

Submission on Regulation of Autologous Stem Cell Therapies

Dear Sir/Madam

I am 65 year old patient of the above mentioned Autologous Stem Cell Therapy.

I was diagnosed with the severe form of Osteoarthritis in my knees several years ago, and have tried all possible therapies and treatments offered by “traditional medicine “ to relieve my pain and improve my mobility. After more than five years of suffering, the procedure of “Arthroscopy” was performed on me in 2013 and I’ve been advised, that the only option, is the total replacement of both of my knees with the special prosthesis. I’ve also been advised about the costs, complexities, and 80% chance of success in these operations, as well as the time frame of a complete recovery of about two years.

After careful considerations, I’ve decided to keep the above option as a last resort, and try the Autologous Stem Cell Therapy instead. The procedure was performed on both of my knees in July 2014. I’ve payed the full costs of the procedure myself.

In about two month time, pain in my knees reduced significantly, my mobility improved and I am again self sufficient in my life, not requiring any support of going about my usual everyday business. Now, after half a year of the treatment, I am absolutely convinced about the benefits of Autologous Stem Cell Therapies in my particular case.

This is my personal experience with the Autologous Stem Cell Therapies.

I am not a medical specialist and it is not for me, to advise anybody in these fields, especially regarding any Regulations or procedures for professionals.

But, as a member of public benefited personally from the above treatment, I would like to argue strongly, that this method of treatment must remain available for the public in Australia and it will not be “Regulated out of existence”, because of the disputes and different opinions between several Professional Bodies.

Yours sincerely

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