U.S. Paralympics selects Hanger patient Katy Sullivan for Track & Field Team

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Austin, Texas, July 14, 2011 – Hanger patient Katy Sullivan was recently selected by the U.S. Paralympics to be a member of the U.S. track and field team. Sullivan, who is an above-knee amputee, will compete with the team at the 2011 Para Pan American Games which are scheduled to take place in Guadalajara, Mexico November 12-20, 2011.

For more information on the team and upcoming competition, visit: http://usparalympics.org/news/2011/06/28/2011-u-s-parapan-american-games-track-field-team-announced/43137.

Sullivan was born a bilateral amputee, missing both legs through her femur bones, but that has never kept her from excelling at everything she has tried. As a young girl, Sullivan was on the local swim team and also loved gymnastics. When she first arrived in Los Angeles as an adult, her Hanger Prosthetics & Orthotics practitioner suggested she try running. Having always been an athletic and active person, Sullivan jumped at the chance. She had a difficult time adjusting to the running prostheses at first, but she was determined. Six months later at a running clinic, everything seemed to come together and Sullivan has been setting running records ever since.

Sullivan competed in the 2007 Para Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and the 2006 and 2007 Paralympic National Championships where she broke the World Record for the 200m in 2007. She also competed in the 2006 and 2007 Endeavor Games in Oklahoma City where she won six gold medals in track and two silver medals in swimming. For more information on Sullivan, visit www.hanger.com/prosthetics/experience/patientprofiles/Pages/KatySullivan.aspx.

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