

《美国小伙心脏切除后活了555天 背着心脏打篮球》

导读:心脏是人类重要的器官，但美国25岁男子斯坦.拉金在没有心脏的情况下活了555天。他之所以能够存活，全靠人工心脏辅助供血。更令人惊讶的是，他不仅可以照常生活，还能“背着心脏打篮球”。



(CNN) While waiting for a human heart transplant, Stan Larkin lived 555 days without the organ at all.

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To passers-by, the 25-year-old Ypsilanti, Michigan, resident appeared to be a typical young adult. He enjoyed taking his three toddlers to the park and hanging out with his younger brother, Dominique.

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What wasn't obvious was that a gray backpack Larkin carried was what kept him alive. Inside that bag was the power source for an artificial heart pumping in his chest.

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Larkin's real heart was removed from his body in November 2014. It was replaced with a device that allowed Larkin

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Both brothers eventually progressed to heart failure and cardiogenic shock, and they were equipped with artificial heart devices in late 2014. Dominique stayed in the hospital with his device for six weeks before receiving a human

heart transplant.

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But Larkin, who was thriving with the device, was the perfect candidate to live outside the hospital.

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"I was shocked when the doctors started telling me that I could live without a heart in my body and that a machine was going to be my heart. Just think about it -- a machine," Larkin said.

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It's not the first time a patient has lived for a long time with an artificial heart, but Larkin became the first patient in Michigan to go home with the portable device.

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"Stan was very active and did an immaculate job taking care of himself and taking care of the equipment used to keep him alive," doctor said.

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With his life-saving backpack in tow, Larkin played pick-up games of basketball, enjoyed time with his children and rode in the car with his friends.

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"It's just like a real heart," Larkin said. "It's just in a bag with tubes coming out of you, but other than that, it feels like a real heart. ... It felt just like a backpack with books in it, like if you were going to school."

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Voncile McCrae, Larkin's mother, often helped him change the bandages covering the holes in his body where the tubes emerged.

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"We had to be careful so that he wouldn't get an infection," McCrae said, chuckling about how she had been scared

to touch the tubes and handle the Freedom Driver machine. "Now, I'm a pro."

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Dominique said he and his brother are grateful that their needs were met -- and that they survived.

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"I have an amazing brother," Dominique said. "He has been here with me since the beginning and has never let me down. ... I'm blessed to have him in my life."

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