

**Mayo Clinic Medical Edge**

**Snake Venom Study**

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

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|                                | VENOM OF THE MALAYAN PIT VIPER.  |
| <b>Bart Demaerschalk, M.D.</b> | “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.               |
| <b>Brad</b>                    | “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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