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WE ARE PLEASED TO SHARE THE FOLLOWING PATIENT SUCCESS STORY.

Harris Varickappallil

Reason for Outpatient Therapy:
Traumatic brain injury



PAM HEALTH
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OF TULSA

Harris Varickappallil's mother was taking an advanced cardiac life support (ACLS) class at PAM Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Tulsa when she saw a photo promoting the EksoHealth robotic exoskeleton. It caught her attention because in March of 2020, her son, Harris, had been in an accident and suffered a traumatic brain injury. At the time she was there for the class, he was still unable to walk, transfer, write, and lift his left arm. While at PAM Health, his mom happened to meet Mike, a PAM Health physical therapist assistant, and asked him if the exoskeleton could help her son. Mike was very helpful and encouraged them to come to PAM Health for outpatient therapy.

Harris began seeing improvements shortly after starting therapy at PAM Health. His mother recalls the happiness they felt when he was able to move his arm, walk using the exoskeleton, write his name, and take steps with the help of a walker and therapist.

"Life was not easy for us. We were mentally, physically, and financially drained," she shared.

Therapy with the PAM Health team restored their hope and "saved us from darkness," said his mom.

Harris loves his therapy team: Mike, Chelsie, Kati, Monica, and Leanne. He continues to improve and looks forward to therapy sessions. Before the accident, Harris was studying psychology and pre-med and was in the Army ROTC. He enjoyed playing violin and was an Indian classical dancer.

"We appreciate your determination to show Harris he can do it," his mom said. "Thank you for your perseverance, support, and love. We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers."



Goals achieved:

- **Ability to lift left arm**
- **Ability to walk with assistance**
- **Restoration of hope**