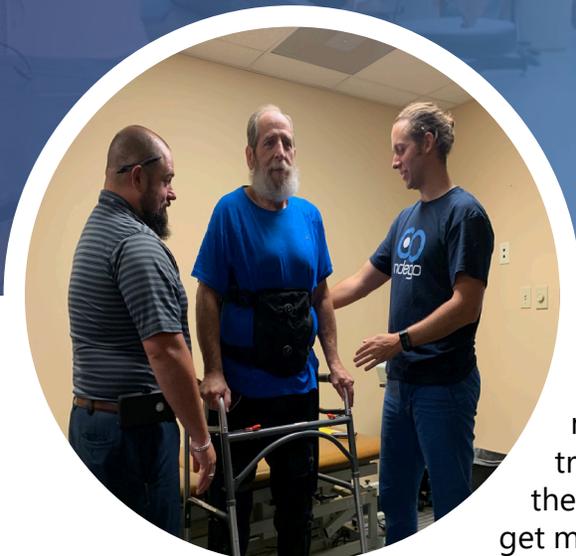




# George's Story



## Hope of Walking for the Holidays

Hello, I'm George Stewart. In 2013, I was in a work accident that left me paralyzed from the waist down after being run over by a tractor trailer. I spent nine weeks in the ICU, then three and a half months at the Shepherd Center in Atlanta, GA. I've done quite a bit of therapy to get me to this point. The Shepherd Center is where I first saw Indego. But I was afraid that insurance wouldn't approve it for me, so I just left it alone.

## The Road to Recovery

Fast forward nearly five years to South Charleston, West Virginia. I brought my Uncle Lyle to his appointment at First Settlement Physical Therapy and saw him training with the Indego. I learned that Lyle got insurance approval for his Indego because of his work injury, so I decided to try and get one too.

After presenting my case and information about Indego to my insurance company and two weeks later I received a call telling me I was approved. I was astonished, believe me, quite astonished!

The Indego training program has been hard at times, then it eases back up. But anything you do with a spinal cord injury is going to be hard to begin with, I don't care what it is. I remember being at Shepherd Center flat on my back, trach in, couldn't roll over, couldn't sit up. Was it hard? Yeah! But with five days of therapy per week I found ways to work through it. Same thing with Indego.

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## The Indego Spreads Holiday Cheer

I trained using Indego five days per week for an hour per session. After mastering all the basic skills and knowledge required for Check-Off Day, my wife and I are cleared to take the Indego home for personal use on December 3. I have a Christmas time surprise planned. My family lives 130 miles away but we're all getting together for Christmas.

My Indego has been a well-kept secret. A hard-kept secret, but a well-kept secret. Paula and I will sneak off into a separate room to put it on, then walk into the living room where the family is in for quite a surprise. My mother is 91 and it will be quite a shock and surprise for her to see me standing up again. It will be quite a shock for everyone! What their reactions will be, I have no idea. My daughter graduates from nursing school in July of next year. My plan is to walk across that stage and be the one who gets to pin on her nursing pin at graduation. What better place to showcase the Indego than in front of all the doctors and nurses in the crowd at graduation.

## The Impact Indego Has Made on My Life

I think the Indego will give me longevity. It will keep me from sitting, it will keep me moving. Even at 70 or 75 years old. Now I can get up and I can stay up! I can drink a cup of coffee while I'm standing. I can change the light bulbs in the house. Now I can look at somebody eye to eye, rather than always looking up. That makes a big difference. That's one of the best things about it.

If you're considering Indego, definitely go for it! I'd sit down with anybody and share my story with them and answer any of their questions. It's been a great experience and I look forward to even better experiences now that we're taking it home.

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