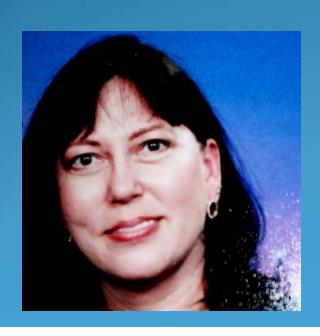
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Patient Story for May 2017 PACCARB meeting



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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