

Re: What About This Info-Two?

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On Mon, 12 Mar 2007 23:01:33 -0700, "Waterspider" <nospam@xxxxxxx>, in message ID <12vcfic3qaa0c4a@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, in the newsgroup sci.med.diseases.hepatitis wrote:

Paul, we've shared some similar experiences. I know what it's like to do the hep c deathwatch at the hospital bedside. I know what it's like to lose friends to liver failure. Sometimes it makes me feel lucky (because I'm still here, I'm healthy) and sometimes it breaks my heart. Like you, that hep c connection is a strong part of my life and I'm unable or unwilling to walk away from it. I am not a religious person, which I think you already know, but I seem compelled to spend time doing what I can to help anyone newly diagnosed, coping with the disease, undergoing treatment, perhaps trying to carry on after failed treatment. This all goes back to when I was newly diagnosed, a basket-case and a physical wreck, and a couple of good folks, strangers, came out of the woodwork to offer support, advice and help in all kinds of ways. Some were in my community, some were friends of friends in other towns, some were on these newsgroups. It still blows me away that they helped me so much, and I think I'll always be here for anyone who wants to listen to what I have to say. Payback. Goes around, comes around. I do enjoy life again, being healthy and without the anxiety of simply having the disease, but I feel good about being able to give something back. Still, it sucks when someone dies, when someone fails treatment, when someone is so thick-headed and scared that they won't even try treatment. But at least I know that I'm doing something, maybe not much, but at least I'm not walking away from it all. In other words, if we're as alike as I suspect, you're stuck! Might as well resign yourself to the fact that you're a person willing to share whatever wisdom gained throughout this long strange trip. Whaddya got to lose?

I guess I am stuck but the pain is still raw.

I'm going away for a few days break in a minute. Maybe that's what I really need. Just feeling a little worn out by life at the moment. It passes.

I do give plenty of help on hep-c away from the internet too. I use an addiction self help group so meet plenty along the way with hep-c.

I find it amazing that there are still people out there (here in the UK) who have had LFTs done by a GP, got a "normal" result and it gets

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left at that. If I had listened to such nonsense, I would probably still be "normal" with a deteriorating liver. I tell these people, go back to your GP, ask to be referred to a liver specialist/gastro to arrange a biopsy. **DO NOT TAKE NO FOR AN ANSWER.** If they insist on saying no – get a second opinion (most doctors hate that and will relent).

Anyway, off now for a three/four day break.

Catch ya soon.

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