

## BREAKING BAD NEWS:

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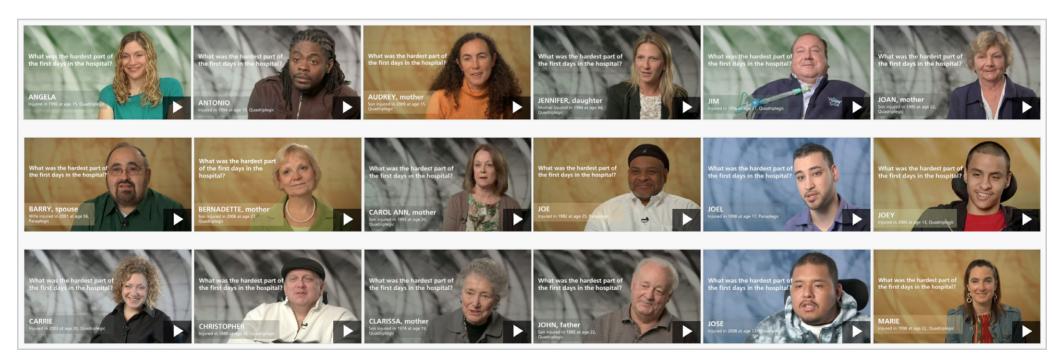
When Coping With A Spinal Cord Injury



# Breaking Bad News: What Did They Hear?

### The questions:

How did you develop an understanding of the injury? What was the hardest part of the first days in the hospital?



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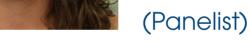


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### Voices of Experience

## Experts on Panel Experts in the Audience

This is an interactive presentation.



# Two Videos that Bring the Patients into the Room

"I Get It"

"I Don't Get It"

The question:
If these were your patients...

