

Elon Musk Says a Human Patient Has Received Neuralink's Brain Implant

Details are scarce, but Neuralink cofounder Elon Musk says initial results are “promising.”

ELON MUSK SAID on the social media platform X on Monday that the first human patient has received a brain implant developed by his company Neuralink. The product also now has a name: Telepathy.

After years of delays, Neuralink started recruiting patients for a clinical trial in the fall after receiving approval from the US Food and Drug Administration and a hospital ethics board. The company is developing a device called a brain-computer interface.

Musk has said that Neuralink's ultimate goal is to “achieve a symbiosis with artificial intelligence,” but for now he's starting with a far more modest aim: allowing paralyzed people to control a cursor or keyboard with their brains. In a brochure about the study, Neuralink says it is recruiting participants with quadriplegia, or paralysis in all four limbs, due to cervical spinal cord injury or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and that are at least 22 years old. It anticipates the study will take six years to complete.

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