

Re: IV ABX Study for Psychosis

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I also like dating younger women (why not?). When people ask how can you date a girl in her 20s I always ask "What's your point?" People assume that younger women have to be immature, what could we have in common? Again, what's their point? Also I don't rule out younger women being old souls. At least I give them a chance. And I am at least as immature as they are if they're not. In fact, I'd say most are more mature than me just not in age.

How old are you Bart? You don't have to say. Just curious. I'm 37. Still seems weird to say that.

Its even weirder when a woman dates a guy quite a bit younger, say in his 20's. I don't know why. I know a guy who is 20. He's absolutely adorable and I flirt with him. HOWEVER, I'd feel like I was taking advantage of him if I dated him. I don't see anything WRONG with it except that I would personally feel strange about it. Yet, I see nothing wrong with men dating younger women. Maybe its ME who's screwed up...lol.

I do make exceptions. The woman I'm dating now is older than me. Unfortunately she's an emotional vampire and I just happen to be pathologically attracted to her. We've dated off and on for about ten years, there was a serious relationship for each of us in the interim.

Possibly we all have one of those? I finally ended a bizarre on and off relationship, that started when I was 15 years old, just about 2 – 3 years ago. We both even married other people in the interim. I was extremely faithful when married, but when that was all said and done, it was like gravity, back I went. Its over. For good this time. Thank goodness. My heart is no longer bleeding over it, what a relief. Its like the world came off my shoulders to no longer be carrying a torch... might I finally be emotionally heathy enough to not want something pathologically bad for me and emotionally draining?? There's a

thought...

Doctors HATE long symptom lists. They also HATE if you've been on the internet learning about what is or might be wrong with you. They also HATE to answer questions.

There are people who will say "WHY? NOT FAIR!" and try that anyway. It never works. I pissed an office off once cause I said, "I PAY you people. YOU work for ME". Yeah, they don't like that. either.

Of course, ideally they would listen to ALL symptoms. The last one you mention might just be the one that is the key to diagnosis. If you get that far.

Ideally. However, people don't get that much time in with their doctor. You may be able to explain it all over a period of a few visits...but hitting a doc with all sympts at once will get you psychiatric meds, I make a personal promise on that. Right, wrong or indifferent, its true.

And most of them are very inexpert in prescribing and monitoring anti depressants and are not qualified to make psychiatric diagnosi. A good psychiatrist would actually rule out or consider the role of real disease. Anti depressants are actually quite dangerous especially when improperly prescribed dose adjusted and monitored including when it is time to withdraw the patient.

I am not a fan of these drugs. I have NEVER been to a psychiatrist. Never been referred to one. I have been offered tons of these, tho. I'm sure there is someone they are helpful for. I am not one of those people.

I've tried a few, with promises that they are good for pain management. I didn't find this to be the case.

Actually not only is it not fair, but it is just bad medicine.

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Shouldn't be that way but I hear you.

Oh, no, it should not be that way. It's a travesty. But it is kinda helpful to accept reality and approach the doctor situation knowing those realities.

Hard to make a sarcoid dx on a first visit. Sarcoidosis tends to reveal itself only over time. Sounds like an unfortunately too common Lyme nightmare quest for dx though.

Agreed. I know much better now. BUT at the time I was terrified. However, at least he actually believed something was wrong...but at the time it was sacrey. .

Yes lung scarring from mental problems happens all the time % rolling eyes

Yes, and I never knew they were scarred. Or for how long. Doesn't seem to affect me much. It slightly decreased my diffusion in the pulmonary function test, but that could be from smoking. Nothing is active in there. It looks way worse than it is.

Of course who knows, maybe you smoked too many bong hits?

Answer: How can you smoke too many bong hits? ;-)

LOL...and cigarettes and who knows what else.

Of course not. Thyroid meds never affect anyone adversely % rolling eyes

Well, you roll the eyes but I had an endocrinologist look right at me and say NO ONE had adverse effects from thyroid replacement and if you have to have a disease, hypothyroidism is the best one to have, and I was lucky. And if I was still sick, it wasn't thyroid, and that my shakes heartrate weren't from the meds.

I admit, I left there crying. That was before I knew better. And I

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agree with the eye roll but there are people who are assured by doctors that there are no adverse effects.

It is fairly common for lyme to affect the thyroid. Bb seems to love thyroid tissue for some reason. If I had to guess the bacteria has evolved to make the body as comfortable an environment for itself as it can and the thyroid is one place to go to help affect the global environment of the body. (Again I am NOT saying the bacteria is engaged in conscious thought, I am saying that evolution has selected traits favorable to survival and thriving).

Have you ever watched meerkat manor on the animal planet?

Did you have dry eyes?

Yes. And mouth. And skin. Luckily Bath and Body Works makes it so I can have nice skin AND smell good ALL THE TIME! I was checked by the ophthalmologist and definitely have dry eye. I had almost no reactive tear production. I can cry, my eyes just won't tear reactively if something gets in them. In my vanity, I do still wear contacts now and then. I also had a chronically swollen saliva gland. Of course, again, abx this year shrunk it to nothingness. Mouth is much better. BB must 'like' exocrine glands if left to flourish as well. My eyes have not improved, but I think that's just going to be that way. That's OK...its one of my LEAST annoying concerns.

