

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge

Treating Pericarditis

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
	ATTORNEY DAVID GELLER LOST MONTHS OF HIS LIFE BECAUSE OF A DISEASE CALLED PERICARDITIS.
David Geller, patient	"I REALLY SPENT A YEAR JUST SITTING IN MY HOUSE BEING SICK."
	TESTS SHOWED THAT THE LINING OF HIS HEART, CALLED THE PERICARDIUM, WAS INFLAMED. THE INFLAMMATION CAN BE DEBILITATING, BUT IT'S USUALLY NOT LETHAL. BUT THE TREATMENT DAVID GOT AT FIRST— STEROIDS – MADE SYMPTOMS MUCH WORSE. MAYO CLINIC DR.

<p>[FAR-OOK' MOO-KAH'-DUM]</p>	<p>FAROUK MOOKADAM SAYS PERICARDITIS USUALLY STRIKES PEOPLE UNDER AGE 50 AND IT'S NOT VERY COMMON. SO SOME DOCTORS AREN'T USED TO DEALING WITH IT.</p>
<p>Farouk Mookadam, M.D.</p>	<p>“DIFFICULT FOR THE PATIENT, DIFFICULT TO DIAGNOSE AND DIFFICULT TO TREAT.”</p>
	<p>BECAUSE HIS PERICARDIUM WAS DAMAGED BEYOND REPAIR, DAVID NEEDED SURGERY TO REMOVE IT. NOW HE'S WORKING TO LET OTHERS KNOW ABOUT THIS DISEASE SO THEY WON'T SUFFER AS HE DID.</p>
	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I'M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.</p>