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Amazing Debi: My secret before and after brain surgery for epilepsy

My Neurologist calls me Amazing Debi, I call myself a Miracle. I started having seizures at 18 Months old. Epilepsy a sort of electrical storm in the brain, known as a seizure, I had a whopping cough which I had a very high fever. I started convulsing and went into a coma. My parents rushed me to U of M Hospital in Ann Arbor. I was in a coma for several days, my parents were told I probably wouldn't live and if I did I would never have a normal life. But I continued over the years to have several types of seizures. I refused to ever give up! epilepsy I couldn't allow it to be worse, I wanted to be a normal kid! So, I begged my parents not to tell my teachers I had Epilepsy. I always have Auras and as I got older my seizures became petit mal. And also, Physco Motor Seizures. The motor seizures are the ones that scared me the worst. I was married and had my son my Neurologist suggested brain surgery. I had been taking so much medication and was having 30-40 Auras a day. I never knew when one might be a seizure. I was told I would never be able to have children. So, I consider my son my first Miracle. I wanted to watch him grow into a man, I really never talked about the disease because I was ashamed! But today that's why I'm here to help others to not feel the shame I did. I have written a book, Amazing Debi. I console people all over the world who are interested in brain surgery. Today I've been over 21 years Seizure Free and I'm doing everything in my power to change the way Epilepsy is treated.

Biography

Debi Harmon Ference a member of Epilepsy Board in Maumee. She has been in several newspapers articles, TV Interviews on The Leading Edge with Jerry Anderson in Toledo Ohio. Also, she has been on MPACT in Monroe Michigan. On the radio with London Michell on IN TOUCH and Tower 98 In Monroe Michigan. Her Book is in several Libraries, she spoke there the day it was put in their Library. Since then it has gone to several Colleges and Teaching Hospitals.

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