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MAYORS, DEPUTY MAYORS, WARDENS, DEPUTY WARDENS,
AND COUNCILLORS OF THE FIFTY-FIVE MUNICIPALITIES IN NOVA SCOTIA :

I am writing to all of you in the hopes that you will help the over 3000 MS sufferers in Nova Scotia!

The Atlantic provinces has the highest rate of MS in Canada...350 for 100 000 people!

Please take us out of danger by fast tracking the process of approving the procedure to correct CCSVI in MS patients. This procedure on the jugular veins is already being performed by Canadian vascular surgeons but not for the treatment in MS as of yet. It is a safe procedure with no harmful drugs.

I am aware that even Dr. Zamboni agrees that further study into CCSVI in MS should be done, and that you sympathize with our lot, but feeling sorry for us does not help us. For most of us there are no disease modifying drugs available, and we will all ultimately end up in that situation. The first blinded study coming out of Buffalo NY of venous insufficiency prevalence in MS shows promising results. In many parts of the world, there is enough evidence that shows that when the veins are repaired the health of the MS patients improved favorably. Some got better, some haven't had an attack since. To stop the progression would be significant! For most of us there is not a drug that has truly accomplished that!

There is no reason why we shouldn't be examined for CCSVI and if needed have this one to two hour procedure because, it is safe, there are no harmful drugs and it would be a treatment option, where none exists.

MS sufferers do not have the luxury of time, everyday we get closer to never being able to walk again. Damage that happens most times cannot be reversed! That is why we cannot wait for years for it to be studied. It would be irresponsible and risky to not help your MS constituents!

I propose that Nova Scotia becomes a world leader in the fight to control MS .

Have all of our MS sufferers be tested for CCSVI!

Repair the veins if necessary! and then stand back while the world watches in awe!

History is being made here and we could be a big part of it. We could be a part of the study and our people and the 2.5 million MS world would benefit!

Stop MS in it's Tracks!

Yours sincerely

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