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Sometimes you have to take matters into your own hand, especially when your life is at stake and not many other people seem willing to help you out. Here's a case in point.

A notable though basically unknown medical device called Diapulse has helped a 51-year-old Miami woman avoid what would have been the third amputation of one of her limbs. It was this woman's personal campaign to make the treatment available to her in her home that was a major reason behind her medical victory. The Diapulse treatment helped heal serious wounds on her right hand just weeks before amputation would have become necessary.

The woman, whose name is Mirta, a Cuban native and Florida resident since 1962, has a long history of medical problems, beginning with juvenile diabetes at age two and the loss of one eye due to the disease, a kidney transplant at age 29, the amputation of her feet at ages 45 and 48, and more recently, the loss of blood circulation in her hands.

“Without hands, how am I going to work? I cannot afford to lose my hands,” said the wheelchair-bound Mirta just prior to her treatment with the Diapulse machine. Educated in computer science, social work and accounting, Mirta had been facing a life devoid of any mobility or dexterity, until her personal plea to a local television station in South Florida resulted in the home availability of the Diapulse treatment. The retro-looking piece of machinery is based

on medical technology that uses non-thermal pulsed electromagnetic energy to stimulate blood flow to a chronic wound.

Once her treatments began, within weeks the wounds on Mirta's hands improved to the point where the threat of amputation was completely eliminated, and in four months the wounds on her hands had completely healed.

“I didn't have any blood circulation in my hands,” she recounts, looking back on those menacing days when the prognosis was grim. “Doctors tried ointments, dressings and other things-but the wounds on my right hand would not heal. No one seemed to have a treatment that could help. I was told I could lose my hand.”

A physician in the Division of Hand Surgery at Miller School of Medicine at the University of Miami prescribed the electromagnetic treatment, which had recently been approved for coverage by Medicare for use in hospitals, nursing homes and physician offices-but not for home treatment.

Until Mirta took matters into her own hands and campaigned for television coverage. After a while, she found a reporter willing to do a story, which was eventually aired throughout the region.

Now Mirta wants to help spread the word so that other people can benefit from the technology for their own serious wounds, including bedsores and diabetic lesions. One goal is to have Medicare determine that covering Diapulse treatment for home-based healing is the proper course of action to take. Mirta says she is eager to speak with anyone willing to listen to her experience, her success, and her concern for others with similar problems.