

Hi.

I was researching into ECT's with my mum when I came across your site. You said in your video that you get lots of emails and phone calls, please take the time to read this one, I appreciate your movement towards banning ECT's very greatly. I am convinced, as well as my mother, that the ECT's she had years ago have ruined her life. Here is a brief explanation of my how this happened to my mum:

In 1997 my mum gave birth to my little sister and subsequently suffered post natal depression. She had already suffered this before and had worked through it without drugs, however the doctors prescribed her seroxat which made her significantly worse. She then became suicidal and increasingly worse, after going back to the doctors they upped the dosage, of course worsening the effect it was having. After being in a priory she started to improve however on the 1st birthday of my little sister she had to leave. She couldn't cope and soon found herself in a mental home, this environment of course making things a lot worse. The doctors wanted to perform a series of ECT's on her, my mum refused and so did her parents, however my dad overruled and signed for her to have them, all 12 of them! She was then under a psychiatrist but living at home, she was so fed up of being pumped full of drugs that she started to take herself of them, resulting in her improving, the doctors then said to come of the drugs meaning she admitted she already had. Showing that it was the drugs that made her like it in the first place! As for the ECT's she had lost a large part of her memory, for the following years she wouldn't recognise people and became dependant on dad as her memory. However she was soon to learn that this was by no means the only effect the ECT had had upon her health. November 26th 2001 she couldn't use her arm, it was put down to a stroke and later diagnosed as Multiple Sclerosis, during these diagnosis's they had found patches on the brain (down to the ECT's!). In 2005 she started feeling weak sometimes, March 06 she went to the doctors about her arms going weak, and later about her legs upon which they referred her to the neurologist. She was found to have narcolepsy (a sleep disorder) and cataplexy (a muscle disorder). She had a heart attack a few months ago which they believe is all connected. Today she found out there is a high chance she has sleep apnea, resulting in yet more health issues to be tackled. Once again they believe it is all linked. If the brain patches were due to MS or strokes they would be changing and getting worse, but they are still the same. We believe the ECT's have given her these illnesses, resulting in her life being taken away, she can't work, drive, or generally live a normal lifestyle, and she can't even laugh! After today finding out yet more effects it has had to her I think it's about time people found out the effects of the ECT on the human body and just how inhumane it really is.

About 2 years ago my parents split up, most likely due to the fact that it was no longer husband and wife, as dad became the role of carer and couldn't step out of this role. So yet another thing it took was my mum's family life.

Brief medical on my mum seems to be rather long! I notice your site hasn't been updated in years, hoping this will get through as we need a professional to help us in our quest to make it publicly known just what the ECT's can do.

I would be more than happy to help in anyway possible in your movement.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this,

All the best,

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