

New office offers hope to patients with chronic pain

Don " Butch" Hollingsworth, formerly a fireman in Antioch and 30-year resident of Amador County, has opened Do Away With Pain in Jackson.

Hollingsworth has drawn three medical professionals who aid patients suffering from various problems, including neuropathy, through the MicroVas Treatment System. Hollingsworth discovered the system after being diagnosed with peripheral neuropathy in his lower extremities. Having undergone a series of treatments, he raves about his own recovery and is eager to share MicroVas with others. He noted that patients must be referred by their physician. Hollingsworth is currently working with Drs. David Dutra and Mark Faryn, both with practices in Amador, and with Drs. Mark Cohoon and Marsha Teague at the West Point Clinic, and other physicians are being advised of the system and its benefits.

Hollingsworth left firefighting in Antioch after suffering severe injuries. Four years ago, he began experiencing burning in his feet and despite medications, was told his neuropathy could worsen. "At the time, the doctor said the only thing that could help me was from stem cells, but that was out of the question here. I got a call from my sister in Tulsa, Okla., who told me about a clinic there that worked on people with neuropathy."

Hollingsworth subsequently made arrangements to stay in Tulsa for three months where he underwent three treatments weekly. "I started feeling a lot better," he said. "After leaving Tulsa, I was told I had to exercise. I did and I do, but I ended up buying a MicroVas System and bringing it back here. I used to watch people coming in and out of that clinic in Tulsa. They'd come in on walkers or canes and I was there long enough to see that eventually they were walking unaided. Their lives were restored. So is mine, and I knew I wanted to make this available for helping other people."

Providing patient care are Jan Alexander, an experienced physical therapist, and LVN Lavonne Chavez, and CVN Cindy Fogg, both of whom have worked at a West Point clinic for six years. They assist patients undergoing the treatment, which squeezes muscles 1,800 times an hour, driving muscles to increase circulation and oxygen intake.

The MicroVas Treatment System originated with the military, which used it to treat U.S. Navy Seals for hypothermia, according to Victor LaRosa, vice president of sales for the company. "From there, MicroVas took the technology and turned it into medical instrumentation to heal diabetics with wounds," LaRosa said. "We stumbled into the fact that this not only had healing power but it could reverse the symptoms of neuropathy, which can be very painful or produce numbness in diabetics' feet." He shared literature explaining that the non-invasive vascular treatment delivers a powerful, deeply penetrating waveform that causes blood to pump more efficiently through the microcirculation in damaged tissue to accelerate the healing process. LaRosa said 300 physicians across the country utilize the treatment, considered an important new tool in the treatment of neuropathy as well as non-healing wounds, repetitive motion disorders such as carpal tunnel syndrome, fibromyalgia and common sports injuries such as tennis elbow or knee sprain.

"This gave me a whole new outlook on life," Hollingsworth said. "I have a treadmill and I walk a lot, so I'm paying attention to staying in good health. Now I look forward to spreading the word in this county, El Dorado, Calaveras and in the valley."

Hollingsworth and LaRosa collaborated to bring the system to Jackson where services are covered by Medicare, Medi-Cal and most private insurance carriers. Complete information is available at www.neurovasix.com; NeuroVasix purchased MicroVas several years ago.

The office, at 601 Court St., Suite 206, is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For an appointment, call 257-0686.

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