

Cancers

Brian's Battle by Karen O'Handley Testimonial # 84:

Wouldn't you agree that when someone you love is very ill, you would search high and low to find something to help them. regain their health? Most assuredly you would. And when you find that "something" that helps your loved one, wouldn't you want others to know about it? Without a doubt! My name is Karen O'Handley, and I have been asked by many people to write this story about my son, because it has given hope to those going through their own difficult health challenges.

In May of 2002 I took my 19 year old son Brian to our primary physician Dr. Raymond Dann because of a **swollen, area** on the right side of his back. Brian thought he might have pulled a muscle while playing baseball, however the swelling wasn't going down. Since the location of the swelling also involved the underside of his right arm, I was hoping another possibility might be a **swollen lymph gland**. Upon examining Brian, Dr. Dann immediately became concerned about the look and feel of the area, so he ordered a CT scan to be performed the next morning. Four days later Brian and I went back for the results.

Imagine my complete shock and disbelief when we were told that the CT scan showed the following: **a large tumor** in Brian's right scapula (shoulder blade), as well as a large mass under his right arm; a growth in the sternum bone in his chest that had already damaged the bone; a growth over his heart the size of a small fist; and multiple metastases (nodules) in BOTH of his lungs. It was impossible for me to comprehend that my only child had stage IV cancer, because at 6'2" with an athletic build he looked as healthy as a horse, and he was not in any pain. Plus, he had never smoked or abused alcohol or drugs, and he lived a morally clean lifestyle. He was also very active with baseball, basketball and football, and he played the drums and the guitar. I can only imagine the thoughts that were racing through Brian's mind when he heard the news! I tried my best to remain strong for my son's sake, but the tears flowed down my face as I drove us home from the doctor's office.

Later that same week Brian had a full body bone scan and a biopsy was performed on the mass under his right arm. A few days later we were given the diagnosis: Ewing's Sarcoma/PNET, a rare and very aggressive cancer that most often strikes young children. It is usually a bone cancer, however it can be soft tissue, and in Brian's case it was both. Naturally, I knew nothing about this cancer, in fact I had never heard of it -- but I had to quickly educate myself. This was an emotionally difficult thing to do, because everything I read was absolutely horrifying, as well as depressing. There is a very low survival rate with Ewing's and it is very difficult to stop this cancer because it is so resistant to treatment. In some cases, the tumors are known to double in size daily.

Next, armed with all Brian's test results, we visited 2 oncologists, a surgeon and a radiologist to see what could be done to help my son. However, because of the spread of the cancer, at that point surgery and/or radiation were out of the question. The only treatment that could be recommended was mega doses of chemo, however the possible side effects from the treatment were horrific. We were told that any of the following could happen: brain hemorrhaging, collapsed veins, spontaneous internal bleeding, heart damage, liver damage, kidney damage, bladder damage, sterility, and severe deep depression. The question rolling around in my mind after hearing the list of possible side effects was: Which was the lesser of two evils - - the aggressive cancer or the toxic treatment? Additionally, we were told he would need blood transfusions every 3 - 4 weeks due to the damage to his blood supply from the chemo. All of this was unacceptable to me, on many levels. Also, it didn't make sense to fill my son with toxic chemicals when he already had a severely weakened immune system -- why else would he have cancer? I decided there had to be another answer "out there", and that I had to build up Brian's immune system before he could undergo such a dangerous medical treatment. For the next 7 months we visited many natural practitioners, herbalists and nutritionists, as well as a renowned cancer clinic in Mexico. With the help and support of our loving friends, donations were collected and several fund raisers were held in order to raise the many thousands of dollars that had to be spent in order to use these types of natural supplements and treatments, because our health insurance covered none of it. Unfortunately, these natural treatments were not strong enough to stop Ewing's Sarcoma. In fact, the most visible sign of the cancer - - the mass under Brian's arm -- was rapidly growing larger.

It had grown so huge that he could no longer put his arm down by his side, and his skin covering the mass had deep purple stretch marks because of the rapid growth. Outwardly, the mass had wrapped around to the front of his chest, and

was pushing in the right side of his chest. Inwardly, it was wrapping around his lung. The bones of his right shoulder and the top of his arm were pulled out of alignment because of the expansion of the mass, so his right shoulder sloped downward and became 2-3 inches wider than the left shoulder. His upper body was noticeably deformed. He was now also in a lot of physical pain, as well as emotional pain. (Visualize slicing a football lengthwise, placing one of those halves under your arm, contouring it to your shoulder blade to wrap around to the front of your chest. Imagine how you would feel, and how Brian must have felt.) At this point, the only thing my son wanted to do was close his eyes and go to sleep in death. I was at my wit's end, because it was obvious nothing natural was going to stop this monster growing inside him. I knew he would have to undergo the mega doses of chemo -- but what was going to protect his body from the horrific side effects? I had spent many sleepless nights worrying about my son, but this night in particular was very difficult. I felt as though Brian was a lamb going to the slaughter, and I beseeched God with many tears that night to show me what to do for my son, and send me to the right person to help him.

