

Re: In Praise of Lyme Activists

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GregGerber@hotmail.com wrote:

- > *I will make my answer to these posts relatively brief. I consider Pat*
- > *Smith, president of LDA, to have an official leadership position and*
- > *true power. I have never heard her say that everyone who gets Lyme*
- > *disease gets desperately sick, but she has addressed the issue of the*
- > *treatment failures many times in many official speeches and*
- statements.
- > *If you are saying she said something YOU need to prove it --you need*
- to
- > *prove the positive, don't ask me to prove the negative, it doesn't*
- > *exist. I am not gonna clutter this newsgroup with statements and*
- > *speeches lacking the claims you say are made --that would be all of*
- > *them. No I do not consider Lisa or Kathleen to be leaders or people*
- > *with any official role. I do not want to continue with this argument,*
- I
- > *consider it ridiculous.*

Well I NEVER said that "the pat" said it. I honestly don't know whether she has or not. I do know that I have NEVER heard her or anyone else state with clarity that the issue is the treatment failures and the fact that they are being blithely dismissed, glossed over, ignored.

And that is a mistake. It is always best in an argument to concede what is not arguable but then draw the line at the real issue. It makes it easier to deal with the more discrete differences, it narrows them, permits focus. And it adds to credibility.

So the thing to say is "Well while it MAY BE TRUE that MOST people, even 80% do just fine with the "standard course of treatment" we are here fighting for the rest of them. And if one accepts that the figure is 10-20% and that the incidence of lyme is 250,00-500,000 OR MORE annually, well that's a LOT of people to dismiss, ignore, give up on, abandon all hope for! And THAT is NOT acceptable!"

And add "We're NOT EVEN SURE about the 80% because this disease, like syphilis, may lie dormant or latent and reemerge later confounding diagnosis and proper treatment. IN FACT we have scientific reason to

believe that a percentage of various diseases is actually Lyme reemerging in this fashion, and that includes a percentage which may be a significant percentage but even if small is still important, of ALS, Alzheimer's, MS, arthritis, Parkinson's etc."

"And it is criminal NOT to do something about this. It is NOT acceptable!"

"So we NEED, we DEMAND more research, not glib answers but real ones based on hard work and science. We can potentially prevent an awful lot of unnecessary debility and disability and carnage!"

"And we have an obligation to do so!"

Pretty simple.

Not simplistic but simple.

Show me where "the pat" and/or anyone else "official" or not who has said that.

No I do NOT archive the speeches emails or other "wisdom" of "the pat."

I actually IMMEDIATELY delete anything from her because it is all self serving self aggrandizing galling nonsense in my opinion and life is too damned short.

But yes I have heard it. From "the pat" well I don't know don't remember for sure.

But as to your test of "officialdom" well no it doesn't fly. ALL Of the other folks are as "official" as "the pat." And as legitimate. Or illegitimate and I think they are all illegitimate, at least to the extent that they purport to speak for or represent anyone other than those who have specifically consented to be represented by them.

And that is pretty much no one at all.

I sure never gave them my proxy. I wasn't asked for it. I HATE that they claim to speak for Lyme patientS rather than themselves. I find them embarassing incompetent LIARS knaves and fools and ninnies.

And though I don't like to speak for her, WHY is kathleen any less "official" than "the pat"

She has her own organization and is head of it. She has a contingent (of witless morons) who follow her devotedly, slavishly, thoughtlessly. She has been made a member of other groups (I think she was made an ILADS member one of the few patients) and was a coauthor on several articles (for some stupid reason).

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So why not? She sure purports to speak for ALL Lyme patients! And so do ALL the others!