

Brian Kean: Hey, my name is Brian Kean. I'm the CEO of the management team for Rising Integrative Healthcare. I'm very passionate about what we do, mostly because, I'm like you, I've experienced a lot of injuries, traumas, and health issues in my life. And in freshman year of high school, I tore my left ACL, had to have surgery. And I did fine until I was probably ... About 15 years ago, I injured it again and went and saw the doctor. The orthopedic surgeon said, "Hey, listen, we're going to have to do surgery on your knee." And I said, "No." It took me a long time to heal from the first time, I didn't want to do surgery again.

And I got to the point with my left knee, I just couldn't run anymore. I got frustrated. And when I saw doctors, even friends of mine, all they really wanted to do is do a cortisone injection, or do surgery, and I didn't want that. I wanted to actually solve the problem. And through a lot of searching and figuring things out, we actually started doing PRP injections in my knee, which led to then amniotic injection, which then eventually I did a Wharton's jelly regenerative medicine injection.

And within three months to doing these processes, I was actually able to run again. It had been the first run in many, many years. I can still run today and I'm almost 51 years old. Now, I was young for most people with knee problems, but I injured it when I was 18. So it takes a long time for that to actually take place. It has changed my life, changed my ability to walk on steps properly again, walking on the beach without my knee bothering me. Even when I was sleeping at one time, it was just a dull, aching pain.

And then, so over time, my knees doing great. Bam, all of a sudden I have a brain injury. I have a [inaudible] brain hemorrhage and I ended up in neuro ICU for a month and they didn't expect me to live. While I was at Duke, unfortunately, while I was there I ended up with meningitis and I ended up with MRSA. And so, when they did the puncture in my low back for the meningitis for the spinal cord, they unfortunately nicked some nerves in my lower back and I ended up in neuropathy, and my whole right leg went numb. I could literally hit it and I couldn't feel a single thing. I could literally take my fist, I could even take a dull knife and hit it and I couldn't feel anything in my whole leg down to my toes.

My toes were burning, numb, [inaudible 00:02:20]. From my waist down, that leg was just numb as could be, like it was dead sometimes. It was scary, because now I'm on this path again. Now I'm like, "Okay, now what I'm going to do about this?" And again, I saw friends of mine and people I knew that were medical doctors and they wanted to give me medications. And they said, "Listen, there's nothing you can do about it." I'm not the type of person that can take no for an answer, especially when it comes to my body. I'm young, I want to make sure I live a long life and not have to take medications.

And so, we found this treatment we do now in our clinics using inner or middle frequency electrical stimulation. And actually, then eventually ... Now, we just added a whole other step and another level to this. We're actually doing subdermal injections with a propriety vitamin blend, which gives the nutrition back to the nerves that they need to survive. Well, gosh, back then we didn't have the vitamin blend. All we had is electrical stim. And just through doing that and some other rehab, I was able to solve

my problem in about four months. But now, since we've added this new vitamin blend, patients that are much worse than me, now we're seeing them get better in up to two to three months.

We're resolving their issues and getting them off medications. I love what we do because we're helping to change people's lives. Now, I've also had a shoulder injection of PRP and amniotic injections, and also [Regen] in my shoulder. I've done both my knees. I've done my hip. I beat myself up over many years. I played college baseball, and wrestling, and my body's been beat up. So our goal in our clinic is to see patients like me that want to prevent going the road of surgery and live life on their own terms. That's part of our mission statement. I know we're being successful when people just like you share with us their success stories of how life is changed and how you're living it now on your own terms, just like I did.