



Renee Stolzenberger

Dr. Friedman,

I wanted to join my fellow patients and their families in thanking you for all you have done for those of us who were tough to diagnose and many doctors before you tossed them out to psychiatric or other physical issues as was my case. (Pysch)

I came to you with my hat in my hand with the decision of if you said it was in my head then I'd accept that and try to look for help for someone with psychiatric issues. You found it to be in my head but not mental illness but and pituitary adenoma and hyperplasia which was attempted to remove via transphenoidal surgery but ultimately that failed and I ended up with a BLA. You were a specialist that did not demand I use a specific surgeon to get help which is unique to your practice to this day about you in the small frame we have to see for help. I have finally found someone to work **with** you where I was told just yesterday by someone from a local clinic state "you take orders from someone in Los Angeles you won't find someone here to stomach that here at the clinic". You did direct me to a closer endo you will work with and he said he'd work with you. I felt like I'd hit the proverbial jackpot. I think there is a learning curve for this endo to do this but he is willing to try and understand and do things according to your protocols. (right now waiting on YOUR protocol for dynamic MRI so he can redo my last one.) You are an expert and so many egos are missing the chance to learn from you because they believe they know the most about everything. I have taught my doctors thing I have learned from you. Do you realize I have met not one endo that knows what DHEA is besides you and I spent the time teaching them what it was because I want to learn from you. You are one of a kind and yeah a little California kooky but you continue to give so many of us a chance to live a decent life by continuing to test us until we showed you the numbers you expected to see.

You have brought so much hope to people with an orphan disease that is so misdiagnosed it's not funny. You saved my life. I mean ever word of that. I feel like I am here today to complain about feeling like garbage after a BLA only because you acted so quickly in April 2004. I am still very sick but I am sick with someone who knows my enemy and can help me conquer it hopefully soon. I know you give up a lot of your personal and family time to invest in other doctors, research, groups, and patients that overwhelm you I'm sure.

Please accept my long winded sincere appreciation for all you give up to help your patients maintain some level of sanity knowing a physical issue is present and they aren't just off their rocker. It means a lot. We do realize how it affects your personal life and hope to give some of it back.

**Huge thanks to you and your family from the Stolzenberger Family,**

**Renee Stolzenberger**

Cushing's Dx 2004, Panhypopit, BLA 2006 and still struggling but alive to tell you about it. 😊