

## Geoff Ford's story

1973 Underwent surgery for scoliosis correction with procedure called Harrington/Dwyer rod implanted along spine and halo/pelvic traction to fuse C6 to L4. Prior to procedure was given Myelogram with Myodil to image spinal cord and nerves. After 3 years and many unusual symptoms (itchy face, antsy sensations, sharp jolting pains in leg and arm/hand) which has progressed to paralysis in arm, leg and foot, desensatisation to foot and heightened sensation in opposite foot, to incontinence and other dysfunctions. These are bad enough but are compounded by not being able to put on socks and undies, get out of bed/chair/car without difficulty and pain, simple things taken for granted - wiping my own butt. Diagnosed with severe arachnoiditis in 1983 and continuing to suffer and manage pain with no future of relief or improvement and the grand picture of continued deterioration and increased pain