

## **Stasilon® Ascends Mount Kilimanjaro!**

Late in 2008, Entegriion provided sample kits of Stasilon® to the Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia (HHT) Foundation for distribution to its board members and medical advisors. HHT is an inherited disease that is associated with abnormal blood vessel anatomy leading to internal and external bleeding that can be life threatening. Nosebleeds are a particular nuisance for these patients since most materials used to stop the bleeding stick to the clot and dislodge it, leading to more bleeding. In addition, because the clot is not left in place, healing of the vascular network cannot proceed normally.

One of the board members of the HHT Foundation is Dr. Scott Olitsky, a noted Pediatric Ophthalmologist from Kansas City, MO. Dr. Olitsky and his family members have used Stasilon® to stop multiple nosebleeds since he received the product. He recently provided the following testimonial to the effectiveness of Stasilon®:

*“This fall, I was sent a sample of Stasilon® dressing bandages to personally evaluate their usefulness in helping to control my epistaxis. Like many people with HHT, I suffer from almost daily nosebleeds. Since this is an autosomal dominant disease, many people with HHT have recollections of other family members, grandparents, parents and siblings, controlling their nosebleeds by stuffing tissue, toilet paper or cotton balls into their nose to stop their bleeding. While these eventually do stop most bleeding that we have, the bleeding often restarts when the material is taken out of the nose and the newly formed scab is disturbed. I was interested in the claims that Stasilon® not only provided faster hemostasis but did not adhere to the healing bleeding site. I used the product multiple times and was impressed by the ability to remove the material without the bleeding restarting. During the cold winter months, I have been running outside. The cold, dry air is especially difficult and provokes some bleeding on many mornings. After an especially bad episode, I came in the house and could not get the bleeding to completely stop. Each time I removed the packing from my nose, it restarted. I used one of the Stasilon® FR bandages and was then able to stop the bleeding. After that experience, I wrote the HHT foundation with my feedback. I stated that I planned to save the remainder of the bandages for my trip to Kilimanjaro where the air will be especially cold and dry. After hearing about my experience and my interest in using their product, the people at Entegriion generously offered to help sponsor my fundraiser and supply their product for it.”*

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Entegriion is delighted to support Dr. Olitsky's climb of Mt. Kilimanjaro ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount\\_Kilimanjaro](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount_Kilimanjaro)). While we hope he has no bleeding episodes en route to the 19,330 foot summit, we are pleased that he will have Stasilon® in his pack in the event of such difficulties.

We wish you the best for a safe and enjoyable climb, Dr. Olitsky!

***The Entire Staff at Entegriion***

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