

Case with Lyme Disease

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Romanian Teenager Battles Lyme Disease with Help From the USA

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The daughter of a two Romanian physicians, father a cardiologist and mother a neonatologist, remembers being bitten by something in 2001 when Ana Ciobanu was only 6 years old. She developed headaches for the first time in her young life, which continued without help from standard interventions. In 2008, she was scratched by a cat and developed some skin lesions but because she had no other symptoms a year went by before she was diagnosed with Bartonella henselae, the cat-scratch disease. In April 2009, she was scratched by an owl and became so ill she was completely bed-ridden – it was then that she was also diagnosed with Rickettsia conorii, Babesia and then Lyme. She began to walk again after one month of IV antibiotics but progress was slow. ***She began receiving hyperbaric oxygen treatments and experienced tremendous improvements and resolution of her headaches after just 20 treatments.*** She was being treated at the Hyperbaric and Diving Medicine Centre Constantza, Romania but she developed such severe Lyme vasculitis (see attached article) that she went into full circulatory collapse (no blood pressure). It was then that Dr. Ciobanu contacted Lyme and hyperbaric oxygen experts in the USA for help. Dr. Stoller, Medical Director of the San Francisco Institute for Hyperbaric Medicine as well as the Hyperbaric Medical Center of New Mexico, immediately recommended that Ana be placed on therapeutic doses of Curcumin (the healing component in the spice turmeric). Both Dr. Stoller and his nurse in San Francisco, Gayle Link, RN (an expert in treating Lyme in her own right) recommended that Ana resume hyperbaric oxygen at a lower pressure than she had been getting treated and last week a trial treatment went well. Ana will resume her treatments on February 12th. The Curcumin rapidly brought down the high levels of inflammatory biomarkers (cytokines) and Ana made a full recovery. The San Francisco Institute for Hyperbaric Medicine is the only hyperbaric treatment facility in San Francisco treating Lyme disease, just as The Hyperbaric Medical Center of New Mexico is the only facility treating Lyme in New Mexico. Lyme disease is an international problem and calls for international cooperation. Ana's mother can be reached at daniela.ciobanu9564@gmail.com. The first two movies made on Dark-field Microscopy showing the Lyme infection before hyperbaric oxygen therapy can be obtained at: http://dl.transfer.ro/Transfer_ro-26Jan-3a44b7dfc01014.zip