symptoms to return.

Humanitarian Device: Authorized by Federal law for use in the treatment of chronic intractable (drug refractory) nausea and vomiting secondary to gastroparesis of diabetic or idiopathic etiology in patients aged 18 to 70 years. The effectiveness of this device for this use has not been demonstrated.

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