



MdDS Support News

A newsletter for members of the Mal de Debarquement Syndrome (MdDS) Support Group and the Professionals Who Treat Them

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MAL DE DEBARQUEMENT IN THE NEWS

On Saturday, February 11, 2006, Dr. Sanjay Gupta included MdDS in his show about rare disorders. He stated that he had received a large number of e-mails about the disorder. He addressed Abbey Meyers, President of NORD, who described MdDS as rare vestibular disorder. Thanks to all who took the time to e-mail Dr. Gupta.

Jane Houghton continues to make great strides in spreading the word in the UK. She has been in and on the news telling her story. In early summer, she will participate in a seminar with Dr. Tusa of our advisory board as he presents at a conference in England. In addition, she is working with a journalist on a magazine article.

PROJECTS

There are new projects in the works:

- ❖ A new, comprehensive survey is being written in hopes of enticing a researcher to study the cause and ultimately a cure for MdDS.
- ❖ A member is attempting to contact past participants to find those who are cured.
- ❖ We have moved our NHF site to the top of a number of web search engines.
- ❖ In addition, we are getting the brochures out in large numbers.

Thanks to Marilyn's Fund Raising Efforts matching donation goals were achieved twice in the past year. The Foundation was able to have brochures professionally printed with some of the funds.

By the way, if you need brochures to inform doctors, physical therapists or other professionals please contact Betty P. at bettyasinboop@aol.com with your information.

You can also print brochures from the Support website to share with doubting family and friends.

The brochure is located in the Files section.

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We want to welcome the nearly 200 men and women from around the world who have joined the Support site in the last year. Our membership numbers 355. We hope you will find the support that you need to deal with MdDS.

Our growth in the past 12 months is also reflected by the increase in monthly messages to the Support site from 492 to 1177.

Please remember to fill out the Questionnaire and the Geographic Survey. We need all the data we can get to inform the medical community.

Reminder: Gifts to the foundation in support of our 17 programs should be made out to the **MdDS Balance Disorder Foundation** and sent to 255 Copper Beech Drive, Blue Bell, PA 19422 (for logging and acknowledgement) or to the National Heritage Foundation, 6201 Leesburg Pike, Suite 405, Falls Church, VA 22044.

If you are interested in volunteering to lead or assist with one of our programs, please email:

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