

# CELEBRATE SUCCESS

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WE ARE PLEASED TO SHARE THE FOLLOWING PATIENT SUCCESS STORY.

## Rick Surita

**Reason for Therapy:** Wound care for diabetic foot ulcer triggered by bacterial infection, sepsis

**Treatment Start Date:** 3/9/23

**Treatment Details:** 85 hyperbaric oxygen therapy treatments; 90% healed

Rick Surita, 60, is a retired school teacher who fell ill after eating some food that was contaminated with Shigella bacteria from a restaurant in early 2023. The bacterial infection progressed to Mr. Surita developing sepsis, falling into a coma, requiring ventilator support and dialysis, suffering cardiac arrest, and needing resuscitation. Attempts to maintain his blood pressure during sepsis resulted in a lack of oxygen to and subsequent necrosis of the tips of his all fingers and toes. While hospitalized he was also diagnosed with a bacterial infection causing inflammation of the kidneys, probably from disseminated sepsis. Prior to his recent ordeal, Mr. Surita worked hard to stay fit and proactive about his health, having overcome two bouts of cancer previously as well as managed his diabetes.

After some time at the acute care hospital's rehabilitation center and with support from home healthcare, Mr. Surita began wound care treatment at PAM Health Warm Springs Rehabilitation Hospital of San Antonio in March 2023 for the wounds on his fingers and toes. After 85 hyperbaric oxygen therapy treatments, all his fingers had recovered, and he regained use of his feet to walk and drive, for which he's extremely grateful. Mr. Surita has had a great experience with his treatment at PAMHealth so far. "Dr. Aguilar and Dr. Andres were very involved and very attentive, and they explained everything to me the entire time. They were very caring," he said.

Mr. Surita will continue HBOT at PAMHealth to address patches of non-viable gangrenous skin on multiple toes. We're so proud of his commitment to his health and are honored he trusted us with his recovery!

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*The top photo shows some of Mr. Surita's wounds on his toes. The bottom photo shows his wounds 90% healed, as Mr. Surita continues to receive treatment at our wound care clinic.*