

I remember the moment that my doctor told me that I have MS. He was more than prepared to begin the downhill spiral that the Medications had started. Prior to my diagnosis, I had been on absolutely no medications beyond antibiotics, cough medication as a child, or Tylenol. Within six weeks, I was on 13 pills and a shot every day. My life was being turned on its head.

I was a successful single mother of an 11 month old baby boy. I was immediately terrified about what the diagnosis would mean for my son.

I sat in my Neurologists office, terrified to learn what it meant for our future. The doctor gave me my starter pack of Copaxone injections, and gave very dismal predictions of my life. He told me that I would be in a wheelchair within 5 years.

Sixteen years after my diagnosis, the insane amount of money that I had spent to find a way to heal my body. I changed my diet, eliminating as many chemicals, hormones, preservatives, etc as possible. I gave up caffeine, alcohol, and anything harmful. I continued raising my son on my own. I was determined that MS was not going to take anything from my Son!

January 30,2017, I was at home, sitting on the couch with my son, and woke up ten days later in the hospital, and then in an extended care facility.

It turned out that I had suffered several seizures, and hadn't been able to communicate for ten days. After spending a couple of weeks at the extended care place, I was finally discharged. That day was the determining moment! I was going to get better!

My HSCT adventure was within my grasp! I'd read about the recovery of so many people, and knew that this would be my saving grace.

Within 24 hours of having my Healthy Stem Cells Transplanted, I could think again! My memory was repairing itself! I could feel my hands, arms, legs and feet! I could see!!! Prior to that day, I'd had double vision for 15 years.

I could remember the night before (I couldn't remember even 5 minutes prior to anything, but my "Brain Fog" was lifting! I could remember my elementary school song from childhood it had been nearly 30 years! On a crazy note, I was brushing my teeth in the bathroom sink, when, out of nowhere, "Ice Ice, Baby" came rushing into my head!

I had taught myself so many tricks to make certain that I could function with all of the damage that MS had done over the years. I don't have to do that anymore! Ive watched my body fight for itself for so many years, and can finally say, "I WIN"!!

HSCT gave my son his Mom back, my parents, their daughter back, my friends and family, got their Nadia back!!

I was going to add the fact that I can walk up and down curbs without falling! I can go to the grocery store and use a regular shopping cart, instead of the scooter! I feel ALIVE again! I feel like I live in my body again! I'm not watching myself die! I am winning!!

After all of the years of fighting for my life, HSCT made it possible!!