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Ore. man gets results from stem cell transplant

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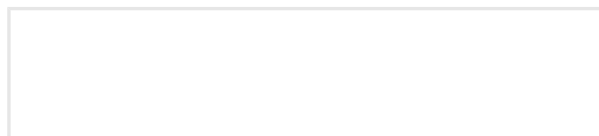
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PORTLAND-- An Oregon man with multiple sclerosis is seeing remarkable results after a stem cell transplant.

All aspects of my life have improved, said 28-year-old Dan Tiel, I don t even walk with a cane anymore.

Tiel's mother first learned of the clinical trial at Northwestern University while doing research on Facebook.





I had been searching for hope for 10 years and this was the first time I really felt it, Gina Tiel said.

Dr. Richard Burt said about 80 patients a year are getting the stem cell transplants at Northwestern for a variety of autoimmune diseases.

We give them their own stem cells that we collect from their blood and it regenerates a new immune system, he explained.

Dan experienced drastic improvement within a month. He was sitting in the sun and felt the warmth on his jeans. He couldn't remember experiencing that before, Gina said. Because the stem cell transplant rebuilt his immune system, it was no longer attacking his central nervous system.

I can walk 3 or 4 blocks now without huffing and puffing. It's those little things that make me smile, Dan said.

Anyone wanting more information about the program can [send an email to Dr. Richard Burt](#) or check for updates on the [HSCT Stem Cells Hope Facebook page](#).

