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While I understand that the drug manufacturers are pushing these drugs out with FDA clinical trials that don't run for many years, and I am grateful for drugs that have kept me alive, it's not the whole picture. My quality of life is.

I am angry and sad that when they discovered this drug causes side effects that damaged my brain they didn't reach out to me or my provider and do the right thing. I am now, 20 years after the dementia started and 10 years after they supposedly discovered this major side effect, just hearing about it from a study nurse. I lost several years of life due to this drug. I had to go on disability, couldn't even read a child's book, couldn't drive, lost my independence and then my marriage. Continue reading...

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