

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge

Poems Syndrome

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC MEDICAL EDGE.
	EVERYTIME CYNTHIA FARMER CRADLES HER YOUNG GRANDSON AIDEN, SHE FEELS BLESSED.
Cynthia Farmer, Patient	"THREE YEARS AGO I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO HOLD HIM."
	THREE YEARS AGO CYNTHIA COULDN'T TAKE CARE OF HERSELF. SHE BEGAN TO LOSE HER VISION AND DEVELOPED A TREMOR THAT KEPT HER FROM FEEDING AND DRESSING HERSELF.
	AT MAYO CLINIC A TEAM OF PHYSICANS, INCLUDING DR. GERARDO COLON-OTERO, MADE THE RARE DIAGNOSIS. POEMS

	SYNDROME – A BLOOD DISORDER CAUSED BY...
Gerardo Colon-Otero, M.D.	“ABNORMAL PLASMA CELLS THAT PRODUCE A PROTEIN THAT CAUSES DIFFERENT SYMPTOMS.”
	THE PROTEIN PROMPTS YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM TO ATTACK ITSELF. MEDICATIONS CAN HELP, BUT WHAT SAVED CYNTHIA’S LIFE WAS A STEM CELL TRANSPLANT TO REBUILD A HEALTHY IMMUNE SYSTEM.
Cynthia	“IT WAS LIKE WAKING UP OUT OF A DREAM.
	CYNTHIA WENT FROM NEEDING CONSTANT CARE TO BEING A CAREGIVER. FOR TINY AIDEN, AND FOR HERSELF.
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG . I’M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.