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ACUPUNCTURE RETURNS ACTIVE LIFE TO MS VICTIM

A person with Multiple Sclerosis will likely try many remedies to find relief from this dreaded and debilitating condition. After drugs produced limited gains, and being told another possible treatment would not be available soon, Duane Perron turned to Acupuncture for help. His decision changed his life.

Duane developed Multiple Sclerosis in 1978. Many years later, now at age 65, the entire left side of his body was affected from head to toe. Adding insult to injury is the fact that he was 100% left handed.

Here's how he describes his condition prior to Acupuncture: "The optic nerve in my left eye does not function. I cannot hear in my left ear. I have trigeminal neuralgia (severe nerve pain) on the left side of my face. My left arm is weakened. I drag my left leg along when I walk (shuffle), and I cannot lift my left foot or wiggle my left toes. I have spasticity in both legs."

Consultations with his doctor lead to an acupuncturist referral. Duane met the professional; she did a very thorough study of his condition and began Acupuncture. Just 2 months into his treatments, here are Duane's observations.

"About 2 weeks ago, my wife and I went grocery shopping, and as we left the store I said to her, 'Stay behind me and watch how I walk.' She did and she said, 'You are taking much larger steps. You are lifting up your left leg, not dragging it, and you are standing up straight!'"

A few days later, Duane had an eye exam. The doctor said, "I don't know the reason, but in all the tests run today the parameters on the results have at least doubled. That should not occur, but it did!" Still, the best is yet to come.

The final test of his improvement was a holiday where Duane and his wife stayed at a beachside hotel. They went out to dinner, did some cooking, walked the sandy beach to the water and waded in the waves everyday. "Now, I haven't been able to walk in the sand at a beach or let waves hit my legs for at least 12 years," said Duane. "But I did that and I did it barefooted without my brace, using just my cane for balance. On the last day, I walked down to the water alone and then down the beach at the water's edge for about 3 city blocks and then back." This was quite a remarkable feat.

Prior to Acupuncture treatments, Duane found daily exercise to be the only activity that eased his condition in any way. Now, with his acupuncturist, Duane has "found his angel" and has a whole new quality of life.