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## Holland - "Liberation is called a treatment breakthrough in MS therapy?"

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TRANSLATION - Liberation is called a treatment breakthrough in MS therapy? Neurologists steps on the brake and emphasize the experimental nature of the surgery. More and more MS patients, however, give full throttle.

The Liberation Treatment was developed by Dr. Paolo Zamboni, an Italian physician and former vascular surgeon. According to Zamboni's multiple sclerosis (MS) may not have chronic disease of the central nervous system, but a vascular disorder. He found in MS patients a higher iron content in the brains, which may be harmful for neurons. The iron ore deposits are concentrated around narrowed blood vessels in the head and neck. This phenomenon seems specific to MS. Zamboni called Chronic Venous Insufficiency cerebrospinal (CCSVI). In one study he found in 65 MS patients CCSVI, but not in healthy people.

In people with MS Zamboni then carried out a successful operation: the Liberation Treatment. This is a balloon in the narrowed artery brought to unlock, then the blood returns to normal circulation. After this "balloon" angioplasty or he saw that the number of acute MS attacks decreased, among other improvements. Meanwhile, worldwide research into CCSVI. Including MS Center Amsterdam, part of the VUmc. The results of this study will be published next week. Numerous Dutch patients did not wait here and have been in Poland and Germany for treatment at his own expense CCSVI.

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"This train is unstoppable"

Bart on Woerd from Haaksbergen (1934) on February 15 was the third Dutch MS patient who was treated for Katowice Poland CCSVI. "Since then I have made progress on all fronts," he says. "My wheelchair, I no longer needed. I learn to walk again and do things that were impossible earlier this year. "

To Woerd can do it from the rooftops shouting, and doing this also. On the website, the CCSVI Twente to a diary of his claims (ccsvi.nl / results / experiences / Small Bart /). He gave interviews to regional media and the end of March, he Wierden CCSVI a chat about, during a regional meeting for people with MS. "Normally there are ten to fifteen people. But that afternoon there were significantly more."

Then in 2009 Woerd To read about the investigation of the Italian doctor Paolo Zamboni, he wanted to Poland. "I have been diagnosed with MS in 2002. One thing you know for sure: it's all downhill. After an attack in June 2009 it went so fast I was going to fall into a ravine. I battered down. The decision for me to operate in Poland, was not that hard."

To Woerd could not count on the support of his neurologist. "One and a half week before I went to Poland, he said:" You have to know yourself. "" He did not believe, but was curious about the results. Whether I wanted to come back after a semester. He has expanded in the local newspaper to read how it goes with me. But I have not heard from him."

Woerd has negotiated for a day's work at the CCSVI-issue. "I am flat-call and e-mailed by people with MS," he says. "How they managed to find me? I do not know. But I am patient and rehabilitation have all the time in the world. I think everyone should know this."

He has no reserves in his personal opinion. "The Treatment" does not just. It will be a concern to me why it works. CCSVI is the cause of MS? Is a result of MS? What does it matter? So I say do as soon as possible to that treatment. The least that happens is that the disease progression stops. For the rest I only hear stories of people who go out and refurbishing."

"Do as quickly as possible in treatment"

Yvonne Geiss from Bergen in Noord-Holland (44) completely stuck to the ground when she opted for the Liberation Treatment. "I seriously considered euthanasia," she says. "I thought: this is no life. It was my last straw. If I should have been to Russia, I was gone. But it helped that I'm married to a Polish man. "

On December 16, 2009 was the first Dutch Geiss patient in Poland Liberation underwent treatment. Since then, her life changed dramatically. Miscellaneous complaints have decreased or disappeared, such as severe fatigue.

"I had a sense of disorder in my legs, with burning pain. That was after two days away. I have four years had a foot drop. All over. My physiotherapist has never seen anything like. I can back with a plate and a cup of the chamber. My intestines are not clogged. So on. If you're less tired, you can do much more. It is also significant. You will exercise more, so you feel better and you can again do more. So build your fitness up. I am now in an upward spiral. I was a hermit, but go out to eat again and do things with friends. "

Even mid-March, she decided to apply. "I am a teacher of classics and wants to work. Meanwhile I found a job. If someone had said that one years ago, I would never have believed. Last summer I had to renew my license. I thought I just let it expire. My mother said, "You never know if they find something against this disease." Have I extended it anyway. Now I'm glad I did. My muscles do it again and I'm much better. I am driving again and it goes fine."

Experience Expert Yvonne Geiss, almost daily for advice. "I say now:" I do not know. "It depends on so many things. Can you pay? It costs 7000 euro soon, and no health insurance that pays. Are you still somewhat mobile? How hard are you going back? Can you wait five years? How sound is the clinic where you want? If you still want to Poland, you can visit there until 2011. You can still quickly to include Bulgaria. How reliable is the treatment there? But if you ask me, this train is unstoppable."

"A difficult quandary"

Neurologist Dr. Bob of East MS Center Amsterdam is too early for the Liberation Treatment. "There is not enough research done," he says. "The long-term disadvantages sometimes outweigh the benefits. Do not forget that Zamboni himself, the founder of this therapy, currently discourages people to undergo treatment outside the framework of a scientific research. But there is a certain tension between the views of doctors, who certainly want to know that treatment works and is safe, and the vision of patients. The last thought: That's two more years and I go back now, so I take the risk. These are very different perspectives. There is a difficult balancing act between the drive and our patients have a bit more cautious approach."

Worldwide are now several studies point to CCSVI. In Amsterdam twenty people with MS and twenty control subjects without MS a special focus on the blood vessels undergo MRI (magnetic resonance venography). In the analysis of MRI images is specifically given the presence of narrowing of the draining veins of the brains. Wednesday, patients who participated in this study in a closed meeting to be informed of the results. Shortly after this world are expertly made.