The next morning at 8:00 the phone rang, and it was a woman named Betty Murray -- a friend of a friend. She had heard about Brian from one of my closest friends, Joyce Keenan, and about how I was searching for something to help his immune system. She called to tell me about a product with a strange name: IMMUNOCAL. I remembered my tearful prayer the night before, and I knew then and there that I was supposed to listen to what she had to say. Betty told me right away that she didn't know a lot about Immunocal because she was a new distributor and just learning about the product, so she was smart enough to get an expert on the phone to talk to me -- Jim Spencer.

Jim is an Independent Entrepreneur with Immunotec Research Ltd., the developers of Immunocal. He travels around the U.S. as a spokesperson for the company conducting health seminars to teach people about a simply wonderful molecule in each cell of our body, called "glutathione". He helped me to understand what role glutathione plays in the cells: that it's the "master antioxidant", an immune system booster, and a detoxifier. He explained that Immunocal is a biologically active, undenatured whey protein isolate which supplies the body with the "precursors", or building blocks, for the cells to make more of their own supply of this precious antioxidant. In the case of someone with cancer, the tumors themselves are very high in glutathione, which contributes to their rapid growth and explains why they are often resistant to even chemo and radiation. A very interesting thing happens, however, when a cancer patient eats Immunocal daily. The healthy cells INCREASE their supply of glutathione, while the tumor cells become DEPLETED in glutathione! This phenomenon is called "negative feedback inhibition", and it is extremely useful for treating cancer. It was clear to me this was exactly what I had been looking for over the past 7 months -- something non-toxic and natural to build Brian's immune system and also protect his organs and blood supply while undergoing the rigors of chemo! The icing on the cake was when I was told that Immunocal is in The Physician's Desk Reference as well as The Pharmacist's Redbook, and it also has a method-of-use patent as an "anti-cancer therapeutic agent" (as well as 5 other method-of-use patents in other applications). And there is over 20 years of research on Immunocal, along with multitudes of clinical studies. I wanted Brian on it immediately, and I wanted to take it too, because it's NOT just for cancer patients. We ALL need to be eating Immunocal -- including children -- because of the polluted environment we live in. The water we drink, the food we eat, the air we breathe -- our bodies are rapidly breaking down from all the toxins and the stresses of life in this system of things. Immunocal is "food for the immune system", and gives us the help we need. I immediately put Brian on the recommended dose for cancer patients -- 4 packs of Immunocal daily. Yet I also wanted to take it, and I wanted us to take some of the other unique products that Immunotec Research makes. But where was all the money going to come from? I was, and still am, a single parent, and I needed to be home with my son monitoring his recovery, yet I had to find a way to support both of us and pay for all these products. I definitely had "a big-enough WHY" for needing the freedom to work from home, and I saw that I could be financially rewarded for telling people about the importance of Immunocal for them and their loved ones. So, in my typical style, I "dove right in" and started my first home-based business in Dec.'02, even though I had no office equipment and I had never done network marketing before. That did not stop me, however, because I knew I would learn the business as I went along, and I had faith that the office equipment would somehow materialize ... which it did!

To make a VERY long story a little bit shorter: Brian went through 4 months of the mega doses of chemo beginning in March '03, under the supervision of oncologist Dr. Leo Orr. The only side effect he experienced was total hair loss, which rapidly grew back when chemo ended. He maintained a good appetite, and he gained 10 pounds. Blood transfusions were never suggested, and he never became anemic. When his white blood cell count would drop as expected after each round of chemo, he simply had to give himself Neupogen shots in the thigh for a few days, and the WBCs would

go up again. The huge mass under his arm responded very quickly to the chemo by softening, and then slowly it began to shrink. When the chemo protocol was completed, another CT scan was performed so a comparison could be made to the original one done in May '02. Dr. Orr gave us a lot of positive [news: the](#) metastases (nodules) in the lungs were shrinking, and there weren't as many; the mass over his heart was completely GONE, and the heart returned to its normal size (in the previous scan it was noticeably swollen); the cancer in the sternum was GONE, and the damaged bone healed in and was smooth in appearance (even Dr. Orr was amazed at that, because chemo does not HEAL anything -- it is designed to destroy -- yet Brian's body healed itself while he was on chemo). The mass under his arm was shrinking and the primary tumor in his shoulder blade was a little bit smaller, so the green light was given for Brian to begin 6 weeks of radiation treatments, 5 days per week. (NOTE: I also give credit for the recovery of Brian's bones to another unique product that Immunotec Research makes called PURE MILK CALCIUM, which we take everyday.) Radiation therapy began a few weeks later under the supervision of Dr. Eva Lean and Dr. David Hodgens, and the targeted area was the right shoulder blade and the mass under his arm. I was expecting some kind of nasty side effects because I had read a lot about radiation complications. But the only thing Brian experienced was bright pink skin, which looked like a sun burn. It never hurt, nor did it require any cream or lotion. While undergoing this treatment the mass under his arm got MUCH smaller -- it was obvious the cancer cells were dying quickly, and not resistant at all. (I continued giving him 4 packs daily of Immunocal throughout all of the radiation treatment - - in fact he's never been off of it since the first day I gave it to him.)

