

Hello Janet,

I am writing to tell you that I have waited 40 years to experience a non-invasive treatment for my severe, endogenous depressions. I was a young girl when it all started (the onset of puberty - which is common) and I am now a middle-aged adult. I have been living in a torture chamber and I cannot wait to hear about the verdict concerning the availability of treatment with the Neuronetics rTMS machine.

Medications don't work well for me and I don't tolerate the side effects very well. By now I am sure that my liver, kidneys, etc. have been taxed to their limit. I am worried that my only chance of ever getting better will be turned away. PLEASE do not let this opportunity stop for those of us who risk taking our own lives.

For those of you who have not suffered from clinical depression - there are no words to describe it. We often times take our own lives because of the pain. People with cancer and heart disease who have experienced a depression would prefer to have the cancer or heart disease. That is why we take our lives. It is intolerable.

So for 40 years I have tolerated symptoms, hoping for relief. At best I know that I may be one of the 60% of patients that would respond to the rTMS treatments. Although I pray that I am one of those patients, I also know that there are thousands of people who could be helped even if I could not.

Most importantly - if rTMS were approved there would be a treatment that patients would ACCEPT and TOLERATE. Our ADOLESCENTS who are stricken with the disease are in a disastrous predicament. Our mental health system is very poor in America. I hope rTMS would offer a treatment for adolescent depression that would prevent needless suicide and give the young adults a real chance at recovery.

The depressive gene "smolders" over successive generations, meaning the symptoms get more severe as the gene gets passed on. It is unacceptable if rTMS was not made available and there was a needless increase in the number of youth/adolescent/young adult suicides.

No therapy is without side effects. Psychotropic medications induce all kinds of side effects, including death. My hope is that there is not an overreaction to any side effects with the rTMS study results. From my own readings those side effects are quite benign compared to the other treatments for major depression.

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE NEURONETICS rTMS THERAPY. YOUR APPROVAL OF IT'S USE WILL SAVE THOUSANDS OF LIVES.**

**WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU TO PUSH THIS FORWARD!**

Gratefully, Carol M