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I am post liver transplant of 4 1/2 years. I have been taking prednison, prograf (tacrolimis) and cellcept plus painkillers and some herbal, esp. milkweed.

I usually am lethargic, neuropathies esp in my feet and pains at the scars of surgery and headaches. I have ok days and worse ones.

My thought was to get surgery to remove the last few decaying teeth and reduce my rate of infections. I thought if I was healthy enough I could try reduction in immune suppressants and then try interferon/antivirals or what is best now.

The surgery broke a hole (fistula) in the bone between my mouth and my infected sinuses. To fix this I was taken off prednisone within two weeks in early February. This was very painful and feels like it is still affecting me. I had surgery to fix the sinus infection which may have helped, and in month, I am supposed to get surgery to fix the fistula.

Last week, I went sort of nuts or something and was mostly asleep but when forced to answer questions, I could not spell my name, my wife seemed to me to be my girl friend and I was weepy and emotional. I spent a few days in the hospital and they learned that I did not have what they could test for. I personally have almost no memory of this but do spend most of my time in bed, but remain productive as a genetic researcher on microRNAs and biocomputing which I can do lying down and is distracting from my pain.

My question is what to do. I was planning on taking interferon/ribavarin which was told to me that I would have 85% recovery rate because my genotype is II (a or b, can't remember).

Any ideas would be very welcome. My wife is scared and does not want me to die. Some days it does not seem so bad to not suffer.

thanks,

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