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The Gift: Our Journey Through Liver Failure And Liver Transplant



Synopsis

Our life and death struggle with liver cirrhosis, also known as Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis or NASH. Life seemed to hover just out of his reach and death always seemed to be looming. We hoped he would live long enough to get added to the organ transplant list. A donor liver would be lifesaving. He wouldn't survive long without one. It made us sad knowing he could only live if someone else died. It seemed to take forever to get a referral to a transplant hospital, largely because he was gravely ill. Even so, would he live long enough to get on the organ transplant list and receive a transplant? Time was not our friend.

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Being diagnosed with well advanced Cirrhosis secondary to HCV (contracted through a blood transfusion in 1979, due to a farming accident leaving me a R/BK amputee at the age of 14) I was immediately referred to a Transplant Center after a routine surgery for the removal of my Gall Bladder when the cirrhosis was discovered. My Hepatologist started talking transplant right from the start, I had no clue what so ever about this. I only know that you are given a liver from a donor and it must match certain factors. I thank you for the time it took in writing this very informative insight for what is undoubtedly in store for myself. I have looked far and wide for memoirs written on this subject, and found that very few exists. Therefore yours was a very welcomed sight indeed. Thank you again,

What a special story. I couldn't stop reading!!! I felt like I was there through it all!! Love you guys!!!

And uncle Pete I am so happy and grateful you are still here with us!!! I would also like to tell you I, myself, am a donor and after reading this, I am glad I have made the decision to be able to one day change someone's life too!!!

Poignantly, but objectively and candidly conveyed. This book brings the reader into a real life experience, with a life and death struggle, and the excruciating unbearable pain and sickness that goes along with liver failure and the surgical transplant of the largest organ of the human body. Also, the emotional psychological toll that such an experience inflicts on loved ones and the patient themselves enduring the liver failure and subsequent surgical intervention. I highly recommend, "The Gift," to health care professionals and lay person alike. For we all can learn something and gather inspiration from it.

Pam and Pete I will always and forever be bonded to you! You two are inspirations to life, friendship, family, and true love! Pete I pray for your continued success and healing! Continue your laughter and sense of humor it is what makes you two so special! Thank you for all your kind words! Butt buddies for life!

I love this book. I just lost my husband to liver failure. He was was not able to be put on the list, because his heart was too weak for surgery. He went through some of the same things . I wish had read this book earlier.

This book is a true labor of love. Pam pours out her heart as she takes us on a roller coaster ride of emotions and shares the very personal struggle that happens when someone we love suddenly becomes ill. I could feel her struggle as she described the different phases and emotions she went through, as well as her frustration and helplessness with watching someone she loved experience uncontrolled pain. Her desire to let their donor family know that they appreciate the selfless gift they gave her family makes me cry every time I read the letters to them. If you are facing the situation of needing an organ donor, or if you struggle with not knowing if potential organ donation is the right option for you, this book will help you in making those decisions. As a nurse, I appreciate her honesty about knowing medical processes, but still being overwhelmed when it's happening to you. Her story about advocacy for our loved ones and ourselves is a must read. Thank you Pam for sharing your heart.

Is such a informative book for anyone that may be near to liver transplant surgery to let them know what to expect ,a step by step experience.Very well written book.

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