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Hello, my name is Dave and I have prostatitis.....(All together HI DAVE!.....Whoops, sorry, wrong support group, unless you have a 12 step program here too.....) Actually, I was literally diagnosed 2 days ago after thinking that I had picked up a UTI. After several rounds of antibiotic therapy with no success, I went back to my urologist and he diagnosed prostatitis.

Here's the story. Seven years ago, I had a liver transplant. shortly after the surgery, I was saddled with a neurogenic bladder, and having a great deal of trouble completely emptying my urine. I was diagnosed with a form of neurogenic bladder, but did recover most of my bladder function. In 2002, I had an episode of organ rejection, and had to get a liver biopsy to diagnose whether it was acute or chronic. For the procedure, they sedated me with Versed and Demerol, and boom, my bladder shut down completely. I was forced to start straight cathing myself 3-4 times a day. Now, I have adjusted nicely to that indignity, and was going along fine until about a month and a half ago, when the UTI symptoms started.

Now I have done a little reading on prostatitis, and one possible cause listed is an autoimmune disorder. I lost my liver due to primary sclerosing cholangitis, an autoimmune disease, and I also have ulcerative colitis, another autoimmune disease. So now I am faced with a dilemma. Is this prostatitis from the constant cathing, (the catheter has to snake its way around the prostate to get into the bladder.) or is it possible I am facing more autoimmune issues?

I am a former NYC paramedic, now residing in Rochester, NY. I have an extensive medical background, so please feel free to speak medicalese with me.

Any thoughts or advice would be helpful....., BTW, I am 45 years old.

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--Benjamin Disraeli