

Patient Profile in Diabetes Control and Weight Loss



George A.
Age 71 | Sydney, Australia

GEORGE'S HEALTH HISTORY

George A. was diagnosed with type 2 diabetes over a decade ago. As time passed, his disease continued to worsen, requiring him to take daily doses of insulin. "My family has a history of diabetes so I knew I was always going to be at risk of getting it, too. I had been on insulin for a good six years and was desperate to get off it. I felt that I was gaining weight as a result of the insulin, which didn't help matters with my diabetes."

TREATMENT CONSIDERATIONS

George is highly educated and has spent a significant amount of his life working as a biochemist. Because of his family's history with type 2 diabetes and his own personal battle, he was motivated to seek information through newspaper articles and medical journals about the latest therapies and emerging treatments available to help people with diabetes. Well before EndoBarrier Therapy arrived in Australia and prior to its approval by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), George began researching EndoBarrier Therapy. George was particularly interested in the fact that this therapy did not require surgery; it involved a brief procedure with no extended recovery periods, and it could help him lose weight and improve his blood sugar. "I went and saw various specialists and read a lot of scientific articles to keep informed about the medical landscape for diabetes treatments. I spent two years doing this because I watched my three brothers go through open heart surgery and I just felt that I wouldn't have been able to fully recover from any form of surgery."

HOPE IN A NEW TREATMENT OPTION

EndoBarrier Therapy was approved by the TGA for use in Australia in June 2011. Following its introduction at the Epworth Centre for Bariatric Surgery in Melbourne in March 2012, St Vincent's Clinic and Macquarie University Hospital in Sydney became the next centres to offer this new treatment – and George was their first patient. Under the care of renowned upper gastrointestinal surgeon and clinical researcher, Professor Reginald V. Lord, George underwent the EndoBarrier implant procedure in Sydney and hasn't looked back.

LIFE WITH ENDOBARRIER THERAPY — RAPID RESULTS AND SUSTAINING CHANGES

George's early results are very promising. He was able to stop taking insulin injections the very next day after getting EndoBarrier, which had been a daily requirement for years. His HbA1c levels have improved significantly; he was recording levels of 8.4% prior to commencing EndoBarrier Therapy and his levels are now around 7.2%. George is also shedding the kilos, fast. His starting weight was 93.5kg and he is now down 14kg to 79.5kg. This weight loss is already helping to alleviate pain in his lower back, which he has suffered from for more than 30 years.

PLAYING TO A NEW RHYTHM

Three months into treatment, George continues to lose weight at a healthy rate of approximately 1kg per week and his blood sugar levels are improving. No longer on insulin injections, his medication regimen has been significantly reduced as has his appetite. He notes, "I'm still diabetic, but my outlook on life has improved so much...I now have my life back. I'm playing my trumpet once again and have even started learning how to play the guitar. It's hard work but I'm enjoying the challenge."



EndoBarrier Therapy is a revolutionary, non-surgical, non-pharmaceutical treatment for people with type 2 diabetes and/or obesity. Clinical studies demonstrate that EndoBarrier Therapy achieves rapid and dramatic reductions in blood sugar levels and weight loss of approximately 20 percent in 12 months. EndoBarrier Therapy is an effective, convenient and discreet treatment for people whose diabetes medications are no longer effective, who are at risk for serious health complications and who want to avoid the progression to daily insulin injections. Involving a brief endoscopic procedure, EndoBarrier Therapy also enables patients to avoid the safety risks, lifestyle changes and frequent post-surgical interventions associated with irreversible bypass surgery and gastric banding. This first-of-its-kind therapy is helping patients around the world fight their battle against type 2 diabetes and obesity while providing a pathway to a healthier lifestyle..

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