

Patient Experience

Patient Letter:

I am 55 years old and suffered from headaches for the last ten years, The last six years with Chronic Cluster headaches with an average 2-3 attacks per day.

The Clusters attacks resulted in my retirement from working. My social life was scaled right down as I did not like going out, never knew when the next attack would happen.

I have been so desperate to stop these attacks I have tried a long course of Psychotherapy Cognitive Behaviour treatment, Chinese Traditional Medicine, Acupuncture, in an effort to help deal with the intense debilitating pain of these attacks none of these were able to help.

I have been referred to a total of four hospitals for treatment. The Royal Free Hospital being the latest one. I have been through the list of antidepressant, epilepsy, amitriptyline related medications, beta blocker/ calcium blocker medication even Lithium and endured its dreadful side effects none of these have prevented the clusters. The only relief I can get is from using high saturated oxygen and imigran injections [restricted to 2 per day].

OUCH [UK] the national charity for cluster headaches introduced me to Dr Juana Marin at the Royal Free Hospital who invited me to use the GammaCore electro-magnetic non-invasive device to stimulate the vagus nerve. I have used this device daily as instructed this has had an excellent result my clusters have been reduced from 2-3 per day to 5 in almost four months. This has resulted in a massive increase in my quality of life and also a financial saving for my local NHS Dr who has not had to prescribe expensive Imigran injections.

I would like to thank all those involved in allowing me to use this device.

David

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