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I have some major concerns with COPSO decisions. It involves two doctors, one Canadian and one American. Dr Kenneth Matsumura, who resides and practices in Berkeley California has been using Carboplatin as chemotherapy for a number of years, and with great success! The antidote to this is called Mesna. This treatment is the most effective that I have heard of in fighting cancer to date, and with minimal side effects. Dr. Matsumura has a clinic in Berkeley, one in Ensenada Mexico, one in Carson City, and had treatment being delivered in Toronto as well. This is where Dr. Akbar Khan of Medcore Cancer Clinic comes in.

The two doctors somehow found each other and decided to work together in the fight against cancer. Dr. Khan starting treating patients with "Side Effect Free" or SEF Chemo, back in August of 2013. Together they have saved the majority of their patients, with Medcore boasting a success rate of 88%. My husband was one of the first patients to receive SEF Chemo in Canada, but unfortunately it was too late for him. I lost Michael in Feb 2014. Then I was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in October of 2015. The doctor in Moncton NB that performed an endoscopic ultrasound when I was diagnosed said that they wouldn't touch it until it grew, as I was only stage 0-1. One tumour was 0.5 mm and the other was 3 mm. What's the point of early detection if you don't act on it?! So I contacted Dr. Khan and asked if he thought that fighting it naturally would work. I tried a few different things, as well as getting an Oncoblot blood test done. The Oncoblot not only says yes or no to cancer, it also tells you what part of the body it is in. It has a 98% accuracy rate with less than a 1% chance of a false positive. Mine show positive for pancreatic cancer. After 8 months of trying to fight it naturally I had the Oncoblot blood test again, it was still positive. So in August of 2016 I started going to Medcore Cancer Clinic in Toronto for treatment. The very first visit, Dr. Khan sent me to an independent lab for an ultrasound. It was then that we discovered that the tumours grew from 0.5 mm to 7 mm, and 3 mm to 9 mm. I have been receiving SEF Chemo treatment there until September of 2017. That is when the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario shut down the SEF Chemo program.

It was my own daughter, Rosa Awad (Edmonds) that wrote a letter to the College that was largely responsible in stopping the SEF Chemo program. I do not understand her motives or reasoning. I do have a copy of the letter that she wrote to COPSO, which is 99% fiction. She never once asked me questions about the treatment, nor did she ask to see my medical records or any reports. She could have gone with me when I went for treatment or at the very least, spoke with my doctor. She didn't do any of the above. Sounds a little fishy right?! What's worse is that the COPSO actually listened to her! Again, smells fishy right?! No facts, no medical experience, no medical information at all, and the College actually listened to her?! Wow! That's pretty amazing!

How about this? Regular oncology clinics lose people every day, nobody says a word. Is that acceptable collateral damage with a non effective treatment? All because regular chemo has "been approved" and SEF chemo hasn't? If the numbers speak for themselves, who can challenge that? Why not make it available to the public, not stop people from being able to access it in our own country.

Many people's lives are affected by the closure of this treatment. I am fortunate enough to be able to travel to Berkeley to finish my last few treatments. In fact, the latest Oncoblot test done in early November shows negative for cancer. So I am living proof that it works! I also had an endoscopic ultrasound done in Aug showing that one tumour is gone, the other was down to 0.6 mm. Now I don't claim to be a rocket scientist but wouldn't it appear that the SEF chemo is killing the pancreatic cancer? Anyone else that I've known of with pancreatic cancer died within a short period of time, either from

the cancer or the chemo, not sure which. In Canada the survival stats for pancreatic are 8% over 5 years. Can someone please tell me a better method of fighting pancreatic that I'm not aware of? In just a few more months, mine will be completely gone!

Please explain to me why the COPSO would stop what appears to be the most effective treatment in the fight against cancer yet?!

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Attention: Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee

Dear Committee Members:

Reference: Dr Akbar Khan – Use of SEF Chemo

The decision made by the Committee disallowing Dr Khan from performing SEF Chemo in Toronto fell in the middle of my treatments at his office. Obviously I have no idea what the Committee hoped to accomplish by the lunacy of indulging a few small minded professionals but I can tell you how it has impacted me and my family as I now have to travel to Berkeley, California to receive the same proven cancer treatment I was receiving at Dr Khan's office in Toronto.

At the beginning of October, after my second treatment of SEF chemo in Toronto, the tumor in my right axilla was showing some sign of regressing, then Dr Khan announced your decision regarding his use of SEF chemo. In the time it took to reschedule the SEF chemo to Berkeley, the tumor had time to grow and flourish again causing a huge setback to my well being and state of mind.

You (all the members of your Committee) have added a considerable amount of stress and anxiety to my life. As you should know, this has a severe negative effect on cancer patients. Since I travel alone and the tumor is so large now that it is pressing on nerves, I have lost partial function of my right hand and arm. This in itself makes me vulnerable both physically and mentally. Toronto is a city where I felt safe, Berkeley is not! There are a large number of homeless people in the area where I have to stay in order to be close to the clinic and simply walking down the street can be a challenge. Needless to say, I think of the members of your Committee often and the impact you have had on my health and well being. You have put myself and other patients from Dr Khan's office, who are also now being treated in Berkeley, in this terrible position.

Which brings me to the next subject - the people from Canada that are now going to Berkeley for SEF chemo. I can't tell you specifically how many people are now traveling to Berkeley, but suffice it to say, both the women before and after me, in the short time frame I am at the Berkeley clinic, are patients of Dr Khan's. Plus, the Berkeley clinic is training new staff ... I wonder why ... could it be to accommodate all their new patients from Canada!

In addition to the above I lost a significant amount of money in cancellation fees for both airfare and lodging as I had pre-booked both in order to accommodate my schedule in Toronto for my treatments. Thanks for that too.

In a nut shell, what you have accomplished is driving Canadians out of our own country to receive exactly the same treatment Dr Khan was providing in Toronto. The consequences of your decision are immeasurable as to the damage you have done to our health and to our rights as Canadians to receive proper cancer care in our own country! When you or your loved ones are touched by this horrible disease, you will have yourselves to thank for the horrific, archaic treatments available to you in this country. You had a chance to make a difference and you blew it!

Sincerely,



Theresa Rogers
cc: Dr Akbar Khan