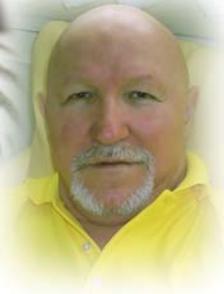




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ADULT STEM CELL RECIPIENT



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Adult Stem Cell Recipient for the heart

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My name is Douglas T. Rice. I am 62 years old, have Congestive Heart Disease, and Diabetes. I could be one of over 750,000 people that die in the United States yearly, BUT I am not dead. Not because I shouldn't be, but because there is a resolution to this problem. I am not a miracle, a phenomenon, but a living person that by the grace of God was saved from a disease that kills approximately 2,000 people daily. However, I had to travel to Bangkok, Thailand and go in debt to do something that should be readily available in the United States. I used my own Adult Stem Cells, and a simple angioplasty procedure to have my life given back to me. Your own Adult Stem Cells have so much more to give than we give them credit for; a lot of other diseases are being treated successfully by just using the Adult Stem Cells.

My story is simple. In 1992 I had my first Heart Attack and was also diagnosed with Diabetes. That same year my mother died of Congestive Heart Failure and Diabetes, just like what I have. Also, just last year my sister died of what I have. I have had numerous Heart Attacks and Diabetes episodes as well as having to be jump-started at least three times. I have had a TMR (Trans Myocardial Revascularization), a procedure that uses a laser to drill holes in the Left Ventricle to get better blood flow--this did not help. In 1998, I was given only two years to live unless I received a Heart Transplant. Because of my Diabetes, I did not qualify for it. We tried different things that helped and then in November of 2005, I could not walk

but a few feet, had to sleep sitting up, and was just worn out. My Ejection Fraction (the amount of blood my heart pumps out each beat) was around 11% (average is 50%+) and my Cardiologist, Dr. Donald Canaday, said at best I had 4 months without a mechanical heart pump to survive. It was battery operated and I decided I did not want to be battery powered.

That night my best friend, Sheba Rice, went on the Internet looking for new heart treatments. She found TheraVita, a company in Bangkok, Thailand, that had been having success using the Adult Stem Cells. We contacted them, went to Bangkok in January of 2006, and other than drawing blood, shipping it to Israel, and then having the Adult Stem Cells shipped back and implanted in me via a simple angioplasty procedure, it was simple. The hardest part was the 20-hour flight there. When I returned to Spokane, within a month my Ejection Fraction was tested. It was 28% and going up. I felt better than I had felt in years. I was motivated to tell the world and that is when I found out that over 750,000 Americans die every year from Heart Disease.

These 750,000 heart patients that will die do not make the mainstream press, no newspaper articles of any significance, and certainly most politicians in Washington, D.C. don't even like to discuss it. Sadly, it is a fact, if a family dies in a car wreck, children are gunned down in a school, or a disgruntled person shoots or maims his or her co-workers, it is **BIG NEWS**.

BUT, 750,000 people die at a rate of over 2,000 a day and no one takes the time to talk for them. Not all are old, some very young and with families and friends to care about. Most people just don't realize that they die although almost everyone knows someone that has died or will die from this disease.

The Federal Government has spent millions of dollars on Embryonic Stem Cells, but not one person has been treated and the animals tested often get tumors.

By some estimates over 400,000 people with various cancers and other diseases have been successfully treated and most are alive to talk about the Adult Stem Cell treatment using their own stem cells or ones from cord blood stem cells.

The honest experts say maybe in 10 or 20 years embryonic stem cells might

have potential to treat someone, but not now, and there is something that works “NOW,” the Adult Stem Cells!! What does it take to make people realize that a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, especially when it comes to people’s lives?

If you ask most people about stem cells, they only know about Embryonic, because that is all they hear about. Education, Education, Education and the Facts regarding Adult Stem Cells are the only way to succeed in moving this issue to the forefront for funding and actual treatments “NOW.”

I get many calls on a daily basis because I have been treated with my Adult Stem Cells, and the most frequent question is, “Why did you have to go to Thailand?” Answer: Because there were no adult stem cell clinical trials in the US that I could participate in, and FDA has been slow to approve treatments that are being conducted overseas in countries like Thailand and Germany. My insurance did not cover the cost of this treatment (though I heard that in Germany insurance covers stem cell treatments for heart disease). I also know that much of the stem cell debate in recent years has led to drastically increased funding for embryonic stem cell research despite the fact they have not treated patients for any disease. More money needs to be spent in the United States to prevent a brain drain here for treatments, and siphoning off federal funding for embryonic stem cell research has not helped patients like me. Patients are being increasingly treated with adult stem cells, but we need drastically more federal funding for adult stem cell treatments. These cells aren’t patentable, so private investment is far behind. The government should spend more on clinical trials so Americans like me can have the same chance at a treatment that I had.

Listen, I am but one man, a very lucky man to have had my best friend, Sheba Rice, find the solution on the Internet while looking for new technology for heart disease. Without her efforts, I would be in an urn on the fireplace. But, she cared and wanted me alive for whatever reason. We all need to do the same for someone we know or people that need the help. We that care need to educate everyone we meet. Not because I say it, because of the 750,000 people that will die this year!

I would get down on my knees and beg if I thought that I alone could do it. I can’t. I doubt if I make a difference, but you can. You Congressmen, your Doctors, News Media and friends can make a difference. I will do whatever I can do to move this forward, but I need your help! Ask me for anything

that will help and I will do my best. I am asking everyone that reads this to do their best. One day you may be where I have been, or your mother, father, brother or sister as well as relatives and friends. This is so serious I can't imagine everyone not getting involved.

Feel free to contact me if I can be of help. dtrice@douglastrice.org

Sincerely,
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