



THIS IS "THE VIRUS HUNT"

From the Amazon jungle to village townships of South Africa, to crowded urban centers in India and cutting-edge surveillance sites in Chicago, go inside with Abbott Pandemic Defense Coalition experts as they work nonstop at the front lines of virus surveillance and prevention to help stop outbreaks before they become pandemics. It's a race the clock to stay one step ahead of the next viral threat.

Viruses will never stop hunting humanity. Join us. Become the hunter.

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Quote ...

"She was asking, 'What's wrong, daddy?' I could see the reaction in her face and tears starting to well up."

Who said that and what are they talking about? Keep reading ...

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A Proclaim spinal cord stimulator helped Robert Busse reclaim his time and move beyond grinding, chronic pain.



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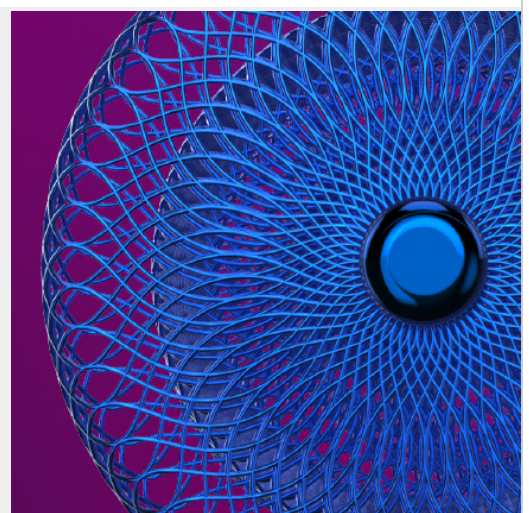
Abbott is connecting its tech with major insulin delivery systems, transforming the future of diabetes care.



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THE REVEL IS IN THE DETAILS AMPLATZER PICCOLO OCCLUDER

This month's focus: Our Piccolo Occluder. The 3mm-5mm diameter central waist and two retention discs with a diameter of 4mm-6.5mm that sit about 2mm-6mm from each other, many are about the size of a pea. Stretched out flat, it'd measure about 12 feet of wire to form the mesh. Wow!



... and answer

That's Tom Reed, who was just 36 when he had a stroke. There was no loss of consciousness, no pain. There was, however, that bewildered expression on his daughter's face which turned increasingly worried. He realized that while he thought he was speaking to her, no words came out. The culprit? A patent foramen ovale (PFO), a hole in the heart that didn't close the way it should have after birth. Fortunately, his surgeon believed he had just the tool to help Reed: Abbott's PFO device now available as the Amplatzer Talisman PFO Occluder developed specifically for PFO closure to reduce the chance of recurring ischemic strokes.

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