

Bill Feasby and MS: Planning for life instead of death

This is a follow-up article to an article we wrote about Mr. Feasby and his battles with MS last year.

by Stan Taylor

Bill Feasby of Uxbridge had his Liberation Treatment for multiple sclerosis on May 13, 2010. I met with Bill in February and he said that he just been through a difficult month. It wasn't a relapse. He states: "People were invited to take a survey and 100% said that during the month of February, the barometric pressure was up and down like a yoyo." The way he and others felt was in direct correlation to the barometric pressure. All participants in the survey had a rough month. Bill states: "Atmospheric pressure can affect the veins and in turn the blood flow."

Bill had a check-up in September, 2010 and another one about a month ago to ensure that blood in his veins is still flowing properly. Dr. MacDonald of the Barrie Vascular Clinic said blood flow was okay. Bill also goes to a private clinic and the doctor there informed him that the blood flow was fine.

I asked Bill: "What was your reaction to the federal government and the MS Society not willing to fund clinical studies for the Liberation Treatment?"

He replied: "They've split the funding up over such a broad range that it's not going to do much good. A study of MS with \$2.1 million spread over seven doctors is a smoke screen in my view. There are thousands in Canada who have had the procedure done. Why don't doctors do follow-ups with those who have had the procedure? My doctor says I am doing exceedingly well. He has me hopping on one foot."

This is amazing for someone who could barely stand for 20 minutes ten months ago.

I asked: "What have you yourself done to try to convince the federal government to have another look at CCSVI?"

"I talk to anybody that asks. A fair amount of people are referred to talk to me. I tell them what it was like for me to have the procedure done. The doctor I saw is a world-renowned doctor, an Oxford graduate. Clinics are opening all over the place and people need to be careful where they go. It's not my place to say one doctor is better than another. People seeking the Liberation Treatment must ensure that the doctor they visit is a vascular surgeon."

He went on, "Neurologists want something they can see and measure. The doctors who support the Liberation Treatment say that car-

bon dioxide builds up. Those against it say 'It's all in your head.' My neurologist said, if something is found, everybody would be doing this procedure. But I don't think they are going to find anything. As I said, doctors want something they can measure. Your brain is soaking in a pool of blood that is not moving. This isn't something that can be measured."

I asked: "You had a meeting with Frank Klees, MPP for Newmarket/Aurora. How did you meet Mr. Klees? What did he have to say?"

Mr. Klees was recommended by my doctor. Mr. Klees says he is going to try to get funding to have the procedure done here. He wants to make this a political issue. Mr. Klees is very supportive.

I phoned the Honourable Frank Klees on March 25, 2011 and the following are his answers to my queries:

I want to know what your views are on the Liberation Treatment procedure.

My view is that whether it is directly related to MS or not is really not the issue. My view is that if this procedure is helping patients and is improving the quality of life for patients, then it is something that should be available to patients in this province and in this country. For those who are suffering from MS, if it helps them, then it is my opinion that this procedure is a double blessing.

What is the government's position right now? Do they plan to do clinical trials?

It is my understanding that the latest stance of the federal government is that they will be pursuing the study of this to insure they have the necessary data available. I still have not heard any indication or any encouragement from the federal government or the provincial government that the procedure would be covered under our Medicare system. I think that is an error in judgment. I believe that our provincial health care system should be providing coverage for this procedure. It clearly is something that has proven to be successful and helpful for many patients. There is no procedure, whether it is a heart transplant or cancer treatment that is a hundred percent successful for every patient a hundred percent of the time. In any event, any medical treatment has a percentage of patients who can't be helped. So to use that as a reason for not providing coverage makes no sense to me at

all.

This procedure does in fact help people.

Yes. As I said, if this is a condition many patients have of a constricting of the veins, that is a stand-alone procedure that quite frankly should be covered by our provincial health care system. The fact that it happens to be tied to MS and MS patients, and just because MS patients come forward and say this procedure might help them, that shouldn't disqualify them.

Angela, a nurse at the Barrie clinic, has studied under Dr. Zamboni, the Italian originator of the Liberation Treatment, and acts as his English translator. Angela told us about the person who died having had the procedure. Angela said his death was completely unnecessary. He developed a blood clot. The people at the Barrie Clinic were of the opinion that he should have just waited. No doctors whom he contacted would have anything to do with him. He wouldn't leave the matter alone so he decided to return to the doctor who did the procedure, which meant he would have to fly overseas. Anyone knows that you do not board an airplane with a blood clot. When he landed they gave him too much blood thinner and he bled out and that is what killed him. It is unfortunate, just like people die every day from surgeries. It is, unfortunately a fact of

life.

I asked Bill: "What are you doing to continue with your improved condition?"

"I started eating coconut oil because it provides regenerative properties to the brain. I occasionally get some cramping, but I no longer have the pain. My friend Jamie went from being in a wheel chair for years to walking with a cane. He rakes his leaves and is very happy. The iron deposits take time to go away. The veins take time to heal. For me it was the pain thing. I'm not a whimpy guy, but the pain was always there, but now no pain. I am massively better than what I was prior to the procedure. I'm not going off my meds because this procedure is relatively new.

"My wife," he continued, "came up with a most profound statement the other day. She said that we are now planning my life instead of planning my death. I seem to be getting results. The long term will tell."

We wish Bill continued healing and a long enjoyable life. A list of doctors and locations where the procedure is being done worldwide can be found at <http://liberation-treatment.com/liberation-treatment/doctors>

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