

Unfortunately I have no way of knowing if My wife's Alzheimer's has been helped by her medication except for the professional advise given by her GP and specialists at the University of Queensland Memory Clinic as well as the Neurologist who made the initial diagnosis and treated her prior to her moving to the UQ memory clinic. June 2006 the Neurologist, Dr [REDACTED] commenced her taking Reminal 8mg Tablets

March 2007 Dr [REDACTED] recommended taking Ebixa 10mg tablets as well as Reminal indicating research had indicated taking both medications together had some encouraging results

May 2008 She commenced a course of B12 injections. These injections were continued until August 2009. This resulted in her B12 level increasing from near the low end of the recommended scale to just over the maximum end of the scale.

September 2008 The Reminal dose was increased from 8 to 16mg

March 2009 Noeleen's care was transferred from Dr [REDACTED] to the Dr [REDACTED] at UQ memory clinic in order to maybe have access to a future drug evaluation. At the final consultation with Dr [REDACTED], he indicated she had been the most stable of his Alzheimer's patients.

September 2009 The Reminal dose was increased from 16 to 24 mg

December 2009 Screening assessment for Glaxco Smith Kline evaluation of a vaccine they were developing.

January 2010 Commencement of an intense set of tests for the next 32 weeks. The only feedback was that the evaluation had been successful, the drug proved safe and GSK would continue further development.

May 2011 We travelled to China for her to have stem cell treatment at Bethune Peace Hospital in Shijiazhuang. She had 6 stem cell treatment and considerable supporting treatment over a period of 4 weeks. The only apparent change resulting from this treatment was her hair darkened to a shade of probably 15 to 20 years ago.

Ongoing She continue 6 monthly visits to UG memory clinic seeing either [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] both Psychogeriatricians. These doctors along with GP Dr [REDACTED] regularly advise not to discontinue either Reminal or Ebixa even on a trial basis as they have seen patients go down hill quickly and fail to improve after starting to take the drugs again. Personally I'm prefer to take the opinion of these highly qualified and experienced medical people than a MMSE test that has proven not to be reliable. I have always paid for Ebixa on a private script basis. I hope the PBS also take into account the cost of drugs required by carers, for eg Lexam I've been taking to help my sanity for the past year.

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Full time care of Noeleen Higgins