

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge

Snake Venom Study

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC MEDICAL EDGE.
Brad Edgin, patient	"I SEE QUITE A FEW SNAKES AROUND HERE."
	WITH THE DESERT AS A BACK YARD, SNAKES ARE A HAZARD BRAD EDGIN HAS LEARNED TO LIVE WITH. BUT HE NEVER EXPECTED ONE MIGHT HELP HIM FOLLOWING A DEVASTATING STROKE. YOU SEE, BY THE TIME HE GOT TO THE HOSPITAL BRAD HAD MISSED THE 3-HOUR WINDOW FOR STANDARD CLOT BUSTING TREATMENT. BUT HE WAS IN TIME TO TRY AN EXPERIMENTAL DRUG CALLED ANCROD, MADE FROM THE

	VENOM OF THE MALAYAN PIT VIPER.
Bart Demaerschalk, M.D.	“IT’S SNAKE VENOM THAT HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED TO HAVE PROPERTIES THAT BREAK UP CLOT.”
	DR. BART DEMAERSCHALK AND HIS TEAM AT MAYO CLINIC ARE INVESTIGATING SNAKE VENOM TO SEE IF IT WILL HELP STROKE VICTIMS UP TO SIX HOURS AFTER ONSET OF SYMPTOMS.
Brad	“I MAKE JOKES THAT I STARTED HISSING A LOT.”
	ACTUALLY, BECAUSE BRAD WAS PART OF A STUDY, THE RESEARCH TEAM DOESN’T KNOW IF HE RECEIVED ANCROD OR A PLACEBO. BUT THEY DO KNOW HE HAD A MUCH BETTER RECOVERY THAN EXPECTED.
	FOR MEDICAL EDGE I’M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.

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