

Paolo Antonini



Paolo Antonini's stimulating journey of reaching out to the stars through a successful modelling career, to tragically losing a leg, and then making an inspirational comeback, is capable of motivating millions of people.

Life was a rollercoaster ride for Paolo who at the age of 24 was already a name to reckon with in the modelling circuit in Brazil. However destiny took a cruel turn when she was hit by drunk truck driver, resulting in her leg being amputated. The accident was a jolt out of the blue for the young model. Her dreams came crashing down when doctors informed her about their decision to amputate her. She was made to use a prosthetic leg. Rehabilitation was a long and painful journey. Paolo had two options before her – to give up and succumb to her fate, or to fight back and make the

most of what she still had. Luckily for her she opted for the latter and continued to pursue her modelling career with utmost determination.

After leaving the hospital, Paolo kept her head held high and started looking for modelling assignments again. Her persistence paid and she began and offers gradually began pouring in and since then her career has gone from strength to strength.

Paolo has been involved with campaigns for brands like Under Armour, Neutrogena, and The Body Shop, and more offers keep on rolling in ever since. She is an inspiration to many on social media too with 2.6 million followers

In addition to modelling, Paolo is also studying Journalism. She has also been made an Ambassador of Neutrogena Brazil and is involved in marketing campaigns for The Body Shop, Under Armour, and Nissan, and takes on the ramp for leading brands. In addition to her happening career, Paola also contributes a column for *Glamour* Brazil.

Paola's story serves as a reminder to many that life always offers a window of opportunity when all doors appear closed. It is on us, how we make the best of that widow of opportunity.