

Dear Friends,

Today, January 20, 2010 I went back to the hospital where I had the last two tests that I have to do to check the function of my heart. As I mentioned before, I decided to go to a cardiologist because I have been having strong chest pains, burning sensation in the thoracic area, spasms, palpitations and irregular heart beats especially at night time before falling asleep.

While I lived with the symptoms for about two weeks, I took the step of going to see the cardiologist that, after listening to my words and the explanation of what CCSVI is, agreed to let me do the ultrasound that I did last Thursday.

Today, while I was at the hospital doing an echocardiogram, I received the phone call from the doctor and when I got home I called him back and I was able to speak to him.

He was kind and attentive and I could tell that he had found something by the tone of his voice. He told me that, while the right side of my neck seems to be perfectly fine and that the jugular vein in the left side is ok, he saw that, in the very back part of my neck, in a very difficult area to see, there is a vein that is not draining properly.

He admitted that he had never paid attention to these things before and that he wasn't expecting this. I found him quite special because, usually, from what I have heard about doctors and their egos, I wouldn't expect a doctor to admit not knowing something and I appreciate his honesty and I thanked him so much for giving me the chance to do the test and for believing that I had something to prove.

I then explained to him about the Buffalo study and I asked him if he will be willing to learn and hear more about it, he kindly accepted and there was an enthusiasm in his voice that showed me once again that he is quite special ☺ I am so lucky and so blessed! I might be "alone" in this country, I might not have very supportive people right around me, but I know that everything I am choosing to do is the right thing for me and that I will continue my journey confident that Dr. Zamboni will be able to help us.

This time, I plan to bring flowers to the nice woman that took the extra time to do the test the right away...how could I not bring her flowers if I am Flowers4MS??? ☺

Thank you all for supporting me through this.

I will continue to be a spokesperson and an activist until all of us, all around the world, will be able to get the right care...Now, it's the time to dream and

hope about the future for people with MS...a future that has never been so bright...

Hugs to all,

Angela