New tests were needed to determine the effectiveness of the radiation therapy. Oncology surgeon Dr. William Bowman had to determine if surgery was necessary to remove any remains of the tumor from the shoulder blade. We waited the required 6 weeks after radiation before having more tests, then Brian had a full body bone scan and an MRI of his upper body in Dec.'03. When the results came in, we received fabulous news from Dr. Bowman ... there is NO CANCER in any of Brian's bones, including his shoulder blade, which meant he did not need surgery! Next we received the MRI results and more great news ... the metastases are ALL GONE in his lungs; the heart and the sternum are all clear and ALL OF HIS ORGANS ARE "NORMAL", including his lymph glands. Finally, in Jan.'04 Brian had a biopsy of the area where the mass had been. The biopsy slides were examined at the pathology lab where the procedure was performed, and then they sent the slides for confirmation to Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia to be reviewed by a specialist. Both labs confirmed it ... no cancer cells were found ... MY SON IS CANCER FREE! Isn't that amazing? What an incredible blessing! We didn't expect to hear such fabulous news after just ONE YEAR of taking Immunocal daily. I was expecting that we'd be fighting this battle a lot longer, so you can imagine how relieved we feel! From this point Brian will have follow up MRIs and labs (blood work, etc.) every 4 months so we can monitor his recovery.

As I write this (April 2004), Brian is 21 years old and will be 22 in July. It was just under 2 years ago, in May 2002, he was first diagnosed with a deadly stage IV cancer. He has his life in front of him again, thanks to Immunocal and the excellent medical care he received from many caring, talented doctors and nurses. Brian's primary physician, Dr. Raymond Dann, tells his patients: "Immunocal is the reason Brian is alive today." So naturally, he will stay on Immunocal for the rest of it! He is presently taking 3 packs daily, and I will keep him on that dose for a long time because he's going through a tremendous recovery process. After all, his body has been through quite a trauma, and his immune system needs to recover not only from the cancer, but the chemo and radiation as well. We just have to be patient, which can be hard, because Brian wants "to make up for lost time" and get on with his life. And naturally, I want that for him too.

In closing, I thank God for allowing Dr. Gustavo Bounous to make the discovery of a simple whey protein that helped the control mice in a clinical study to live longer than the ones that were not fed the specialized protein, even when the control mice were injected with cancer cells. I also thank God for giving my son his life back, when surely he was going to die from such a horribly aggressive cancer. I am so grateful that Betty Murray had the courage to call to tell me what she knew, because she was an answer to my prayers. And I am also grateful to Immunotec Research for the opportunity to make a living working full time from my home, helping people regain their health while also helping those in my downline organization that are committed to increasing their income. What's not to like about that?

I look forward to an enjoyable future with this wellness company, Immunotec Research Ltd., and the pleasure of seeing my family and friends flourish. I sincerely hope you take the time to investigate how Immunocal can help you and all you know to improve their health as well! Warm Regards, **Karen O'Handley**

Sylvia Dad's Story of Cancer Testimonial # 96

Dear Sylvia,

I have just returned from my 6 monthly **cat scan** and want to share the joy of a good report with you. As you know, I had my first major operation for my **gastric cancer and cancer of the esophagus** over 5 years ago. Unfortunately it re-appeared and re-appeared several more times and within the first 2 years I had 4 major operations. You kept telling me to try IMMUNOCAL / HMS 90 but I did not have confidence in this type of product. However, after 4 operations I had nothing to lose. My surgeon refused to operate again and suggested chemotherapy. I have seen side effects of this treatment and did not look forward to it. I finally listened to you and started my daily IMMUNOCAL /HMS 90. Thank you for being so persistent. The last 3 years I am now perfectly clear. The chances of surviving this type of cancer are less than 5 percent and the oncologists at the Vancouver Cancer Clinic call me the "**miracle patient**". I feel great and I wish to thank you for insisting on using IMMUNOCAL. When I finally mentioned this to the oncologists today, they wanted to obtain more details about the product. If you can send me some information, please do so. In the meantime - all I can say: Thank You. Love, Dad