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Bones continue to mend for daily news website publisher

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GAINESVILLE -- *HardisonInk.com* publisher Jeff M. Hardison heard a promising prognosis from his orthopedic surgeon Thursday morning (May 30).



The Feb. 28 X-ray (left) and the May 30 X-ray show areas where bone growth is starting after being treated with OrthoFix's PhysioStim device for bone growth stimulation, where it had not started before.

X-rays by The Orthopaedic Institute

A set of X-rays taken Thursday showed bones are starting to fuse, when previous X-ray and CT scans showed no progress around the plate, four screws and seven pins holding bone parts together in his left ulna and some wrist bones.

Dr. Jason T. Shinn of the Orthopaedic Institute had prescribed a machine from OrthoFix to be used by the injured journalist for 90 days, at three hours per day. As of the Thursday visit, Hardison had completed 60 consecutive three-hour sessions.

"So far," Hardison said, "I think I may not have to undergo more surgery on that arm. I'll return for another review in six weeks."

Meanwhile, the multiple daily and weekly newspaper multiple award-winning reporter and editor is on the brink of celebrating a 45-year class reunion with colleagues at Northeast High School in St. Petersburg in June, as well as a pending 30th anniversary celebration with his wife Sharon in July.

"It's all good," Hardison said. "I appreciate everyone who has prayed for this positive outcome regarding my bones healing. Prayer works."

Dr. Shinn told the journalist that he may type. He may do light yardwork if he is wearing his splint. The doctor advised his patient to not attempt too much, too soon.

The 30 more sessions of OrthoFix's PhysioStim device are still part of the planned procedure for full recovery.

As noted on the company's website: "The PhysioStim device has been approved by the FDA for the treatment of nonunion fractures."

Florida Blue would not approve payment for this device until after 90 days of

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nonunion fractures were proved by X-rays and CT scans.

Hardison suffered a compound fracture while covering the Dec. 8, 2018 Christmas Parade in Chiefland.

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[HERE](#) is the archived story and photos about the initial injury.

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[HERE](#) is an archived story showing how scans reflect bones were not fusing.