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Dr Graham,

I wanted to share my story about the value of your lasers for pain management. Knowing that not many would suffer from a compound fracture of the tibia and a broken wrist at the same time, it made dealing with the pain and discomfort of broken bones as well as surgery a pretty big deal for me. Fortunately, my time in a wheel chair took place during the summer while my arm healed, so I didn't have to worry about school. What made this a real challenge is that I have some pretty serious sensitivities to some prescription drugs and LOTS of pain killers were the order of the day.

What happened was that right after school let out that spring, I was helping to get a Tennessee Walker back into shape for a long, 10-day trail ride that a client was to take at the end of summer. For some reason, that was a morning the horse decided he liked to buck and I was tossed in the arena – breaking my left leg and my right arm. It required 3 hours of surgery to place a rod in the leg and a cast on my right wrist.

I was given lots of pain medication while I was hospitalized, but going home meant taking responsibility for my own pain management. The prescribed dosage of 2-3 pills every 4-6 hours meant that I was really knocked out and I felt terrible from the drug hangover. My mom is a real advocate of your lasers, so together we figured out how to cut way back on pills and substituted 10 – 25 minutes of laser treatments instead. I did use OTC Advil to help with really tough days, but most of the time, I only took a pill to get up in the morning and to get into bed at night – thanks to the laser.

I do believe that the laser made a real difference in my getting back on my feet with just crutches or a cane when I went back to high school. The scars on my leg are minimal and there appears to be full function with limited long-term impact from my adventure. Your laser really made the difference! My heartfelt 'Thank You'.

C R – Franktown, CO