

Summary of 10-15-08 ECD Chat

Chat Date:

10/15/08

Time:

3 pm Eastern time

4 Attendees:

Summary:

- One patient talked about his continued improvement – kidney is now functioning in the normal range and is now walking with a cane and even able to manage stairs, although it is still difficult. He attributes the improvement to interferon treatment and a positive attitude.
- A second patient has been able to cut back on his blood pressure medicines and attributes that improvement to the interferon treatment as well.
- Another patient never tried interferon, but used 2CDa immediately which seems to have stopped the spread of the disease into other areas.
- There was talk about how much more difficult it was for patients before they had a diagnosis. The worry without knowing what was wrong has a snowball affect, seemingly making things worse. Once a diagnosis is made, and armed with the knowledge that is available, patients no longer need to do the 'wait and see' approach. Patients can now explore their opportunities earlier and hopefully see more positive results.