



Stasilon® Is Successful On Mt. Kilimanjaro!

Entegriion welcomes Dr. Scott Olitsky back from his successful ascent of Mt. Kilimanjaro. Dr. Olitsky contributed the following description of his climb and the role of Stasilon® in his success:

"I just returned from Tanzania where my two friends, Mark Blocker and David Coats and I successfully reached the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro. At 19340 feet, "Kili" is the "roof of Africa" and one of the seven summits...the highest peak in Africa.

We spent 7 days getting to the summit to finally reach Uhuru peak at 19340 feet. We had decided to climb Kili almost a year ago and had been running, biking and hiking in order to get ready for the climb. We climbed Mt. Whitney (the highest point in the continental United States) this summer as well.

As an HHT patient, I was somewhat apprehensive about doing this. I had a great deal of difficulty climbing 12500 feet in the Canary Islands because of anemia from epistaxis. The high altitude and dry air was a major concern for me. It has always been a problem when skiing in the Rockies by inducing more bleeding. I was worried that a significant amount of epistaxis could significantly hurt my chances of summiting and a year's worth of training would be ruined.

I had tried Stasilon® this past winter and found it to be quite helpful in controlling my nosebleeds. The people at Entegriion were nice enough to supply me with some of their product for my climb. In spite of aggressive lubrication, I did experience bleeding a few mornings. I used the Stasilon® and found that it stopped the bleeding very quickly. I also found that it required less forceful packing than gauze or cotton in order to achieve hemostasis. In addition, I could remove it without the bleeding restarting. I kept some with me in my pocket the entire trip. It is great to see a product like this available to help those of us with HHT."

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More about the disease and the HHT Foundation can be found on the HHT Foundation web site:
<http://www.hht.org/>.

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