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Posted by Xtreme Dream Team on Oct 27, 2011 in Blog | 3 comments

The [TEDMED](#) conference would blow your mind. 50+ speakers over 4 days, each leading the brain-trust of the world's science and medicine today.



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The first night an Icelandic scientist named [Einhart Bender](#) presented his computerized robotic crutches. A young man paralyzed from the chest down sat on stage in his wheel chair. He used his arms to pull himself up into the crutches and walked across the stage. There wasn't a dry eye in the house.

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The most amazing thing is that these robots (called exoskeletons) will be available for mass home market by 2014 and each will only cost about the same as a medium-priced car, \$30,000 to \$50,000. If only Christopher Reeve were still with us to walk again with a pair of these.

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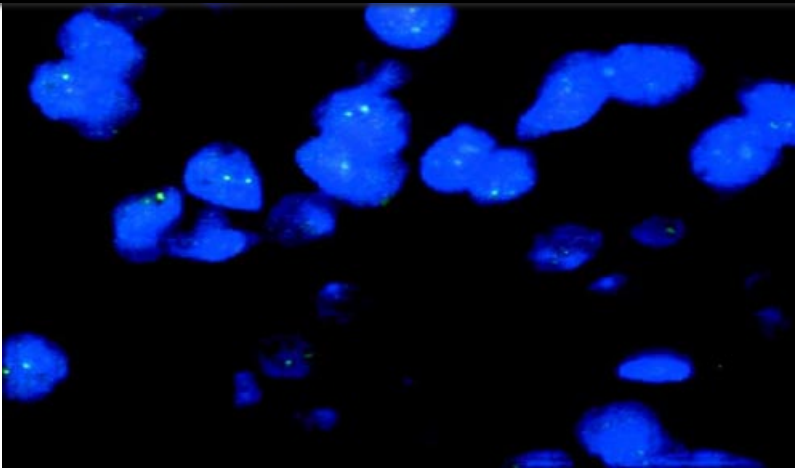


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Last night a surgeon from UC San Diego, [Quyen Nguyen](#), held us spellbound as she presented her work on making cancer cells glow with fluorescent light. This means that the surgeon will no longer have to say the patient and family: "We hope we took out all the margin cancer cells around the tumor but we can only say that we feel we were 95% successful as there's no way to tell if there were a few rogue cancer cells in the area." With the cancer cells lit up as bright fluorescent green, surgeons will be able to detect every last margin cell.

So for four days, about a thousand people sit and listen to these remarkable, forward-thinking people here at TEDMED.



image via [LA Times](#)

Then there are a smattering of performance artists ([Andrew Dawson](#) a fascinating performer who uses his hands to tell the stories of people who have lost use of their hands) and even athletes.

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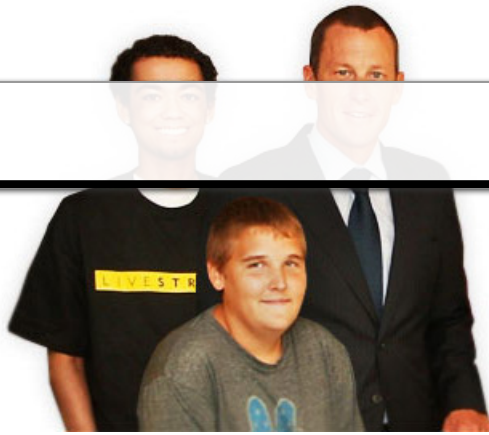


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[Lance Armstrong](#) was powerful in recounting his cancer story yesterday. Most effective was when he left his four months in bed in an Indianapolis Hospital and his doctor told him he had two choices. He could go out the side door, anonymous, or go out the front door and make his story public. [LiveStrong](#) and the \$400 million they have raised so far to fight cancer is proof of which door he chose.

I spoke last night, humble to be included in this group. They gave me a standing ovation. I bowed with deep appreciation.



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Allison Hunt

October 27, 2011

You were amazing and inspiring and hilarious, Diana!

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Laura B.

October 28, 2011

A very intelligent group of people, the future looks bright! You absolutely fit in with them!

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Swimming Vacation

October 29, 2011

Congratulations Diana for speaking at TED, world's more renowned speaking arena! Onward with swimming tales!

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