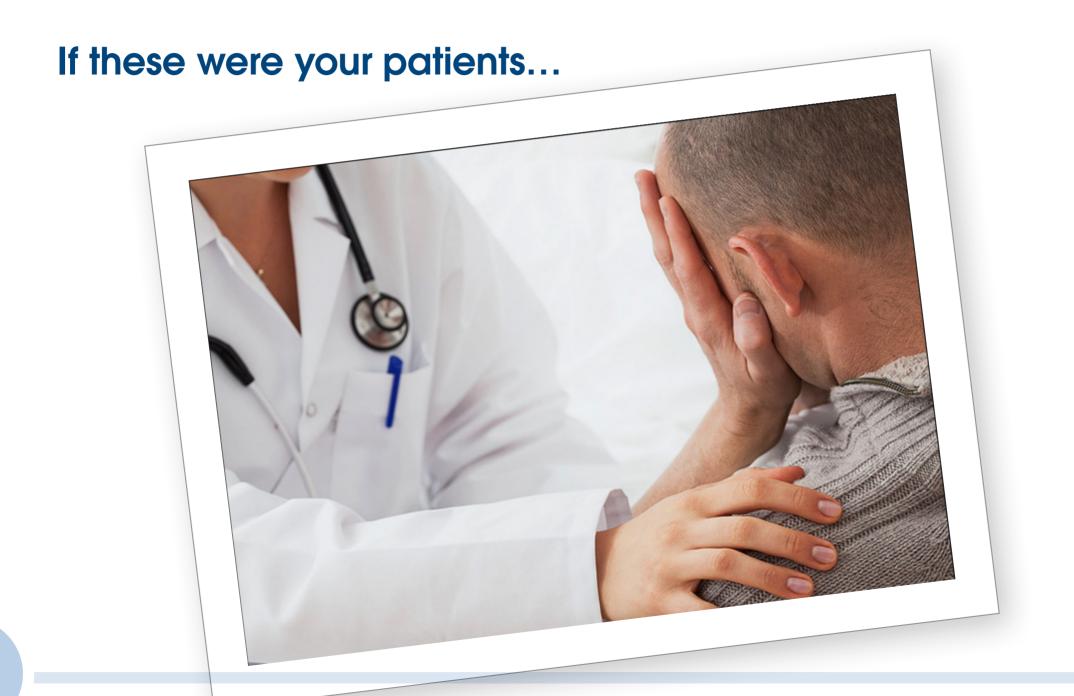


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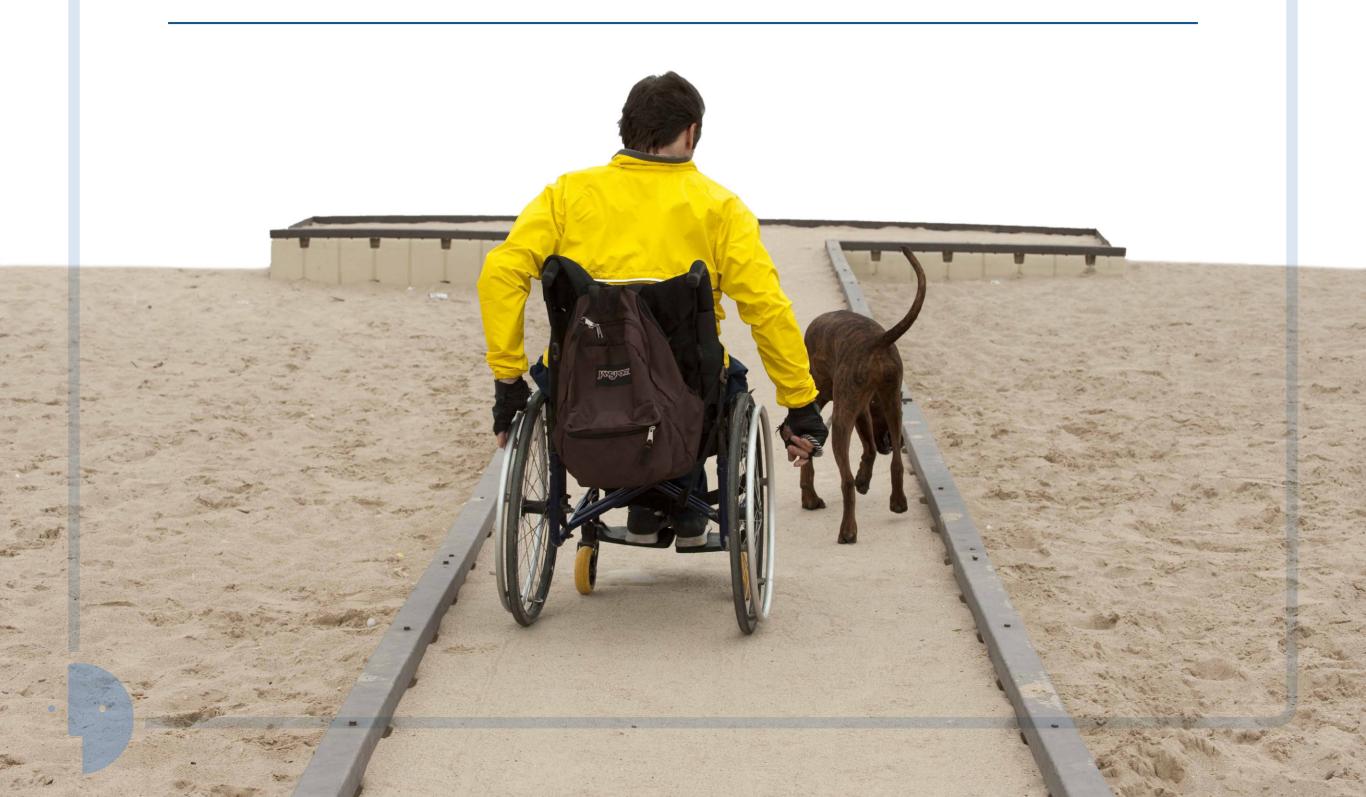




### "I Get It"



### "I Don't Get It"





### "I Don't Get It"



# I Can Hear You Now... How the Stories Ended:

Joel is a social worker in a renal medical facility

**Joe** is coordinator of "Think First," a national program to prevent brain and spinal cord injuries among young people

**Hector** sells urological medical supplies to hospitals

**Nick** is a competitive bodybuilder, wheelchair dancer and successful motivational speaker

**Darren** has an MBA and is an executive at a Fortune 500 company

James coordinates all volunteers for a large rehab hospital

# I Can Hear You Now... How the Stories Ended:

**Marie** coordinates the SCI mentoring program at a major rehabilitation hospital

**Megan** is finishing her Ph.D; she consults with nonprofits and government agencies on anti-poverty programs

**Patricio** is a peer mentor and works with "In My Shoes," a violence-prevention program for young people

Molly is in her third year of medical school

Mary Ellen is Molly's mother, and has gone back to work as a physician



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