

Mutilating Procedures (Mutilation of an RSD Patient)

February 10, 1997

Dear Follow RSD'ers,

I would like to share with you this e-mail letter that I received from a fellow RSD patient on May 26, 1993, this e-mail letter was sent to me on the Prodigy network.

The reason I want to share this letter with you, is to show you how much mutilation occurs during the course of treating an RSD patient. You will see how many unnecessary procedures were done to this RSD patient.

It amazes me every time I read this letter that there are still doctors out there mutilating RSD patients with these unnecessary procedures, like (SCS) Spinal Cord Stimulator and Sympathectomy.

The sad thing about reading this letter is that this doctor just did not do one of these procedures, he did many of these procedures more than once and as many as four times. This is the type of destruction that has to stop. These are the destructive types of procedures that cause more pain and spread of RSD.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,

Eric

Mutilation of an RSD Patient

The message was received as follows:

READ A MESSAGE

From:

Subject: RSD AND FRIENDS

Sent on: 05/26 at 12:04 PM 05/26/93

HI ERIC,

THANKS FOR WRITING BACK SO SOON! MY RSD STARTED FROM A TRIGGER FINGER RELEASE IN MY LEFT HAND WITH IN 1 MO. HAD SPREAD TO MY SHOULDER THEN JUST KEPT SPREADING.

NOW RSD IS IN MY CHEST, BOTH ARMS, HANDS, SHOULDERS, VOICE BOX, HEAD, HIPS, LEGS, FEET AND MY EYES ARE BEING AFFECTED BY RSD.

THIS ALL HAPPENED IN 3 YEARS. WITH 50+ BLOCKS, 30 + SURGERIES, INCLUDING 4 UPPER DORSAL SYMPATHECTOMIES, 3 CERVICAL CATHETERS, 2' PERIPHERAL NERVE STIMS, 2 DORSAL COLUMN STIMS. SO I HAVE BEEN THRU THE MILL. MY RSD SPREADS EVERYTIME THEY OPERATED ON MY BODY.

THE DOCTOR DOES SAY THAT IT IS NOW CENTRALLY LOCATED IN MY SPINE AND THAT THE SYMPATHETICS HAVE TAKEN OVER FOR MY NERVOUS SYSTEM. MAKE ANY SENSE TO YOU? SINCE MY DOCTOR IS IN DENVER, I DO NOT REALLY KNOW ANY ONE PERSON WHO HAS RSD HERE BUT HAVE (SINCE BEING DIAGNOSED) HEARD OF A LOT OF PEOPLE WITH IT.

I WAS THE FIRST MAJOR CASE IN OUR TOWN. DOCTORS HAD NEVER TREATED IT HERE BEFORE, AFTER ME THEY STARTED TO LOOK AT IT AS A DISEASE AND THEN DIAGNOSE IT FROM THERE. I HAVE THOUGHT OF DOING A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE, BUT I AM NOT SURE? I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO.

THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR HELP. IF YOU'RE SURE I WON'T SEND YOU REIMBURSEMENT.
BYE!

The author of this e-mail wishes to withhold their name for personal reasons.