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Saturday 17th August

was the day that **Nigel** felt human again. After five years of unhappy experiences with old-fashioned prostheses, Nigel became the first person to wear the bebionic3. For Nigel, the psychological benefits of wearing bebionic have been immense; not only does it look more natural, but it also functions more like a human hand, giving him the ability and confidence to do things he couldn't since his accident.



Case Study

Nigel Ackland



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The story

In 2006, Nigel suffered a life-changing accident at work when his right forearm was crushed in an industrial blender. He underwent six months of operations and infections before he made the decision to have an elective trans-radial amputation. Following the amputation, Nigel was fitted with several different prostheses, none of which suited his lifestyle. After a series of unhappy experiences with old-fashioned prostheses, Nigel became the first person to wear the bebionic3.

The solution

With a revolutionary design, the innovative bebionic3 includes advanced new materials that increase durability, whilst improving the grip, strength and precision. The multi-articulating hand features significant aesthetic improvements, smart electronics, and all new software that enhances both functionality and ease of use.

Being the first person to wear the bebionic3, Nigel has commanded the attention of the world and is internationally recognised as one of the most passionate advocates for access to prosthetics for amputees.

The turning point

Over the years, Nigel has openly spoken about his struggle to cope after the accident. He has highlighted the huge psychological benefits of being able to wear an advanced prosthesis like bebionic.

Nigel candidly expresses how much of a difference bebionic has made to his life, "Having a bebionic hand is like being human again, psychologically I wouldn't be without it. I can hold the phone, shake hands and wash my left hand normally, which I haven't been able to for five years! I'm back to being a two-finger typist and can even do a very interesting hand signal which I call the 15th function, not particularly functional perhaps, but the psychological benefit is immense! Overall, the bebionic hand has had a great impact on my life - not only does it look more like a human hand but it also functions more like a human hand."

To find out more about Nigel visit www.bebionic.com