

MRI Scan Results Today

Posted by Lupa - 04 Jun 2014 14:29

Today I went for the results of my scan. I had a botched selective nerve root block injection at L4/5 in September 2013, resulting in agonising bilateral pain from spine to foot (I'd only had left side buttock pain from a slipped disc before this) followed by a multitude of neuropathic symptoms, mainly a progressive pain in my calves which is now only controllable with strong painkillers (which make it very hard to do the cerebral job I do). I also have urinary hesitancy and that awful feeling of something under the skin which itching won't relieve. Anyway, my neurologist has lied through her teeth on my notes refusing to record any of my symptoms or an account of the injection itself which was so painful I screamed for it to stop. I had an MRI and she wrote to me to tell me it was unchanged from a previous, pre-injection MRI. I was overjoyed. But in the consultation today I asked to look at the images myself. They showed me the most recent one and it showed a sizeable clump on the left hand side and a gap above it. I said that I thought the nerves were supposed to form a horseshoe shape. He said, they were all weighed down at the bottom of the semi-circle because of 'gravity'. I believed him. Then, it occurred to me that what we should do is examine the same section of the MRI from a year ago with this new one. All of the doctors (three of them) immediately started shouting and making a fuss and telling me they didn't want to do that and that I should now just concentrate on treatment. They told me I was 'rude' for insisting on seeing it. I stood my ground for a full ten minutes. When they realised I wasn't going to drop it they put up the exact same section of the MRI from a year ago. It showed the cauda equina in a very neat horseshoe shape. No 'gravity' pulling them downwards and no gaps or clumps. I told them it was dishonest of them to write to me telling me the scan was 'unchanged' when there was a clear difference. They began shouting and harrasing me again, saying that they would put 'the lawyers' on me if I said that again. So I left, without even talking about my symptoms, just heartbroken and dismayed that the three days of jubilation I had felt had turned out to be built on a complete lie. I see a lawyer next week. I'd rather not have the clumping though. Dealing with these very posh, very rude doctors was more like dealing with organised crime than a professional healthcare organisation. The UK's dismal ability to hold its doctors to account encourages this kind of blatant bullying. All in all, quite a grim day.

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Re: MRI Scan Results Today

Posted by Lupa - 13 Jun 2014 07:04

Hi Ann, I'm sorry you had to put up with medical abuse too. Bunch of thugs. There is a kind of institutionalised psychosis where they come to believe they are not the bad guys. Nutters.

My partner filmed the last consultation and it makes it much easier when they start lying to say, 'No, that's not what happened and here's the proof.' It drives them crazy - which is something! What I don't understand is why your court case didn't get anywhere - was it because 'nerve damage' was written on the consent form? I keep reading here that court cases don't get anywhere but can't for the life of me understand why. Is it just that it's too expensive to sue?

Thanks for your good wishes. I'm only really beginning to come to terms with this (I'd had a series of

medical blunders and just as I was recovering from them after two years of disability). I need to find a level of pain I can bear so that I can keep the heavy drugs in reserve for when it gets worse. I wish I knew how much worse it would get and how long it takes. I hope you have a nice doctor now Ann. There are some good guys out there - or so I've heard. xx

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Re: MRI Scan Results Today

Posted by Landskroner - 19 Jun 2014 05:44

Thanks Helen - I have found your posts very helpful indeed

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