

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

Intended Use: The Enterra® Therapy System is an implanted device that provides gastric stimulation to treat chronic, intractable, nausea and vomiting that is not well treated by drugs or other means in patients aged 18 to 70 years caused by diabetes or an unknown origin.

Contraindications: Enterra Therapy is only for patients who are healthy enough for surgical procedures and/or anesthesia. Once implanted, patients need to avoid diathermy, which is deep heat treatment from electromagnetic energy, as it may cause injury or device failure.

Warnings: Enterra Therapy has not been studied in pregnant women, patients under the age of 18, or over 70. Issues may occur if the system interacts with other implanted devices such as pacemakers. Patient injury or device failure may be caused by other medical treatments such as electrocautery, defibrillation/cardioversion, therapeutic ultrasound, or radiofrequency (RF)/microwave ablation. Patient activities may cause shocking or jolting sensations.

 The Enterra II System is MR Conditional. This means that patients with the Enterra II System can safely have MRI examinations of some body parts under certain conditions. Consult your doctor to determine if you are eligible for MRI examination.

Risks: Potential risks include infection, pain at the surgery site, allergic or immune system response, lead and bowel twist together, device wearing through the skin, bruising, bleeding, loss of therapeutic effect, jolting, shocking, burning sensation, gastrointestinal or stomach issues, loss of therapy due to component failure or battery wear out, or perforated stomach which may cause life-threatening blockage or infections that require immediate medical attention including surgery. Risks can be minimized by avoiding activities such as sudden, excessive, or repetitive bending, twisting, bouncing, or stretching.

Humanitarian Device: Authorized by Federal law for the intended use described above. The effectiveness of this device has not been demonstrated.

Always discuss potential risks and benefits of the device with your physician.

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