

Angela Hildebrandt, MG Warrior



Hi, I am Angela Hildebrandt. I was diagnosed with MG 9 years ago. For 8 years I was stable and managed my symptoms with just Mestinon. But last August 2016 after a nice day with a good friend of mine in the evening hours on a Saturday, the bottom fell out. I had been feeling extra fatigued in the weeks prior. I had a couple of martinis with my friend that day. My friend had gotten up to get a drink and when she came back in she found me slumped on the couch. My arms had gone completely weak and limp and I was unable to hold my head up or open my eyes. My jaw muscles were so weak I couldn't really speak. And my friend did not understand because she didn't know I was sick.

Luckily my daughter was home and my friend Maria went to her room and got Emily. Emily knew right away it was MG. And Maria suggested they get me a drink because I was having problems breathing and swallowing and Emily stopped her and said no, she will choke. It saddened me as I lay there listening to my sweet and scared 19 year old baby girl call 911 and cry as she told them her mom was having a myasthenic crisis and to please hurry. I was hospitalized for a week and received IVIG treatment for the first time to get me strong enough to get home. I worked with my neurologist, who after trying several approaches w/ no luck, referred me to a new specialist at Rush University in Chicago.

It turns out that this relapse stemmed from a tooth infection I did not know I had. This threw my world into upheaval! I am blessed that my specialist has been consistent and persistent working with me and my neurologist. It has been a long year. And I am still in relapse, but getting better. Being a seronegative patient my MG seems to be a little harder to treat. But I guess that can be said for every MG Warrior. It is never simple but we all battle on.

I am currently on Cellcept, prednisone, Mestinon and IVIG every 3 weeks for 3 days. I am not nearly as active, but am still able to work and love on my family. I am thankful and hopeful!! God's blessings to all!

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