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halbowitz@xxxxxxxx wrote:

Hello all...

in a nutshell ive been diagnosed with chronic parcarditis.. I forget the technical term my doc gave but basically my own immune system is attacking my pericardium.

Ive just got some basic questions..  
ok, maybe not that basic but still questions ;)

They have me on Prednisone starting at 60mg a day. I tried to ween myself off of them but when i got down to about 10mg my chest felt bruised so they put me back up to 60. Im on 40mg a day now as well as a dose of colchicine.

They are trying to ween me off again. I dont think its going to work though as i still feel as though my chest is bruised so im figuring when i get down to 20mg or so of Prednisone the paricarditis will return.. then what? And thats where my questions come in.

With someone with my affliction.. does there sometimes come a day when the immune system just stops attacking? Even for a little while?

Is there other meds other the Prednisone that i can ask my doctor about? This stuff is horrible.

I think my doctor has been pretty thourough looking for the cause, as well as other doctors, with no luck. Has anyone had what i had and actually found the cause?

Anyhow.. any answers to those questions and ANY info you can give me regarding this in general would be much appreciated.

I have read other posts and have learned alot but you never know what people havnet posted and thats why im asking these questions today.

Would suggest you seek a referral to a rheumatologist. This

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subspeciality focuses on autoimmune problems.

Thanks for your time.

You are welcome.

All thanks and praises belong to the LORD, Whom I love with all my being.

Prayerfully in Christ's amazing love,

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