



CBS Evening News with Jeff Glor shares the triumphant story of eight-year-old competitive dancer Tessa Puma

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Northfield, OHIO, March 15, 2019 – Eight-year-old Tessa Puma has come incredibly far since March 2017, when she began feeling sick with what would turn out to be a rare strep throat infection. When the strep spread to her bloodstream, she developed necrotizing fasciitis and was only given a 20 percent chance to live. Puma beat the odds and made a full recovery, but the infection ultimately resulted in the loss of her left leg above-the-knee. An active little girl and accomplished dancer who is known for her invincible spirit and the brightly colored bows she wears in her hair, Puma and her parents wondered whether she would be able to return to dance and be active again.

Thanks to a lot of hard work, dedication, and custom-fit prosthetic devices and care by Ohio-based Hanger Clinic prosthetist Adam Engstrom, Puma has amazed her family and community by returning to the competition stage. She regularly competes in front of regional and national audiences, and leaves most competitions with trophies in tow.

CBS Evening News with Jeff Glor covered Puma's incredibly inspiring story. Watch the full segment here:

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/tessa-puma-8-year-old-dancer-refuses-to-give-up-after-losing-her-leg>.

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