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Dear Dr. Blyweiss:

I just wanted to take this time to say thank you for the medical help that you have given me over the past 1 ½ years. As you know, I suffer from Multiple Sclerosis and Congenital Bone Disease. Prior to seeing you, I had been in a great deal of pain. My quality of life was non-existent, even to the point where I was short tempered with my two sons. I was a very active person prior to being stricken with M.S.

IN 1990 I was seen at UCLA Medical Center where I was put on an experimental treatment of 200 mg. a day of Prednisone for a period of 37 months. That treatment destroyed my joints in the bones. Needless to say whatever quality of life I had before this was totally gone. Between the cramping on the muscles and the great deal of pain in the bone joints had made me a "shut-in" which wasn't me. That was a kiss of death for me.

On my first visit to your office, you were mostly concerned with other ways means of treating me, not just putting me on medications, but on other forms of treatment - for example - diet and vitamin therapy. You introduced me to reading materials which gave me a different view of my disease. This is something that most doctors wouldn't take the time to do. Their view was to treat by drugs and only drugs and keep you in the dark about your disease and your future with your disease. Dr. Blyweiss, your way of treating me has certainly helped me in many ways. When you felt you needed to put me on medications, you took it slow and easy.

You started me on small doses of Oxycoton, which was the beginning of a somewhat normal life for me. This medication has proved to be extremely helpful to alleviate a lot my pain. You knew that this medication was very expensive and that I was on a fixed income of Social Security and you arranged for me to get funding. No other doctor would be that caring and giving of his knowledge or time.

On my first visit to your office I weighed 135 lbs. As of today I weight 164 lbs. It might not sound like a lot, but believe me, for me this is a success story. I have suffered with pain that has totally changed my personality. I have found myself to be short tempered with people and most important with my loved ones.

The Multiple Sclerosis has affected my legs, arms and my vision. I must be very careful with walking. As you know I live in a townhouse where I have fallen down 20 stairs leading to my bedroom at least 3 times. I have also fallen down in the street and in stores. I have supplied you with pictures, x-rays and reports The treatment that I received from UCLA has caused a great deal of damage to my body. I had to have surgery to both my shoulders. The right one went fairly well, but my left one which has had two surgeries has not. I am told that there isn't anything else that can be done.

I still need to have surgery on both hips and knees. Because of the condition in my shoulders, it is impossible to repair the rest of my body. No one can have any idea what it is like to be pain 24 hours a day, seven days a week. At least when I have questions about what is happening to my body, you are there to take the time to explain to me what is going on in a way that I can understand. Words alone can't express the caring and understanding that you and your office staff have given me. You have definitely changed my thinking and understanding towards this crippling disease.

Again, I can't say thank you enough for all you have done for me.

Sincerely,



Richard Ziegler