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TayCo Brace, LLC
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TAYCO BRACE SELECTED AS WINNER OF THE ORTHOCHALLENGE

South Bend, IN, July 23, 2020 — TayCo Brace, LLC was selected as one of the winners of the *For Such A Time As This OrthoChallenge*, a prize awarded to innovative products that reduce risks of orthopedic patients undergoing operative procedures, during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. The TayCo Brace was selected due to its ability to keep patients active and functional while their elective surgeries were postponed because of the pandemic.

Trusted by thousands of patients and physicians, the TayCo External Ankle Brace is the only lightweight, functional alternative to the walking boot. Originally designed to provide stability for elite athletes, TayCo gets patients back in the game of everyday life with fixed and ROM capabilities. Due to the fact that the brace fits outside the footwear, it can be used in combination with an orthotic and does not cause a limb length discrepancy like a walking boot. Limb length discrepancy can lead to ancillary injuries in the knee, hip, and back.

The TayCo Brace was the creation of Mike Bean, the associate athletic trainer with the University of Notre Dame's Football Program. The company was formed through the Notre Dame IDEA Center when Dr. Frederick J. Ferlic, M.D. joined with Bean to commercialize the product and bring faster recovery to patients around the world. Ferlic practiced sports medicine for nearly 40 years in South Bend, IN, as a board-certified orthopedic surgeon, specializing in lower extremities. The TayCo Brace is made in the U.S.A. and is based in South Bend, IN.

Dr. Ferlic speaks with OREF TV's Dave Gardy about the TayCo Brace and the *For Such A Time As This Challenge*.

<https://www.oref.tv/events/2020-OrthoChallenge/Videoid/748/dr-fred-ferlic-retired-orthopaedic-surgeon-chief-medical-officer-tayco>

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