Brain Cancer

Poly-MVA Cancer Patient Testimonials

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Diagnosis: Gliomatosis Cerebri Tumors
** Extensively infiltrative diffuse glioma cells*

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In April of 2016 during a usual Saturday AM, **I began to have double vision**. I sat on the floor as I was also **afraid I was going to fall**. I then could feel my **heart start to race**. My husband then took my blood pressure and although I don't remember the number it was **alarming enough for us to immediately go to the ER** as I never had high blood pressure.

Upon arrival at the ER I told the admitting staff that I thought I was having a stroke. The Dr. immediately ruled out a stroke but decided to do a CT scan as there clearly was a reason for my symptoms. **The CT scan came back and it was clear that I had a very large mass on my occipital lobe**. However, it was difficult to see what it was so a MRI was ordered. When we got the MRI results **we could see a large mass on my occipital lobe that had grown tentacles that literally infiltrated themselves throughout most of my brain**.

I told the neurologist that I obviously don't know anything about reading MRI's but that didn't look good. She confirmed and told me **it wasn't good**. The hospital discharged me but made an appointment so I could meet with a neurosurgeon in Philadelphia. This surgeon was at a conference so I couldn't get in for a little over a week.

When we got home my husband went to US News and World Reports to research the best neuro dr's/hospitals in the country and made appointments and travel plans. I appreciated this as I wanted to meet with as many Dr's as I could and learn everything about this disease. So far, **all I knew was it was a astrocytoma**.

I had many meetings but the overall consensus was **this disease by definition was gliomatosisis cerebri as it was an extensively infiltrative diffuse glioma** involving at least three lobes. I never had a biopsy so the grade was unknown.

At first it appeared to be low grade because I was not having any symptoms, there was not any enhancement and at first it looked to be slow growing. **I learned that when a glioma has this type of migratory behavior patients have a much worse prognosis than** patients with diffuse gliomas of corresponding grades. Basically the grade was not relevant when it got to this point.

I asked every surgeon and oncologist I met if there was a chance of a cure/remission or even the possibility to extend my life? **The answer was always no on all accounts.**

I did learn that the benefit of treatment is prolonged progression free survival **but not overall survival.** I decided this wasn't going to be the route for me as I didn't want my immune system busy recovering from treatments but rather support my immune system to focus on this large mass that invaded my brain. Perhaps if there was any chance in improving overall survival I might have thought differently. **I did a cost benefit analysis and decided to do nothing else but routine scans** after my initial consults.

At first things were smooth sailing. I went back to work and life as usual and was just starting to believe I just might be able to live with this disease **but in December of 2016 things started to change drastically. I had violent episodes of vomiting multiple times per day, I was passing out and I started having visual, smell and taste hallucinations.**

All of these symptoms caused fatigue that I never could have imagined. **I was sleeping most of the day. I was asleep for many more hours than I was awake.** I literally lost all concept of time. It was not a surprise to be that **the tumor was now starting to enhance.** Although the rest of the tumor didn't grow **the**

enhanced part was growing. I was also starting to become convinced the contrast was contributing to my problems and the potential malignant transformation of my tumor.

I had **one more scan in February of 2017 and became violently ill and haven't been back to see a Dr or have a scan.** I saw enough patients in the waiting rooms and met many patients and caregivers online and knew I would never receive any treatments.

I decided to focus on this disease and treat it as a **mitochondrial metabolic disease based on professor Seyfried's book Cancer as a Metabolic Disease**. **This is how I found Poly MVA.**

The first thing I noticed was **how much more energy I had**. I was **no longer sleeping all day** and didn't worry about where I was going to be when the fatigue hit as there was no way of staying awake when this happened. **The increased energy and ability to focus was profound and a life changer.** I was feeling so guilty as I was literally not the mother or wife I wanted to be.

We went to Boston this summer for a week and **I forgot my Poly**. **All of my previous symptoms reoccurred**. It got so bad that at one point my husband was begging me to go to the ER. I declined but **on the way home we decided I'm never going to ever stop taking POLY for the rest of my life**.

Don't ever underestimate the Power of Poly! I'm so convinced of it's safety and efficacy I've started my family on a maintenance dose.

Thank you!

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