Wow he called you itchy? I thought I was the first!

What's funny is I put my name in there...and then thought...NAH...lets replace it with Itchy! lol

There's a really good lmd and nurse in hermitage pa. They do advocate a lot of alt med, the guy is indian and trained there and later here. But they treat conventionally too. years of experience. Nurse had lyme too. Really really nice people too. Hermitage is north of pittsburgh about an hour.

Well, Pittsburgh is about an hour and a half or two hours from here,

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depending on where you are going. I would say it might be worth the trip if the one I have now doesn't work out. She is closer though. I will keep it in mind.

I'm wondering did they (doctors) dose you with pred when you had the sjogren's dx?

Nope, plaquenil. The rhumetologist that I went to tries to avoid Prednisone when he can, he also avoids enbrel and humera. Thank goodness.

And how did you react?

I only have had two steroid shots in my life. One was due to my wrist arthritis when I was about 18. That one was to break up a cyst of joint fluid. I know it hurt like heck for days. I know I started having problems with my hip soon after.

Then, last year, I got a shot when I was sick to try to break up some sinus inflammation. My sinuses showed cysts when I had my MRI, and I had a bad cold and it wasn't draining and the pressure was just awful. I felt like I'd been hit in the face with a bat. I don't know if I had a bad reaction to it or not, cause soon after I was diagnosed. I didn't really keep track. Feeling like crap anyway, I don't know if it did anything real massive.

Can't imagine worse than lymenut. Are they as hostile to reason?

Oh yes. Very hostile. And like Lyment, It wasn't always that way. But if you question adrenal insufficiency going along with hypothyroidism as a matter of course, tell them docs don't just hand the pred out because it could be dangerous, or that EVERYONE with fatigue isn't necessarily hypothyroid with adrenal problems, you will get the equivalent of being kicked for being an IDSA plant. Like Lyment, they get mad when someone is closed-minded, yet the dogma is so severe don't question it, they are sooo close-minded about being open minded ;)

I don't know how expensive collustrum is but why not research it and talk to your doc about trying it if it is affordable as an alternative to IVIG?

I will look into this

Hey if you vote for obama he is all about hope. And change. He will end the war in iraq and ALL WAR! All americans will be rich! He will make sure all americans are insured but it won't matter HE WILL END ALL DISEASE! We will have peace and prosperity and

(I think he's a great orator but give me a break, I just can't stand all the bs anymore).

Oh, I'm already sick of politics this year. I don't want to hear about it anymore.

Lol...but they all promise a lot and they are all still politicians.

What do you do? If not specifically, generally?

Right now? I am a computer geek. I am an analyst at a small software company. I support the tech support department. If the techs cannot answer the question they are asked by end users, they come to me to solve their problems. If I cannot solve it and it's a bug, I give it over to programming. There's a lot more to it than that but I do a lot of things here. I'm actually pretty busy when I am not posting to the forums! I generally feel like Dilbert on any given day. I used to be a photographer. That made me happier, but I cannot be on my feet 12–13 hours a day anymore like I used to.

Go for the opiates! Just kidding I actually think the less pain meds you can get by on the better. I don't know about how effective biofeedback is or accupuncture but narcotics long term aren't good. Sometimes pt can be really helpful for people, stretching and stuff sometimes helps a lot.

Of course too much pt too soon can be really bad and set you back.

That's why I want to go to a professional and not try to start an exercise program on my own. I agree the less pain meds the better, but for something acute, nothing beats it. I always say, even if it doesn't take all the pain away, at least I no longer give a crap about the pain!! lol

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I hope you find something that works. Pain is awful and chronic pain is worse. Stresses the entire body and mind.

Thanks. It does. I am kinda used to it but it gets taxing. I no longer have a headache all the time. Which is a relief I cannot describe. I still get them, and I do see a chiropractor. That helps me quite a bit. He's not very alternative. He was going to college to be a doctor when he got into a car accident. Screwed up his back and nothing the doctors did gave him relief. He finally went to a chiropractor and started getting better, so he changed his career path. But he's not into treating with herbs or anything like that, or any of the hocus pocus. He just cracks bones and puts joints back in place. He works with a lot of the Amish, so if he was hocus pocus they wouldn't go to him. He's a good guy, just a regular guy, and had helped me out for free when I was flat broke. The neck is a problem and he keeps that loose so I don't stiffen up. The neck is a big issue with the headaches. The GP, after looking at my x-rays was like, and I quote, "Well...you're neck ain't worth a shit. But that's OK, mine's like that too. So was my Dad's. His eventually fused together on its own. Less pain, but less mobility. You can hope for that."

I'm like....great! Oh, the wonders of living in the middle of nowhere and the advice you get. That's why I had myself sent to a neuro. However, she wasn't much more helpful and just kept pushing for the spinal tap. I don't think a spinal tap for Lyme or MS is going to be very helpful at this stage of the game. Too crappy of a test for me to put myself through that...and I have a personal policy about no more needless tests. So, I gave up on the neuro...why spend the money? I am thinking physical therapy and maybe a pain management specialist is a better way to proceed. I am OK enough that I do what I have to do. I vacuum and clean, I go to work, I make the bed...I do almost all the same things any healthy person will do, I have had relationships. I just have to remember my limits to not hurt myself.