

I had ECT treatments about five years ago. I only had two and I still have memory loss. My doctor talked me into them after diagnosing me as being bipolar in less than a 24 hour period. I cant even begin to explain the life long effects these treatments have had on me. They are the most terrible thing in the world. Actually until today I felt that I was alone and then I came across this website. The hospital I was at when I had these done seemed to be doing a lot of ECT treatments and even doing them on elderly patients. I remember one hospital visit after I had them done a little older woman was telling me how she was going to be getting ECT and I begged her to not get them. I am not sure if she did or not, but I felt I had to try to talk her out of it. I think in general there are some very twisted psychiatrists out there that are only interested in what this field can bring them (money and fame). I should have never have been diagnosed as being bipolar in such a short amount of time. I signed myself into the hospital because my son had pyloric stenosis and had thrown up and cried 24/7 since birth and I was left to care for him myself since my husband was overseas. I felt in order to get sleep I had to do something to get someone to help and it seemed like the best option. Little did I know it would turn out to be my worst nightmare. I don't even remember much of that entire hospital stay. They had put me on so many medications it was unreal. In the gist of all this my husband finally came home and came in the hospital and told me he wanted a divorce. I am not sure from that point how much longer I was in the hospital. After I was released I did OD and it was after that they got me to do the ECT. I felt it was my only way out and just wanted to get better. I feel that with everything going on...my son being sick and my husband just coming in and dropping a bomb that maybe they would have gone wow maybe she is having a breakdown? Not bipolar but maybe a breakdown? Honestly I have to say after the ECT I just got worse and I felt inferior. I could not remember a lot of things and I still cant to this day. I even notice a big difference when I study for school. I did not intend for this email to be this long. I just wanted to let you all know that I am really thankful that I came along this website. I really hope you all are able to ban ECT in Texas!!!

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