

OREGON HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS DENYING/REFUSING DIAGNOSIS OF LYME

The information below is provided by Patricia Watters for granddaughter, Summer Garza.

Summer missed an entire year of high school because she was too disabled by lyme disease to attend. Her primary care physician gave a clinical diagnosis for lyme disease, but Summer was denied treatment for lyme by every specialist her primary care physician referred her to. Her primary care physician continued to believe Summer had lyme, even after Oregon doctors refused to treat her. Summer was taken out of state, where she was treated as per ILADS guidelines by Dr. Marty Ross in Seattle, Washington. Summer, now 23, is lyme free and ready to graduate from Portland State University.

Dr. Koch, MD 4/2006-3/2007	<u>Pediatric Neurologist Doernbechers</u> ; diagnosed chronic daily headache (no tests such as CAT scan or MRI); put on the following drugs: Elavil (8/06-12/06) disc; no effect on headache Depakote (12/06-2/07) mental foginess; discontinued Topamax (disc; severe eye reaction) Dr. Koch referred Summer to Doernbechers Pain Clinic
Pain Coping Clinic 6/2006-10/2007	<u>Biofeedback Pain Control</u> ; Doernbechers; pain coping team included weekly visits to learn ways of coping with pain
Dr. Kingsbury, MD 10/17/2007	<u>Rheumatologist at OHSU</u> ; (10-10-07) inconclusive; referred to a physiologist; seemed pointless; did not follow up
Dr. Guzman, MD 10/17/2007	<u>Infectious Disease Specialist at OHSU</u> ; inconclusive; did no tests; said there was no lyme because the Western Blot was negative. Said there was no lyme in Oregon; referred back to a neurologist
Dr. Jeffrey Koh, MD 11/06/2007	<u>Anesthesiologist OHSU</u> ; denied lyme, referred to a rheumatologist
Dr. Crombie, MD 1/8/08-1/19-08	<u>Psychiatrist</u> (Emanuel Hospital psych ward) Summer admitted because of severe depression and attempted suicide; Dr. Crombie denied Lyme because the Western Blot was negative; said also said that there was no Lyme in Oregon. Diagnosis: bipolar disorder