

Stance Control Orthosis™

Meet Pete

In January 2002, Pete was fit with a Horton Stance Control Orthosis™ on his right leg due to Post Polio syndrome. Due to weakness in his left leg, he was fit with another Horton Stance Control Orthosis™ in July 2003, making him a bilateral SCOKJ® wearer. Here are Pete's comments:



"I live out in the country, and I used to have a brace with drop locks. When using the old brace, trying to get across rocks, walk across the creek, or up and down a hill was a struggle. Now it is a heck of a lot easier to walk on uneven or rough terrain. Anytime you had something uneven or a rough spot in the terrain, it could catch my foot if I didn't get it up high enough, like tall grass for example. To get through any kind of grass that was over a couple of inches high, I really had to lift my leg and swing it or it wouldn't go through. So I had to drag it through with the drop lock. With the Stance Control Orthosis™ I can easily get over it."

"It also seems to be easier on my back, because with the

drop locks I had to use my back muscles to raise my hip to swing my leg in order to walk. With the Stance Control Orthosis™ I don't have to do that, so it doesn't hurt my back. It is easier to walk with. It is a more comfortable way to walk."

"With the Stance Control Orthosis™ I can bend my knee and still have the stability that I need. From my stand point, my knee would collapse on me if I didn't have some kind of brace. Now I know that is not unusual, but I had to have a drop lock brace, otherwise I would fall when I tried to walk. With the Stance Control Orthosis™ I get the flexibility of my knee, but I can still count on it to lock when it needs to lock."

"Now I need one for my left leg. My left leg is starting to collapse and the Stance Control Orthosis™ is by far a better preference to the drop lock. I would not change this brace for the old style. I am thrilled to death with this brace."

Pete's wife's thoughts



Pete, wearing his right SCOKJ®, walks with his wife (summer 2002).

"To walk down a sidewalk together is nice. Before we were unable to walk side by side, because with the lock brace you had to give him enough room to swing his leg. There was never enough room on the sidewalk to do that, so you were always one step behind. Now we are equals. Not one step behind."

Have a question for Pete?
E-mail him at
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and we will forward it to him.

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