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Patient Story for May 2017 PACCARB meeting



**Living with a
Chronic
Hospital
Acquired
Infection**



**Pseudomonas
Aeruginosa**



Possible Infection Events

- Hospitalized in Fall 2014 for a 6.5cm Ascending Aortic Aneurism and collapsed Aortic Valve
- Cardiac Arrest a day prior to surgery due to collected backwash, coded and was placed on ECMO for 5 days
- Recovered, and had open heart surgery 2 weeks later



Survived Septic Shock

- Was opened a second time for graft & sternal debridement and Omental flap procedure. Resulted in a 2 and ½ month hospital stay.
- On permanent Ciprofloxacin-1500mg daily
- Rehospitalized 4 times since for Cipro side effects, and Pseudomonas getting back into bloodstream.



Life Changes and Challenges

- Cipro causes:
 - Joint pain
 - Cognition issues
 - Planter Fasciitis
 - Depression
 - Tinnitus
 - Kidney damage
- My challenges:
 - Paying for Cipro
 - Monthly blood cultures
 - Banned from driving
 - Forced disability
 - Many doctor visits
 - Learning it is fatal



The Cost of HAI's

- Per CDC hospitals loose 20 billion dollars a year- costs are passed on to consumer & insurance companies.
- 1.8 million Americans a year acquire an HAI. 99,000 die annually.
- HAI's kill more American than Prostate Cancer, Breast Cancer, & Aids combined.

Thank You!!

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